



MINUTES
Francophone Charter School of Oakland
Board of Directors Hybrid Meeting

Thursday, August 13, 2026, 5:30 PM

ONLINE

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IN PERSON

2365 Coolidge Avenue, Oakland, CA 94601, Meeting Room

I. OPENING ITEMS

10 MINUTES

A. Call to Order at 6:14 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	
Stephanie Lowenthal-Savy	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			
Big Al Darnell	X		
Rebecca Scheel			
Nishan Najjarian	X		
Stephanie Lowenthal-Savy	X		

1st. Big Al Darnell Jr

2nd. Stephanie Lowenthal Savy

C. VOTE: Consent Agenda - 10 min

- a. [20260624 Board Meeting Minutes](#)
- b. [Declaration of Needs for Fully Qualified Educators](#)
- c. [Bell Schedules](#)
- d. [FCSO Employee Handbook](#) - Updated address
- e. [FCSO Safety Plan](#) - Updated address, Responsible Staff Members, Arrival and Dismissal Procedures: Not approved as is. Needs some updates as per new facilities.
- f. [FCSO Handbook for Families and Students](#) - Updated address, Arrival and Dismissal Procedures: Approved without dress code.

Board Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Annette Dennett	X		
Hervé Bruckert			
Big Al Darnell	X		
Rebecca Scheel			
Nishan Najjarian	X		
Stephanie Lowenthal-Savy	X		

Approved except A and E, and with the caveat that we will remove the Dress Code from the Family Handbook.

1st. Big Al Darnell Jr.

2nd. Annette Dennett

D. VOTE: [ED Evaluation Questionnaire Board Members](#)

[ED SELF Evaluation Questionnaire](#) Approved with an additional open-ended question for the ED feedback regarding Board support - 5 min

Board Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Annette Dennett	X		
Hervé Bruckert			
Big Al Darnell	X		
Rebecca Scheel			
Nishan Najjarian	X		
Stephanie Lowenthal-Savy	X		

1st. Stephanie Lowenthal-Savy

2nd. Big Al Darnell Jr.

E. Discussion and VOTE - Board Retreat Proposals:

- a. [Common Good Collaborative](#)
- b. [Panorama Advisors](#) - 5 min

Board Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Annette Dennett			
Hervé Bruckert			
Big Al Darnell			
Rebecca Scheel			

Nishan Najjarian			
Stephanie Lowenthal-Savy			

We are tabling the approval of the two proposals.

Stephanie Lowenthal-Savy is leaving the Board. This has been a great opportunity for her. Stephanie helped with the vision casting, facilities and the education goals and we are very appreciative for her support.

1st.

2nd.

F. 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 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 agenda 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.

Non-English speakers who utilize a translator shall receive twice the allotted time to address the legislative body, unless simultaneous translation equipment is used.

The full public comment policy is available in the Board meeting binder.

G. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

20 MINUTES

1. [ED Report](#): Strategic Plan Review: 15 min
2. Facilities Committee Update: 5 min
3. Close Session: HR and Facilities Negotiation Matters: 10 min

I. ADJOURN: 7:59 PM

Meeting adjourned at

NOTES This legislative body conducts business under the meeting requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

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