



MOVEMENT SCHOOLS

Movement Schools Board Meeting: February 17, 2026

Board members in attendance: Lorraine Roussell, Garrett McNeill, Michelle Crawford, Michelle Donnelly

Board members absent: Montell Watson

DeAnna Bruce, Jenika Green, Laetita Dowd and Lisa Mayhew present for Movement Schools

There were no requests for public comment.

Agenda:

Board Update - GM called meeting to order at 1:30 and a Quorum was present.

GM motions to approve meeting minutes from January meeting, Michelle seconds and minutes were unanimously approved.

Operations:

DeAnna Bruce presented post-lottery enrollment: Northwest at 91% of its K–5 goal, Eastland at 84% and tracking to meet targets with high persistence, Freedom Elementary flagged as a concern due to low 1st–5th applications despite good persistence, and Southwest significantly under target at roughly 38% overall with kindergarten over target but grades 1–5 underperforming; grade-level target adjustments will be finalized on April 15.

Finance:

Laetitia reported Charlotte financials showing approximately \$2 million lower revenue versus budget driven mainly by timing, reduced cash transfers, and lower payroll from understaffing. She proposed and the board voted to approve an amended budget reflecting approximately 53 fewer scholars, reallocations across expense lines, increased administrative spending for external academic consultants, and noted federal grant access including a CSP award to Northwest.

GM moves to approve the revised budget and LR seconds to unanimous approval.

New Business:

Garrett and others described immigration-enforcement impacts on over 40 scholars and requested legal, translation, and transportation supports; outreach to Carolina Migrant Network and immigration attorneys has begun.

GM motions to increase the hourly fee for legal services to \$105 per hour with existing counsel. LR seconds the motion to unanimous approval from the board.

Lisa will circulate draft policy updates ahead of required April actions and the NC DPI audit where site stakeholders will be primary interviewees.

GM motions for meeting adjournment, seconded and unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:07pm

