

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JUNE 11, 2026 | 8 AM

ZOOM MEETING ID: 831 6453 0610

LOCATION: FREIRE CHARTER SCHOOL WILMINGTON | 201 W. 14TH ST., WILMINGTON DE 19801

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Brad Crouch, Sheela Dattani, Rob Healy, Jilian Mackenzie, David Singleton, Clint Walker, Nathan Will

OTHERS PRESENT: Leigh Botwinik, Kelly Davenport, Pam Dougherty, Tanza Pugliese, Paul Ramirez, Melanie Reiser, Erica Wallace, Madeline Weckel, Nathan Yufer

Meeting start, 8:01 AM

I. Public Comment

- A. Parent Erica Wallace shares some concerns around the changes since her older son attended the school. She requests that the board better represent the community, that teachers receive support with instructional planning, that mental health services are budgeted for, and that promises to students are followed through on.

II. Resolutions

- A. Re-Election of Freire Wilmington Board Officers & Members ([Attachment 2A](#))*
 1. David Singleton makes a motion to approve the term renewal for Clint Walker. Nathan Will seconds.
 2. Brad Crouch, Sheela Dattani, Rob Healy, Jilian Mackenzie, David Singleton, Clint Walker, and Nathan Will vote in favor. There are no votes against or abstentions.
 3. David Singleton makes a motion to re-elect Sheela Dattani as Secretary, Jilian Mackenzie as Member-at-Large, Nathan Will as Treasurer, David Singleton as Vice President, and Clint Walker as President. Rob Healy seconds.
 4. Brad Crouch, Sheela Dattani, Rob Healy, Jilian Mackenzie, David Singleton, Clint Walker, and Nathan Will vote in favor.
- B. Review & Approval of Minutes, April 16, 2026 ([Attachment 2B](#))*
 1. The board reviews the minutes from April 16, 2026.
 2. David Singleton makes a motion to approve. Nathan Will seconds.
 3. Brad Crouch, Sheela Dattani, Rob Healy, Jilian Mackenzie, David Singleton, Clint Walker, and Nathan Will vote in favor. There are no votes against or abstentions.
- C. Review & Approval of Minutes, April 28, 2026 ([Attachment 2C](#))*
 1. The board reviews the minutes from April 28, 2026.
 2. David Singleton makes a motion to approve. Rob Healy seconds.
 3. Brad Crouch, Sheela Dattani, Rob Healy, Jilian Mackenzie, David Singleton, Clint Walker, and Nathan Will vote in favor. There are no votes against or abstentions.
- D. Review & Approve April 2026 Financial Report ([Attachment 2D](#))*
 1. Nathan Yufer presents the April 2026 Financial Report.
 2. David Singleton makes a motion to approve. Nathan Will seconds.
 3. Brad Crouch, Sheela Dattani, Rob Healy, Jilian Mackenzie, David Singleton, Clint Walker, and Nathan Will vote in favor. There are no votes against or abstentions.
- E. Review & Approve FY 2027 Budget ([Attachment 2E](#))*
 1. Nathan Yufer presents the FY 2027 Budget, noting it is based on an enrollment of 300 students.
 2. David Singleton makes a motion to approve. Nathan Will seconds.
 3. Brad Crouch, Sheela Dattani, Rob Healy, Jilian Mackenzie, David Singleton, Clint Walker, and Nathan Will vote in favor. There are no votes against or abstentions.
- F. Review & Approve Unrestricted & Restricted Donations ([Attachment 2F](#))*
 1. Nathan Yufer presents the proposed Unrestricted & Restricted Donations.
 2. David Singleton makes a motion to approve. Nathan Will seconds.



3. Brad Crouch, Sheela Dattani, Rob Healy, Jilian Mackenzie, David Singleton, Clint Walker, and Nathan Will vote in favor. There are no votes against or abstentions.

III. Policies & Agreements

- A. Review & Approve Employee Handbook ([Attachment 3A](#))*
 1. David Singleton makes a motion to approve. Nathan Will seconds.
 2. Brad Crouch, Sheela Dattani, Rob Healy, Jilian Mackenzie, David Singleton, Clint Walker, and Nathan Will vote in favor. There are no votes against or abstentions.
- B. Review & Approve 2026-2027 Student Handbook ([Attachment 3B](#))*
 1. Tanza Pugliese presents the Student Handbook and explains the changes made, namely condensing the document and linking important policies to the website. Other primary changes involve updating the process related to long-term suspensions and the attendance policy to lower the threshold at which a student may be retained from 20 to 18 absences to better align with the chronic absenteeism rate.
 2. David Singleton makes a motion to approve. Robert Healy seconds.
 3. Brad Crouch, Sheela Dattani, Rob Healy, Jilian Mackenzie, David Singleton, Clint Walker, and Nathan Will vote in favor. There are no votes against or abstentions.

IV. School Report

- A. Heads Report
 1. Kelly Davenport shares a senior farewell video.
 2. Freire Network Dashboard ([Attachment 4A](#))
 - a) Kelly Davenport presents the dashboard highlighting that the number of students withdrawing during the school year is much less than last year, while the percent of students attending 90% or 95% of school days is down. Climate metrics are improved over last year. Students with IEPs have attendance trends similar to the general education population, and less suspensions. A highlight is our participation in state testing, which has increased over last year.
 3. Admissions Update
 - a) Kelly notes that the administration and teachers are working to make sure that current students return for the 2026-2027 school year. She also notes that currently we anticipate 300 students total for the upcoming school year.
- B. Staff Report
 1. Rob Healy shares that graduation was a really special event. He notes how proud he is of several students. He also highlights all the end of school year events happening.
- C. College Report ([Attachment 4B](#))
 1. Leigh Botwinik presents the college report.

V. Financials

- A. CBOC Report
 1. Nathan Yufer shares that there is nothing to report at this time.

VI. Advancement

- A. Advancement Report ([Attachment 6](#))
 1. Melanie shares that Freire Wilmington's fundraising goal was \$300k and current fundraising stands at \$252k. She notes that the event at Sheela's was a success and she looks forward to cultivating relationships with those who attended.
 2. Board giving for Freire Wilmington is at 56%. She emphasizes that it is the act of giving more than the amount given that really matters when it comes to applying for grants.

VII. Governance

- A. Board Member Self Evaluation ([Attachment 7A](#))
 1. Leigh Botwinik presents the Board Member Self Evaluation, noting that responses were largely positive, with one area of growth noted around board development and recruitment.
- B. Annual Evaluation Results of Freire Schools Collaborative ([Attachment 7B](#))
 1. Leigh Botwinik presents the Annual Evaluation Results of FSC. She notes that Heads provided feedback around creating FAQs for the implementation of various non-academic policies.
 2. Clint Walker notes that being part of the Freire Network this year has been tremendously helpful this year.
- C. Board Training
 1. Madeline Weckel shares that several members of the board will need to complete Governance



Training.

VIII. Midtown Brandywine Committee Update

- A. Brad Crouch reports that there are no updates to share at this time.

Meeting adjourned, 8:58 AM