



COLLEGE PARK ACADEMY

Board Meeting Agenda
Public Session
December 4, 2025
6:00-7:05 PM

CPA Board & Staff in attendance: Rob Day, Donna Wiseman, Carlo Colella, Carolyn Bernache, Hank Boyd, Gayatri Varma, Jim Rosapepe, Erica Estrada-Liou, Gary Michael, Sandy Abu-Arja, Gordon Libby, Sean Mugrage, Stephanie Ban, Nicole Nelson, Chelai Johnson, Jamie Haton, Katrina Harris, Jason Thornhill, ZQ, --- Stephanie and Kendell Stargell joined at 7PM

Absent: Kimberley Griffin, Stephen Thomas

1. Call to Order 6:02 PM
2. Opening Statement: Robert Day opened the meeting thanking everyone for their continued work, dedication and accomplishments.
3. [Principals' Report](#): Gordon Libby
 - a. Enrollment stands at 682 students, with strong staff retention and new hires in core subjects. Projected for SY26/27 at 715 students. -Shout out to Mr. Reid for his role as acting MS Principal while Mr. Baker is recovering.
 - b. NWEA testing numbers are strong in Math, Reading, AP and dual enrollment. (94.76% pass rate)
 - c. Began new CPA food donation program.
 - d. CPA Plus program – 26 programs offered. 22 programs implemented.
 - e. Athletics programs – getting coaches in place for winter sports. Finding gym space has been a challenge-working on solutions.
4. **Budget and Finance Committee Report:** Carlo Colella
 - a. Draft Audit Report -Action Item – Jim Rosapepe motioned to approve, Gary Michael seconded. All in favor.
 - b. B & F Financial Report Q1'26 -Sean presented.
 - COLA increase from PGCPs was a major factor in CPA being over budget.
 - NET loss of 650K this year. Reserves will counter this year's loss.

- Uncertainty with dollars being allocated to CPA for SY27.

5. Academic Affairs Committee Report:

a. Math Initiative Update - Carolyn Bernache

- The adoption of the Reveal Math Curriculum this school year is going well. MS & HS Math teachers attended PD sessions and are involved in data review meetings and vertical articulation.
- High-impact Tutoring Program will include in-person during the school day, immediately after school, and Saturday support as well as virtual voice-based ai sessions from Third Space Learning.

b. CPA NEXT UPDATE – Erica Estrada-Liou - No new agenda items

c. External Relations Update - Nicole Nelson –

- Student Ambassadors have conducted many onsite tours with high profile guests, curriculum representatives and community members.
- 2nd annual 8th Grade Parent HS Overview Presentation will take place on 12/11/25.
- Community Events: CPA participated in Good Neighbor Day and College Park Day.

6. Marketing and Communications Committee Report: Hank Boyd

a. Infographic – Hank presented CPA’s achievements and accolades fulfilling our mantra as a rigorous college prep for top Colleges & Universities

- NICHE – top 3% in the US.
- US NEWS – Top 5% in US
- MD State report card – 4 Stars 100% Grad rate

7. Organization and Leadership Committee Report: Jim Rosapepe – No Agenda Items

8. Executive Director’s Report: Sandy Abu-Arja

a. 34 student enrollment increase for SY27

- Waiting to hear from attorneys to see if we will receive the funds for the increase within the same school year.

b. Charter Advocacy and fair funding

- We have continued to advocate at both the district and state levels for fair and equitable funding for College Park Academy. These efforts have been undertaken in close coordination with our fellow PGPCS charter operators as well as charter leaders across the state, ensuring a unified message and shared strategy.
- December 9th

- Draft regulation will be presented to the Maryland State Board of Education for permission to publish in Jan/Feb.
 - Duane has been selected to provide public comment at the MSDE Board Meeting.
 - Duane will be presenting to the CPA PTO meeting on December 9th.
 - Facilities Funding bill is a possibility for next year.
 - c. Charter renewal Waivers –
 - Some were denied by PGCPSS. CPA is considering an appeal.
9. **PTO Report:** Chelai Johnson
- a. Exceeded ticket goal for “Night of Latin Culture” event in October.
 - b. 98 Members of PTO (membership increase of 30%)
 - c. Thanksgiving Drive provided dinner for 20 families
 - d. Dr. Arbogast will be the guest speaker at the December 9th CPA PTO Meeting where he will discuss the draft regulation on charter school funding and its potential impact on College Park Academy.
 - e. December Teacher Appreciation Hot Cocoa bar on December 15th.
10. **Public Comment/Announcements:** Chair Rob Day opened the floor for public comments and announcements; none were offered.
11. **Executive Session:** At 7:05 pm, Rob Day read a statement to close the public session, wished everyone a Happy Holiday, and moved to the executive session. Gary Michael made a motion. Hank Boyd seconded. All approved.