Movement School Atlanta
Governing Board
Meeting Minutes for September 24, 2026
1950 Sullivan Road, Atlanta, GA, 30337

Meeting Logistics			
Start Time	**End Time**	**Next Meeting**	**Preparer**
11:06 AM	11:44 AM	October 22, 2026	Morgan Felts
Attendees			
Board Members	**Staff**	**Other**	
Dr. Charis Chambers Jason Crain Kim Harrington	Julia Grdich, Director of Finance (Remote) Lisa Mayhew (Remote) Aliya McDaniel SueAnn DeLos Santos	Morgan Felts, 21Cobalt Gregg Stevens, 21Cobalt Kourtney Joseph, 21Cobalt Rob Fortson, Attorney Lisa McDonald, GSS Support	

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:06 AM by J. Crain.

1. **Administrative Functions**
    a. **Approval of Agenda**:
        i. The Board reviewed the meeting agenda. Board Member K. Harrington made a motion to approve the agenda as presented that was seconded by Board Member C. Chambers. The motion passed unanimously.
    b. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for August 27, 2026**:
        i. The Board reviewed the meeting minutes. Board Member K. Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes as presented that was seconded by Board Member C. Chambers. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Public Comment**:
        i. No public comments were presented.

3. **Superintendent Report**

a. A. McDaniel provided the Superintendent's Report on behalf of J. Green. She shared that student enrollment was at 388, two students shy of the 390 target, with one student on the waitlist. Despite beginning the school year with 405 students, a drop in enrollment occurred due primarily to families moving. Currently, the Kindergarten class is the largest. In August, daily attendance was 95%, which dropped to 92% in September. A. McDaniel is looking for further ways to incentivize getting attendance to a daily 95%.
b. A. McDaniel shared data from the beginning of year assessments divided by grades. Across all grades and content areas, there has been an increase in proficiency compared to last year.

4. Principal Report

a. A. McDaniel shared that Movement has three open Exceptional Child (EC) positions, which are a part of the special education program. A. McDaniel identified that there are currently 46 diverse learners at the school, 11% to 12% of the school population. A. McDaniel stated that the Director of Diverse Learners is working with families to ensure their students receive necessary support. Ms. McDaniel identified funding and certification needs as the primary challenge hiring EC staff.
b. Movement is working to certify all staff members. G. Stevens noted that alternative certification pathways, such as the Georgia TAPP programs, run through the Regional Educational Service Agencies, can be an option. A. McDaniel expressed that Movement is exploring staffing as the school prioritizes the hiring and certification of EC positions.
c. A. McDaniel expressed that she feels confident with her team and their culture and is focusing on learning about Georgia's laws and requirements to ensure Movement is headed in the right place.
d. In response to an inquiry from Chair Crain, A. McDaniel made it clear that Movement is working to get the school on Google Maps.

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

a. August Financial Statements & Recommendation
b. G. Stevens reviewed financial activity through August 31st, 2026, covering the first two months of the fiscal year. With two months complete, approximately 17% of the operating year has elapsed, which served as the benchmark for comparing revenues and expenditures to budget. Movement ended August with a little over $750,000 in cash, approximately 77 days cash on hand based on annualized current operating expenditures. Revenue received through August consisted of state funds; the school had not yet drawn down federal funds. Movement's projected CPF score reflects its financial health and cash position.

   G. Stevens compared budgeted expenditures for the year to amounts spent through August 31st. Overall, spending is where Movement expects it to be at this point in the year. Supply purchases ran ahead of the two-month benchmark, consistent with typical beginning-of-year spending, while salaries and benefits ran slightly behind the benchmark because July personnel costs accrued back to the prior fiscal year.

   The property line shows no spending to date because the school has not yet paid rent. G.

Stevens recommended a budget adjustment to restate the amounts budgeted as rent as interest and principal in accordance with GASB 87, and noted that facility payments will affect the budget once they begin. Cash declined slightly through August, as expected at the start of the school year, and Movement continues to monitor cash closely to ensure it can meet its obligations. In late September the school received a large grant from the Movement Foundation, bringing cash on hand to a little over $1 million.

G. Stevens concluded with current workstreams: completing the budgets and compliance documentation required to begin drawing down federal funds; supporting the school's first annual audit, which remains on track for on-time submission by November 1st; continued monitoring of the budget and the school's ability to pay rent; and pursuing School Food Authority approval so the school can begin receiving National School Lunch Program reimbursements, an annual impact of approximately $450,000.

c. Board Member C. Chambers made a motion to approve the August financial statements that was seconded by Board Member K. Harrington. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Consultant's Report(s)

a. **Governance:**
   i. M. Felts is discussing with the Movement Foundation about recruiting more board members. Movement Foundation will be reaching out to the three board members whose terms are set to expire early 2027 regarding next steps. M Felts identified that bylaws require at least 5 board members.
   ii. M. Felts stated that she will be in touch to conduct six hours of training, but that the board must wait for SCSC approval to see if she can conduct the remaining six hours that may be needed.

b. **Monitoring:**
   i. The next submission deadline for monitoring is September 30, 2026. M. Felts shared that, so far, Movement has no findings. Movement does have several minor adverse practices that will not count against the school. M. Felts stated that financial monitoring is currently open and due October 14th, and G. Stevens is identifying transactions that meet the monetary threshold requirements. M. Felts stressed that, since the audit is worth 40 points, it must be submitted on time for Movement to meet financial standards. G. Stevens stated that he is helping organize the audit submission alongside the Movement finance team.

c. **SFA**
   i. The School Food Authority proposal opening is on-site on Friday, September 25, 2026. D. Callaway will be running the opening, and all proposals will be opened on camera simultaneously. 21Cobalt is also getting the procurement plan and code of conduct finalized through the GaDOE so that when Movement is approved, everything will be ready to go.

7. Action Items:

a. **Officer Elections**
   i. K. Harrington nominated J. Crain for the position of Chair. J. Crain accepted. Board Member C. Chambers made a motion to approve the nomination of J. Crain that was seconded by Board Member K. Harrington. The motion was approved unanimously.

ii. J. Crain nominated K. Harrington for the position of Vice Chair. K. Harrington accepted. Board Member C. Chambers made a motion to approve the nomination of K. Harrington that was seconded by Board Member J. Crain. The motion was approved unanimously.

iii. J. Crain nominated D. Peoples for the position of Treasurer. Board Member K. Harrington made a motion to approve the nomination of D. Peoples that was seconded by Board Member C. Chambers. The motion was approved unanimously.

iv. J. Crain nominated J. Terrell for the position of Secretary. Although J. Terrell was not present to accept, the Board proceeded with the nomination. Board Member C. Chambers made a motion to approve the nomination of J. Terrell that was seconded by Board Member K. Harrington. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. **504 Procedural Policy**
   i. Board Summary & Recommendation
   ii. Policy
   iii. Board Member C. Chambers made a motion to adopt the amended 504 Procedural Policy that was seconded by Board Member K. Harrington. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Executive Session (if necessary). No executive session was needed.

9. Next Regular Meeting Date: October 22, 2026

10. Adjourn

a. Board Member J. Crain called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:44 AM. Board Member C. Chambers made a motion to adjourn the meeting that was seconded by Board Member K. Harrington. The motion was passed unanimously.

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