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Francophone Charter School of Oakland
Board of Directors Hybrid Meeting

Thursday, August 27, 2026, 5:30 PM

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IN PERSON
2365 Coolidge Avenue, Oakland, CA 94601, Meeting Room

I. OPENING ITEMS — 10 MINUTES

A. Call to Order at 5:35 PM

Roll Call: 1 min

Board Member Name	Present	Absent
Annette Dennett	X	
Hervé Bruckert	X	
BiG Al Darnell	X	
Rebecca Scheel		X
Nichan Najjarian	X	

Guests: Dorothy Le, Compliance Manager, Claudia Lee, Executive Director

B. VOTE: Approval of Agenda: 1 min

Board Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Annette Dennett	X		
Hervé Bruckert	X		
BiG Al Darnell	X		
Rebecca Scheel			
Nichan Najjarian	X		

1st. Big Al Darnell Jr
2nd. Herve Bruckert

We are moving into close session at 5:37PM

We are coming back from Close Session at 6:23 PM

C. VOTE: Consent Agenda - 10 min

   a. **08132026 Board Meeting Minutes**
   b. **06242026 Board Meeting Minutes**
   c. **26-27 School Safety Plan: New Location and staff Updates**
   d. **Bell Schedule: Updated to reflect the BASC dismissal time to 5:30 PM**

Board Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Annette Dennett	X		
Hervé Bruckert	X		
BiG Al Darnell	X		
Rebecca Scheel			
Nichan Najjarian	X		

1st. Annette Dennett
2nd. Big Al Darnell Jr.

D. VOTE: St. Jarlath's Termination payment of $254,643.27. This is equivalent to 7 months rent.

Board Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Annette Dennett	X		
Hervé Bruckert	X		
BiG Al Darnell	X		
Rebecca Scheel			
Nichan Najjarian	X		

1st. Big Al Darnell Jr. contingent on Sarah Kollman's final review
2nd. Annette Dennett

E. R VOTE - Reinstatement of Board Officers and Members for a 2 year term - 5 min

   Board Member Agreement and Responsibilities

   a. **Annette Dennet: Chair of the Board and Governance Committee Chair - 09-02-2028**
   b. **Big Al Darnell: Chief Financial Officer, ad honorem and Finance Committee Chair - 6-30-2028**
   c. **Nichan Najjarian: Secretary: 08-11-2028**
   d. **Rebecca Scheel: Parent liaison and member of the Governance Committee - 09-02-2028**
   e. **Herve Bruckert: Member of the Finance Committee - 06-29-2028**
   f. **2 empty seats: Recruitment process began on August 13, 2026**

Board Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Annette Dennett	X		
Hervé Bruckert	X		
BiG Al Darnell	X		
Rebecca Scheel			
Nichan Najjarian	X		

1st. Annette Dennett
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Approved with the following additions:
NIchan Najjarian is also a member of the Finance Committee
At the Board Level, there is no parent liaison

F. VOTE: Declaration of Needs for Fully Qualified Educators

Board Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Annette Dennett	X		
Hervé Bruckert	X		
BiG Al Darnell	X		
Rebecca Scheel			
Nichan Najjarian	X		

1st. Annette Dennett
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G. PUBLIC COMMENTS — 2 min each

Non-agenda items: Public comments on non-agenda items shall be made at the beginning of the Board meeting. No individual presentation shall be for more than 2 minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed twenty (20) minutes. Ordinarily, Board [1]members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken.

Agenda items: Please add your name to the "request to speak" form if you would like to speak on an agendized item. When that item comes up, you will be asked to stand, state your name for the record and make your presentation. No individual presentation shall be for more than 3 minutes.
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H. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS — 20 MINUTES

1. Finance Committee Update
   a. August Financial Materials

2. Governance Committee Update
   a. Board members selection process

3. Facilities Committee Update: 5 min

4. Close Session: HR and Facilities Negotiation Matters: 10 min

I. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM

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