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**Board Meeting Agenda
Public Session
September 24, 2026
6:00-8:00 PM**

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Attendees: Carolyn Bernache, Chuck Jackson, Nicole Nelson, Gary Michael, Donna Wiseman, Hank Boyd, Rob Day, Gayatri Varma, Erica Estrada-Liou, Susy Iype, Jim Rosapepe, Chelai Johnson, Sean Mugrage, Steve Baker, Jamie Haton

Absent: Stephen Thomas, Bob Reuning, Kim Griffin, Gordon Libby

1. **Call to Order** -Chair Rob Day called the meeting to order
2. **Opening Statement: Robert Day (5 minutes)** -Rob gave remarks to the Board and parents to welcome the first meeting of the SY26/27 school year.
3. **Academic Affairs Committee Report: Carolyn Bernache (15 minutes)** -
 - a. **Curriculum Initiative Review** -New math curriculum is going well and the math department chair and teachers were happy they were able to select the curriculum and materials. This school year Science, Social Studies and ELA program reviews are being initiated. A findings report and proposal from these curriculum committees will be presented to the board.
 - b. **Tutoring Initiative Update** -UMD tutors have been appointed for the in-person sessions, curriculum training is scheduled for October 5. In-person tutoring will start mid-October. They will be using City Schools Collaborative Curriculum. Third Space Learning with AI tutoring has been scheduled.
 - c. **External Relations (Nicole Nelson)** -College Park Day is October 3rd. Alumni spotlight newsletter will go out on October 5th. CPA Board, School Leadership and PTO dinner at Franklin's will be on October 30th.
4. Principal's Report: **Gordon Libby and Steven Baker (25 minutes)**
 - a. [CPA Principals' Report September 2026 Board Meeting Presentation-2.pptx](#) -Enrollment has increased to 715 students for SY26/27. 48.3% catchment for this year at 346 students. Four new staff appointments for this year at the HS level as replacement staff members. Summer Programs recap.

5. **Marketing and Communications Committee Report: Hank Boyd (10 minutes)**
 - a. **Student Seats Demand** - *Very high student demand for entry to CPA. Exploring several possibilities to meet that demand in the future.*
 - b. **Implications of HB1430 - per pupil funding** - *Received \$200 per pupil and Senator Rosapepe is exploring opportunities to increase that funding. Working with other charter schools and legislators for an increase.*
6. **Organization and Leadership Committee Report: Jim Rosapepe (10 minutes)**
 - a. **Introducing the new CPA Chief Strategic Officer** - *Jim introduced our new Chief Strategic Officer, Chuck Jackson.*
 - b. **Recognize Current Treasurer** - *Gary Michael agreed to remain the Treasurer.*
 - c. **Recommendation of new Budget & Finance Committee Chair**- *Introduction of Charles 'Bob' Reuning as Chair. Jim motioned to appoint. Gary Michael seconded. All in favor.*
7. **Budget and Finance Committee Report: Gary Michael (15 minutes)** *Chuck gave an update on stabilizing our funding vs. our expenses. Working on new programs and getting information as quickly as possible to make accurate projections in the future.*
 - d. **BOD Q4 Financial Report (Sean Murgage)**
 - i. [BOD Financial Reports Q426'.pdf](#) - *1.25M loss in reserves over the year due to rent increases and losses in investment income. Interest rate increases decrease the value of investments in the short term. Overbudget on staff retirement accounts. Board working on increasing revenue to meet our demand. Looked into alternative investment options and decided against making changes this year. Budget & Finance committee looking at options to increase revenue and cut costs in the future.*
8. **Chief Strategic Officer Introduction: Chuck Jackson (10 minutes)** -*Chuck gave an overview of his plan for CPA going forward. He has been meeting with staff and community leaders and creating new initiatives and policy work that will benefit the school. -Working on expanding on the demand for students to be part of CPA. Working with Hank Boyd and other members of the board regarding potential expansion options for students in our community.*
9. **PTO Report: Chelai Johnson (10 minutes)** - *109 members of the PTO. More High School Parents are participating this year. 'Zombie'Run fundraiser in Pikesville coming up. Supporting the Latin Club for Hispanic Heritage Month on October 15th.*
10. **Announcements (5 minutes)** No announcements
11. **Public Comment (5 minutes)** *Rob followed up with closing comments thanking the staff, parents and board members.*
12. **Executive Session** - *Jim moved to adjourn the meeting. Gary seconded. All in favor.*

Public session ended at -7:19 PM