

Board of Trustees Meeting

July 29, 2025

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location:

Virtual via Zoom

Zoom Meeting Link below

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***Please note that the July board meeting will be held virtually via Zoom**

AGENDA

Note: For any topics marked with an asterisk, the allocated time is for questions, should they arise, from the information in the corresponding document in the Board packet.

ID	Subject	Action Required	Topic	Owner	Time
1	Announcements	N/A	a) Welcome and Announcements	a) Jennifer/ Rudy	a) 2 minutes
2	Board Business	Board Votes	a) Approval of June Board Meeting Minutes b) Financial Disclosure form	a) Jennifer/ Rudy	a) 3 minutes
3	Enrollment	N/A	a) Attendance Update b) Enrollment Update	a) Jody b) Jody	a) 1 minute b) 5 minutes
4	Academics	N/A	a) Benchmark update 2024-25 b) Summer Academy Update c) Renewal Update	a) Jody b) Natalie c) Jody	a) 10 minutes b) 10 minutes c) 5 minutes
5	Finance	N/A	a) Audit Update	a) Jody	b) 3 minutes
6	Executive Session	N/A	a) Executive Session	a) Exec Committee	a) TBD

*Please note that the order of events noted on the agenda may change.

¹ Anticipated length of time

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF FUTURE LEADERS INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL

July 29, 2025 (BOT Approved 9.19.25)

The Board is transitioning toward in-person board meetings. There will be at least one per quarter

Members present by Zoom: Ross Harold, Rob Fratto, Rudy Austin, Heather Northrop, Jenee Daria Strand, Jennifer Estrella, Jennifer Peña- Detata, Fernando Garcia, Rachel Klein

Board members not present: Rob Fratto, Jay Hatfield

Others present: Jody Flowers (Principal), Natalie Gonzalez (Asst. Principal)

The meeting began at approximately 5:35 p.m. and was called to order by Rudy Austin.

1. *Welcome.* Rudy Austin welcomed all attendees to the July Meeting.
2. *Minutes.* Upon motion duly made, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from the June 2025 Board meeting.
3. Rudy reminded the board to complete their required compliance documents.
4. *Attendance & Enrollment Update.*

Attendance for June had a bit of a dip of present/on time students, at 79% Overall attendance rates for the year were on track with DOE schools and attendance rates in Districts 5 and 7.

Enrollment for next school year: Numbers are far lower than in other years, number of applications and students enrolled have decreased from previous years. There has historically been an uptick in applications in the summer and are hopeful this will be the case this year. Outreach and canvassing continues including email and social media communications.

5. *Academics Update.*

Ms. Flowers shared information from the last benchmark assessment (#3). ELAS assessment data near the end of the year are slightly lower than what was seen earlier in the year. Historically, benchmark 2 is higher than others and that was the case this year. Students in Special Education generally met the benchmark at a lower rate than their same-grade peers. These students were given accommodations on the assessments as outlined in their IEPs. Math scores were similar to the ELA assessment results.

Staff reviewed the data during data days to determine next steps for instruction and plan for the coming year. Ms. Flowers shared state test results from previous years that demonstrated that end of year state

test results were typically higher than end of year benchmarks, which should hopefully be the case this year. One thing the school is working on is digital fluency to ensure students have the technological skills to complete the assessments so it does not hinder the ability to complete the benchmark assessments.

Ms Gonzalez shared the assessment data for those students attending summer school programming. She gave the board an overview of the contents of the required summer assessments to give an understanding of what was asked of students. Students performed aligned with their end of year benchmark, with some students experiencing more challenges with open-ended questions.

6. *Charter Renewal* - FLI is up for renewal this coming school year. Ms. Flowers shared the elements of the review and required documents, which are due for submission on September 3rd. An important element of this is the executive summary, which management will draft and the board will review and provide feedback.
7. *Finance Update* - There is no finance report for July and August. The school is completing an audit that will be completed this summer. There is an opportunity for a grant related to the New York State cellphone free initiative. The school will get approx \$1000 to get cellphone bins and pockets.

The Board meeting adjourned at approximately 6:42 p.m.

The next Board meeting is expected to take place on August 19, 2025 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ross Harold

Secretary