FUTURE LEADERS INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2026
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location:
IN PERSON at FLI 134 West 122nd Street NY, NY 10027

Virtual zoom link available if unable to attend in person
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AGENDA

ID	Subject	Action Required	Topic	Owner	Time
1	Announcements	N/A	a) Welcome and Announcements	a) Jennifer/ Rudy	a) 1 minute
2	Board Business	Board Votes	a) Approval of April Board Meeting Minutes	a) Jennifer/ Rudy	a) 1 minute
3	Enrollment	N/A	a) Enrollment Update b) Recruitment Update c) Attendance update	a) Rusty b) Rusty c) Jody	a) 1 minute b) 3 minutes c) 1 minute
4	Academics	N/A	a) State Testing Update b) 2026-27 Instructional Leadership at a Glance c) Upcoming events	a) Natalie b) Natalie/ Jody c) Jody	a) 2 minutes b) 5 minutes c) 2 minutes
5	Finance	N/A	a) April 2026 Finance Report b) FY ’27 Budget Review & Vote	a) Rusty b) Rusty	c) 3 minutes d) 30 minutes
6	Executive Session	N/A	a) Executive Session	a) Exec Committee	a)

*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

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

Members present in person: Ross Harold, Rudy Austin, Jennifer Peña- Detata, Heather Northrop, Jay Hatfield

Members present by Zoom: Jennifer Estrella, Rachel Klein

Board members not present: Fernando Garcia, Rob Fratto, Jenee Daria Strand

Others present: Jody Flowers (Principal), Rusty Slovenec, Natalie Gonzalez

The meeting began at approximately 5:38 p.m. and was called to order by Rudy Austin.

1. *Welcome.* Rudy Austin welcomed all attendees to the May Meeting.
2. *Minutes*. Upon motion duly made, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from the April 2026 Board meeting.
3. *Finance Update* – Mr. Slovenec presented information about the planned budget for FY27, including sharing information as included in the board packet. The budget was created to align with enrollment projections for the next three years. There were two fewer staff members projected for this year to account for currently reduced enrollment. Money has been budgeted to allow for increased recruitment for enrollment including on-the-ground efforts and an increased online presence. There was conversation about shifts to curriculum to increase the draw of the school. School leadership mentioned curriculum they have been looking into for better alignment with Next Generation Standards. Included in the budget is after school costs. This may change if students k-3 may start participating in the DYCD-operated after school daily in the building. Mr. Austin indicated that the finance committee, upon review, was supportive of the budget being approved with a deficit, as the other options included cuts that may impact the integrity of the program. Upon motion duly made and seconded the board unanimously approved the budget.

4. *Attendance & Enrollment Update.*

   Mr. Slovenec shared information about this years enrollment. One current student moved out of state and a new student enrolled, representing a net neutral enrollment.

   Current families are completing "intent to reenroll" forms. 159 families have indicated they are returning. 6 are undecided. 6 are moving out of the city.

   17 new families have completed and submitted their entire enrollment packet, which is a positive indication of fall enrollment. Mr Marrero, the enrollment point person has been making connections with local organizations and early childhood centers seeking newer enrollees.

Attendance in April was stable at 88%.

5. *Academics Update*.

Ms Gonzalez shared a preview of the number of students who participated in state testing in each grade across subjects. Individual student data should be available in August. Students who did not participate were either out sick, were first year ENL students, or their family opted out.

Ms. Gonzalez shared the leadership team's schedule for how they will support, provide feedback, oversee intervisitations, and visit classrooms including engagement with the consultants from Lavinia.

6. *Calendar*

Ms. Flowers shared upcoming events for the school, including the FLI Art Show on May 21st. Girls on the Run is getting started again. The Chess Tournament is scheduled for May 29th. Field Day is scheduled for June 5th. A new Athletic Awards Ceremony is scheduled for June 9th.

7. *Finance*

Mr Slovenec shared an update from CSBM about savings that were found. With these savings, the deficit was 10,000 less than budgeted.

The Board meeting adjourned at approximately 6:35 p.m.

The next Board meeting is expected to take place on June 23rd, 2026 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ross Harold

Secretary