



COLLEGE PARK ACADEMY

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Board Meeting Agenda Public Session Thursday, March 26, 2026 6:00-8:00 PM

Attendees: Rob Day, Carlo Colella, Gary Michael, Gayatri Varma, Jim Rosapepe, Erica Estrada- Liou, Hank Boyd, Sean Mugrage, Sandy Abu- Arja, Nicole Nelson, Nancy Gagnon, Stephanie Ban, Steve Baker, Kimberly Griffin (Had a conflict joined at 6:30PM) Donna Wiseman. (Joined at 6:30PM due to conflict), Angela Ohl, Jasmine Chung

Absent: Stephen Thomas, Carolyn Bernache

1. Call to Order
Rob Day called the meeting to order at 6:03PM
2. Opening Statement: Robert Day (5 minutes)
3. Budget and Finance Committee Report: Carlo Colella (15 minutes)

Carlo Colella announced that he will be stepping down from the board at the end of this term. The Board members thanked Carlo for all his contribution, leadership and commitment to the school and to the Board during his tenure.

- FY26 Q2 Financial Statements and Summary
Sean presented the Q2 statement. Salaries will be over budget -COLA increases from PGCPS.
- FY27 Budget update
Duane updated the board on expectations for the SY27 Budget cuts. Carlo reiterated that we are in a better financial position to weather budget cuts for the coming year. Carlo cautioned against overextending ourselves in terms of efficiency with operations and costs. Jim suggested that future



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state and county funding will lower beginning SY28. Good chance for moderate facilities funding bill for SY27, but significant increases in the long term.

Rob commented that a notice will be sent out to CPA parents to lobby for the Facilities Funding bill currently going to the Senate for a full vote.

4. Academic Affairs Committee Report: Carolyn Bernache (15 minutes)

Carolyn Bernache unable to attend. Sandy Abu-Arja presented updates in her place.

Upcoming vote on Summer School Programs after the principals' report.

- Summer School Programs – ***70k in programs for Summer '26 -Jim suggested more discussion in Budget & Finance Committee before decision is made -Vote for approval pending budget***
- CPA Next Update (Erica Estrada-Liou)
Erica Estrada-Liou presented
 - Math Overhires – ***Two overhires for math teachers recommended. Erica Motioned, Jim moved. Gayatri Seconded. All in favor. (Vote for approval pending budget)***
 - Implementation of Reveal Math
 - Dual Enrollment
- External Relations Update (Nicole Nelson)
Nicole Nelson presented:
Event Planning for Teacher appreciation, AP Research Presentations email to go out for Board members to attend in April. The PTO Fundraiser Skating event will be this weekend.

5.. Marketing and Communications Committee Report: Hank Boyd (10 minutes)

Hank Boyd presented:

I. Digital Communications Update

- Completion of Google Workspace integration (Google for Education).
- Consolidation of weekly newsletters: the Week Ahead (parent/students) Coffee Corner (staff)



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- Launch of digital displays at MS and HS entrances.
- II. On-Campus Branding Update
- Unveiling of the new Athletics Wall.
 - Status update: Academic Wall expansion and Phoenix mascot refresh (Paused for SY2027 funding). ***Erica suggested creating some incentives for greater student participation (Creating traditions)***
- III. Advocacy & Community Engagement
- Recap of the Annapolis facilities funding advocacy trip (41 CPA students).
 - The impact of equitable funding on charter schools.
 - Next steps for community support.
6. Organization and Leadership Committee Report: Jim Rosapepe (10 minutes)
- No Agenda Items ***-Per Jim, Upcoming events are pending the budget. Successor for Carlo, Gayatri, Donna, and Erica tenure renewals, New Treasurer. These meetings will be taking place during the second quarter.***
7. Executive Director's Report: Sandy Abu-Arja (10 minutes) ***-Sandy Presented -***
- Advocacy Update ***-Retiree benefit numbers will be added to the FY28 budget. Expect about \$500,000. Sandy and Duane have been in several meetings lobbying for funding. Facilities funding bill will be heard April 1st. – Hoping for higher allocation, parents and CPA staff reaching out to PGC representatives.***
 - Charter Agreement ***–After 18+ months of negotiations with PGCPS, the PGCPS charter operators with legal counsel are in the process of finalizing the charter agreement template.***
8. Principals Report: Steven Baker (25 minutes)
- Steve Baker presented the CPA slide deck. 10 Item agenda below.***
- [College Park Academy March 2026 Principals' Report FINAL](#)



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Duane provided 2025 Catchment area information below.

2025 Lottery	Catchment	Not Catchment	Grand Total
Order Withdrawn	11	74	85
Seat Accepted By Guardian	31	85	116
Seat Confirmed By Staff	1	3	4
Seat Expired Without Decision		8	8
Seat Rejected By Guardian	4	69	73
Seat Waitlisted By Staff	182	1052	1234
Grand Total	229	1291	1520

9. Announcements (5 minutes) -**None**
10. Public Comment (5 minutes) -**None**
11. Rob Day close public session for Executive Session – ***Rob asked Carlo to adjourn our public session to executive session. – Jim moved to close, Rob seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned.***

Public session ended at – 7:52PM