IDEA Greater Cincinnati Board of Directors Meeting
October 20, 2026
2:00 PM EST

Board Members present: Dwight Young, Jorge Perez, Marquicia Jones-Woods, Cynthia Geer, Deon Mack, Timothy Fogarty

Non-voting Advisory Board Members present: Deb Howard, Kristi Phillips

Board Members not present: None

Staff, Legal Counsel, Sponsor, and Consultants present: Adam Miller, Megan Goossen, Cassie Drewry, Kathryn Mullen, Steven Villafuerte, Allison Asbury

Call to Order
The meeting is called to order by Dwight Young, Board President, at 2:05 pm EST

Approval of Agenda
The Board passed a motion to approve the board agenda for the meeting.

Motion made by:	Tim Fogarty
Second to motion:	Cynthia Geer
All in favor:	All present
Not in Attendance:	
All Opposed:	None that were present
Motion carries.	

Approval of Minutes
The Board passed a motion to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2026, Board Meeting.

Motion made by:	Cynthia Geer
Second to motion:	Tim Fogarty
All in favor:	All present
Not in Attendance:	
All Opposed:	None that were present
Motion carries.	

Public Comment
None

Executive Session
Board members recommended transitioning to and moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, or compensation of a public employee or official. The board passed a motion to move into Executive Session at 2:09 pm EST.

Motion made by:	Timothy Fogarty
Second to motion:	Cynthia Geer
Roll Call Vote:	Cynthia Geer
	Deon Mack
	Dwight Young
	Jorge Perez
	Marquicia Jones-Woods
	Timothy Fogarty

Motion carries.

Open Session

The board reconvened in open session at 3:25 pm EST. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Updates

A. Financial Report from Treasurer for IDEA Greater Cincinnati, Inc. (School)
    a. Cassie Drewry, Treasurer, provided an overview and update on the financial status for IDEA Greater Cincinnati, Inc. (School), presenting the July and August 2026 Financial Statements. Steven Villafuerte, Director of Finance, presented the draft revised budget for 2026-27 for review.
B. Executive Director Report
    a. Dwight Young, Board Chair, shared that the Strategic Planning on Enrollment and Persistence as well as the Report Card Analysis presentations would be tabled and that the meeting would proceed with Compliance Updates.
C. Compliance Updates
    a. Adam Miller, Interim Executive Director, shared an update on new and revised policy for potential board approval. The specific policies included:
        1. Borrowing and Lending Money
        2. Care of Students with Diabetes
        3. College Credit Plus
        4. Enrollment and Residency
        5. Federal Grants Procurement
        6. Ohio Resident Educator Program
        7. Other Employees
        8. Promotion and Retention
        9. School Emergency Management Plan
        10. Threatening Behavior Toward Staff Member

D. Fordham Updates
    a. Kathryn Mullen, Vice President for Sponsorship and Dayton Initiatives at The Thomas B. Fordham Institute, sponsor, shared an update from Fordham.

Materials regarding the sponsor's monthly newsletter and monthly financial review are included in the board packet.

Action Items:

A. The Board passed a motion to approve the July 2026 and August 2026 Financial Statements as presented.

Motion made by:	Timothy Fogarty
Second to motion:	Deon Mack
All in favor:	All present
Not in Attendance:	
All Opposed:	None that were present
Motion carries.	

B. The Board passed a motion to approve the Borrowing and Lending Money Policy, Care of Students with Diabetes Policy, College Credit Plus Policy, Educational Assistants Policy, Federal Grants Procurement Policy, Ohio Resident Educator Program Policy, Other Employees Policy, Promotion and Retention Policy, School Emergency Management Plan Policy, and Threatening Behavior Toward Staff Members Policy as presented.

Motion made by:	Deon Mack
Second to motion:	Cynthia Geer
All in favor:	All present
Not in Attendance:	
All Opposed:	None that were present
Motion carries.	

Consent Agenda:

The Board reviewed the consent agenda items. A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

A. Contracts:
    A. Allied Security
    B. Insight Investments

Motion made by:	Timothy Fogarty
Second to motion:	Jorge Perez
All in favor:	All present
Not in Attendance:	
All Opposed:	None that were present
Motion carries.	

Member Comment
None

Adjourn
The Board adjourned the meeting at 3:43 pm EST.

I certify that the foregoing are the true and correct minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of IDEA Greater Cincinnati held on October 22, 2026.

Marquicia Jones-Woods (Nov 20, 2026 06:05:18 EST)

Marquicia Jones-Woods, Board Secretary

Nov 20, 2026

Date

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