Movement School Atlanta
Governing Board
Meeting Minutes for May 28, 2026

1950 Sullivan Road, Atlanta, GA, 30337

Meeting Logistics			
Start Time	**End Time**	**Next Meeting**	**Preparer**
1:05 PM	2:06 PM	June 25, 2026	Morgan Felts

Attendees		
Board Members	**Staff**	**Other**
Jason Crain, Chair	Jermaine Gassaway	Morgan Felts, 21Cobalt
Dr. Charis Chambers	Pam Alfieri	Gregg Stevens, 21Cobalt
Dupre Peoples	Lisa Mayhew	Darcy Callaway, 21Cobalt
Jason Terrell	Aliya McDaniel (Remote)	Kourtney Joseph, 21Cobalt
Kim Harrington (Remote)		Kiara Thompson, Member of Public

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:05 PM by Board Chair Crain.

1. **Administrative Functions**
    a. **Approval of Agenda**:
        i. The Board reviewed the meeting agenda. Board Member Peoples made a motion to approve the agenda as presented that was seconded by Board Member Chambers. The motion passed unanimously.
    b. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for May 8, 2026**:
        i. The Board reviewed the meeting minutes. Board Member Peoples made a motion to approve the minutes as presented that was seconded by Board Member Chambers. The motion passed unanimously.
    c. **Public Comment**:
        i. No public comments were presented.

2. **Superintendent Report**
    a. Jermaine Gassaway provided the Superintendent's Report. He shared that Kindergarten graduation was held today (May 25, 2026) and that the last day of school is June 2, 2026. Georgia Milestones (GMAS) testing has been completed, and the school is awaiting official results.

Mr. Gassaway also presented end-of-year i-Ready performance data, highlighting significant academic growth in both Reading and Mathematics. Reading achievement increased to 62% of students performing at or above grade level, while Mathematics achievement increased to 55% of students performing at or above grade level. He noted that both subject areas demonstrated substantial improvement over prior performance levels.

3. **Principal Report**
    a. Aliya McDaniel provided the Principal's Report. She shared that her official start date is in June and provided an update on her onboarding process, including her efforts to understand the school's culture and climate and establish quarterly goals that reflect said culture. Ms. McDaniel has conducted one-on-one check-ins with all returning staff members and has met with the PTO.
    She also reported that the school is in a heavy hiring season to ensure staff are in place prior to summer training. Approximately 95% of positions have been filled. Ms. McDaniel further noted that the school has achieved a 100% retention rate among staff members who were invited to return.

4. **Budget Hearing #2 for Amended FY26 Budget**
    a. **Recommendation:**
        i. Board Member Chambers made a motion to open the hearing that was seconded by Board Member Peoples. The motion passed unanimously.
    b. **Review draft of amended budget:**
        i. Gregg Stevens presented the amended budget and reviewed the material changes from the previously approved budget. Key revisions included reduced personnel expenses, increased expenditures for scholar supports, increased administrative services expenses, lower facilities and utilities costs, and a decrease in nutrition-related expenses. Mr. Stevens reported that, based on the amended budget, the school is projecting a small net operating income of approximately $62,000.
    c. **Public Comment**:
        i. No public comments were presented.
    d. **Recommendation:**
        i. Board Member Peoples made a motion to approve the amended budget for FY26 that was seconded by Board Member Chambers. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Budget Hearing #1 for Initial FY27 Budget**
    a. **Recommendation:**
        i. Board Member Chambers made a motion to open the hearing for public comment that was seconded by Board Member Peoples. The motion passed unanimously.
    b. **Review draft of initial budget:**
        i. Gregg Stevens presented the initial FY27 budget. He reported that the budget currently reflects a projected deficit of approximately $1.4 million, driven in part by increased expenses associated with implementation of the Movement model. Mr. Stevens noted that the budget does not currently include any local funding, philanthropic contributions, or revenue from the National School Lunch Program

(NSLP), though the school intends to pursue eligibility for meal reimbursements in late fall 2027.

Key budget assumptions and changes include increased personnel expenses to support enrollment growth and additional staffing needs; greater investments in instructional materials, student services, and staff development to improve scholar outcomes; and administrative services budgeted at 12% of revenue in accordance with the ESP agreement. Facilities costs were budgeted conservatively to account for potential increases under the CAM structure associated with the school's triple-net lease, while nutrition expenses were increased to reflect projected enrollment growth.

Board members requested that future budget presentations include side-by-side comparisons of the FY26 and FY27 budgets to provide greater context for year-over-year changes

c. **Public Comment**:
    i. No public comments were presented.

6. Finance Report(s) – Gregg Stevens, 21Cobalt

a. March Financial Statements
b. March Approval of Financial Statements
c. April Financial Statements
d. April Approval of Financial Statements
e. Gregg Stevens presented the March and April 2026 financial reports. He reported that the school remains financially stable and is continuing to perform generally in line with budget expectations. Mr. Stevens highlighted that monthly expenditures are beginning to level off as the fiscal year draws to a close and reviewed the school's overall financial position. He also called the Board's attention to the projected days cash on hand metric and discussed ongoing monitoring of the school's cash position through year-end.
f. Board Member Chambers made a motion to approve the March and April financial statements as presented that was seconded by Board Member Peoples. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Consultant's Report(s)

a. **Support Status and Update:**
    i. Morgan Felts provided an update on 21Cobalt's consulting workstreams and reported that project deliverables remain on track. She noted that progress in certain areas has been impacted by challenges associated with training Movement staff and navigating both CMO- and school-level dynamics. Ms. Felts encouraged the Board to consider extending 21Cobalt's contract on a limited basis to allow additional time for support, capacity building, and a smooth transition of responsibilities.

8. Action Items:

- **Policy Approvals**
    - Link to Policies
    - Recommendation – Board Member Terrell made a motion to approve all policies

as presented to the Governing Board that was seconded by Board Member Peoples. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of Corrective Action Plan**
  - Link to Plan
  - Recommendation **–** Board Member Chambers made a motion to approve the CAP as presented to the Governing Board that was seconded by Board Member Terrell. The motion passed unanimously.
- **School Calendar for SY26-27**
  - Calendar
  - Recommendation **–** Board Member Chambers made a motion to approve the school calendar as presented with the additional 3 instructional days to the Governing Board that was seconded by Board Member Peoples. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Auditor Selection**
  - Recommendation **–** Board Member Peoples made a motion to approve the auditor (Mauldin & Jenkins) as presented to the Governing Board that was seconded by Board Member Terrell. The motion passed unanimously.
- **RFP for School Nutrition Vendor Under NSLP**
  - Request for Proposal
  - Recommendation **–** Board Member Terrell made a motion to approve the RFP for release as presented to the Governing Board that was seconded by Board Member Peoples. The motion passed unanimously.

9. New Business

a. Morgan Felts highlighted upcoming items of new business for the Board. She noted that there may be a small number of policy matters requiring Board consideration in the coming months. Ms. Felts also reminded the Board that the June meeting will include the second FY27 budget hearing, making quorum critical. Several Board members identified scheduling conflicts with the currently planned meeting date, and the Board agreed to identify and confirm an alternative date within the next week.

10. Executive Session (if necessary)

a. No executive session was required.

11. Next Regular Meeting Date: June 25, 2026

12. Adjourn

a. Board Chair Crain called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 2:06 PM. Board Member Peoples made a motion to adjourn the meeting that was seconded by Board Member Chambers. The motion was passed unanimously.

NOTICE: The board chairman reserves the right to change the order of the agenda.