

MAYA ANGELOU PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL
QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Q4

June 12, 2026

The Quarterly Board Meeting of the Maya Angelou Public Charter School (MAPCS) was held in person on June 12, 2026, with proper public notice provided.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at **12:41 p.m.** by Board Chair Dr. Cheryl Holcomb McCoy, with a quorum present. She welcomed board members, MAPCS staff, and members of the public, including virtual participants.

Roll Call

Present:

Dr. Cheryl Chun, Thomas White, David Domenici, James Forman, Dr. Cheryl Holcomb McCoy, Ernestine Brock, Chelsea Coffin, Michael Stratton

Virtual:

Makeba Clay, Joi Hayes-Scott, Crystal Carpenter

Absent:

Darren Cambridge, Michelle Brown, Reginald Belle, Cheryl Mills

Staff Present:

Dr. Felecia Hayward, Aaron Cannon, Nora Shetty, Leah Lamb, Dr. Kamal Wright-Cunningham, Dr. Clarisse Mendoza Davis, Azalia Speight, Reginald Galloway, Kiril Johnson, Molly Melloh, Shade Shonekan, Lindsay Katharine, Surya Sriranangarajan, and Moshe Maziels.

2. OPENING REMARKS

The Board Chair reflected on the graduation ceremony and recognized the achievements of graduating students, their families, staff, and leadership. Appreciation was expressed for a successful school year, accreditation accomplishments, and continued organizational growth. The Board also acknowledged ongoing challenges facing students and reaffirmed its commitment to the organization's mission.

3. RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION

The Board recognized:

- Graduating students and their families
- Staff for their dedication and service
- The CEO and leadership team
- Employees and volunteers supporting accreditation and program development

4. BOARD ENGAGEMENT AND MEETING FORMAT

Leadership discussed plans to revise the structure of future board meetings to allow more time for reflection, strategic discussion, and mission-focused engagement.

5. BOARD REFLECTION EXERCISE

Board members participated in a structured reflection focused on:

- Engagement with the mission during the school year
- Lessons learned regarding programs and challenges
- Opportunities for increased involvement in the coming year

Key themes included:

- Value of site visits and direct program exposure
- Expanding community outreach and donor cultivation
- Increasing student internships, mentorship, and career readiness opportunities
- Strengthening relationships among board members, staff, students, and families

6. PROGRAM DISCUSSIONS

Residential Program

Leadership provided an overview:

- Five residential homes are currently operating
- Approximately 25 students served
- 14 graduating seniors this year
- Dedicated residential counselors assigned per home

Future considerations:

- Transitional housing for graduates
- Support for parenting students
- Housing for students transitioning from secure or treatment settings
- Potential expansion subject to funding and capacity

Internships and Career Development

Discussion included:

- Expanding internship and mentorship opportunities
- Leveraging board professional networks
- Career readiness supports (resume development, interviewing, networking)
- Establishing a formal internship coordination process

Arts Programming

A board member expressed interest in expanding arts programming and continuing discussions with leadership.

7. ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

Strategic Priorities

Initiatives remain aligned with the strategic plan through 2030.

A new Key Performance Indicator (KPI) dashboard will be presented at the first board meeting of the upcoming school year, including:

- Academic performance indicators
- Charter goals
- Secure-site outcomes

- Financial performance measures
- Strategic plan objectives

Student Transition Services

Discussion included expanding supports for student transitions:

- Between schools
- Into communities
- Into employment, higher education, and post-secondary pathways

Potential models:

- Parent navigator programs
- Credible messenger initiatives
- Peer mentoring programs
- Community-based transition services

Leadership noted the need for dedicated staffing, funding, evaluation systems, and possibly a standalone program.

Research & Social-Emotional Learning (SEL)

Progress reported on SEL assessment tools for emerging adult learners and secure-site settings.

Plans include:

- Expanding research partnerships
- Additional validation studies
- Developing a comparable high school SEL instrument

Communications & Branding

Updates included:

- Website redesign

- New YouTube channel launch
- Logo refresh
- Increased student storytelling and mission-focused communications

8. DONOR AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Board recognized the passing of longtime supporter Lisa Siegel and acknowledged her significant contributions.

She included the See Forever Foundation and Maya Angelou Public Charter Schools in her estate plans through a family trust. The final gift value remains pending estate administration.

The Board expressed gratitude for her longstanding support.

9. CHARTER RENEWAL PREPARATION

Leadership outlined preparations for renewal with the DC Public Charter School Board.

Topics included:

- Updates to SEL accountability measures
- Recognition of GED attainment in graduation metrics
- Adjustments for young adult credential programs
- Potential removal of attendance as a formal accountability measure

Board members emphasized maintaining continuity in historical data while evaluating new measures.

10. ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE UPDATE

Leadership reported positive outcomes:

- Over 80% of high school students met reading goals
- Continued improvement in reading and math
- Positive trends across charter and secure-site campuses

11. FINANCIAL REPORT

FY26 Financial Forecast

- Revenue projected above budget due to enrollment and funding increases
- Expenses are also above budget due to compensation, maintenance, insurance, and depreciation adjustments
- Strong overall financial position

Key indicators:

- ~125 days cash on hand
- Positive operating cash flow
- Debt-service coverage ratio exceeding requirements

Capital Projects

- Parking improvements completed
- Auditorium renovation completed
- Elevator replacement ongoing and ahead of schedule
- Awaiting SOAR grant decision

See Forever Audit Report

- Clean audit opinion
- No material weaknesses or significant findings
- Positive change in net assets
- ~90% of spending supports educational programming

FY27 Budget

- ~\$19.2M charter operations revenue

- ~\$12.8M See Forever operations revenue
- ~\$2.6M fundraising goal
- Positive projected net income
- Balanced operating budget with contingency reserve

12. BOARD ACTIONS

The Board approved:

1. FY27 operating budget
2. Consolidated audit, subject to clarification of governance language between the MAPCS Board and the See Forever Foundation Board

13. GOVERNANCE UPDATES

- Recruitment ongoing for Vice Chair
- Annual board calendar distributed
- Reminder of required DC charter board training compliance

14. ACTION ITEMS

- Plan family-friendly cultivation/outreach event
- Expand internship and mentoring opportunities
- Develop an internship coordination process
- Increase board site visits and engagement
- Evaluate residential program sustainability and expansion
- Develop and present a KPI framework
- Continue SEL research and validation
- Conduct student focus groups for SEL initiative
- Complete branding and website updates

- Prepare charter renewal recommendations
- Explore donation processing options (including PayPal)

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board voted to enter executive session following completion of regular business.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting concluded at 3:12 pm and transitioned into executive session.