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Belmont Charter School

Belmont Charter School Board of Directors Meeting

Date:	August 26 2026
Time:	12:00 pm
Location:	Google Meets meeting 1301 Belmont Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Belmont Charter Board of Trustees took place in a joint session with the Inquiry Charter School Board of Trustees. The meeting was called to order at 12:03

Members of the Board in Attendance (Belmont Charter School):

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Michael Karp

Leslie Convey

Paulette Adams
Elizabeth Preate-Havey
Dominique Reiff

Absent members: Jhamilla Ford & Lisa Kaminsky

Staff in Attendance: Jennifer Faustman, Katrina Alicea and Robie Lawlace (Contract Accountant) Shian Stevens, Theresa Doggett

Community members: none

M. Karp called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM

Action Items:

Resolution 1: The board voted to approve June 2026 minutes
Made a motion to approve M.Karp
Seconded by E. Preate-Havey
The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2: The board approved Contracts over $30,000 which included:

InSite Health	$279,500
Jounce	$220,000
PA Elite Security	Not to exceed $200,000

Made a motion to approve M.Karp
Seconded by E. Preate-Havey
The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 3: The board approved the revised Right to Know Policy
Made a motion to approve M.Karp
Seconded by E. Preate-Havey
The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 4: The board approved the revised Public Comment policy
Made a motion to approve M.Karp
Seconded by E. Preate-Havey
The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 5: The board approved the 25/26 Parent Family Engagement Policy
Made a motion to approve M.Karp

Seconded by E. Preate-Havey
The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 6: The board approved the Comprehensive Plan- 2026 - 2029
Made a motion to approve M.Karp
Seconded by E. Preate-Havey
The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 7 : The board approved the 2026-2027 Student/Family Handbook, which includes the Bullying policy, Child Find policy, Student Code of Conduct, and Truancy policy
Made a motion to approve M.Karp
Seconded by E. Preate-Havey
The motion passed unanimously.

CEO Update

Summer Learning & Operations: Summer programming was successfully held at Inquiry, Belmont Academy, and Belmont High School through CEAWP, with all enrollment and attendance requirements met. Inquiry hosted Belmont students in grades 1–8 for the second year, providing air-conditioned learning spaces and playground access. Staff reported fewer student conflicts during recess. The 4030 Brown property discussions remain unchanged, with no signed lease in place since 2012.

Charter Renewals & Enrollment: Both Inquiry and Belmont are up for charter renewal this year, with significant Board participation required for upcoming focus groups, the November 18 Board observation, CSO meetings, and Board preparation. All schools are currently on track to meet 2026–27 enrollment targets, with enhanced family outreach and above-target enrollment where possible to offset expected withdrawals.

Financial Oversight

June 30 Financials: Financial reports through June 30, 2026 are available for Board review. All three entities are projected to finish the year close to budget, supported by temporary year-end spending controls and an additional donation secured for Belmont. Final results remain subject to change pending completion of the financial audits currently underway.

M. Karp called for public comment and no public comment was made.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by M. Karp. Seconded by L. Convey The meeting adjourned at 12:27 PM