



Matchbook Learning August 18, 2025 Board Meeting



Location: Matchbook Learning - 1163 N Belmont Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46222

Or Zoom: <https://matchbooklearning.zoom.us/j/88497996672>

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Board in Attendance

Sajan George
Mike Cosack
Candace Jones
Ali King
Dr. Kurt Nelson
Jenny Poon
Shelby Thornburg

Non Board Members Attending

James Hill, The Match Principal
Don Stewart, Matchbook Learning Chief Operating Officer
Nathan Tuttle, Matchbook Learning Principal
Julie Wall, Matchbook Learning Executive Administrative Assistant
Caitlin Hicks, Education One Director of Compliance
Emma Kersey, Office of Education Innovation Team
Brian Anderson, CIES

I. 5:00 PM: Welcome

A. Roll Call

Roll call for attendance must be done with recorded verbal responses noted in the minutes. Additionally, any Board votes must also be done via roll call and recorded.

Attendance Roll Call	
Sajan George	Present
Mike Cosack	Present
Candace Jones	Present
Ali King	Present
Dr. Kurt Nelson	Present
Jenny Poon	Present
Bill Taft	Absent
Shelby Thornburg	Present

II. 5:05 PM: Mission & Vision

[Matchbook Mission Vision.pdf](#)

A. Vision: Every child known, loved & flourishing.

B. Mission: We personalize learning, within a restorative community, fostering resilience and excellence while preparing students for real-world opportunities.

III. 5:10 PM: Approval of Consent Agenda

A. July 21, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

[July 21, 2025 Board Minutes.pdf](#)

B. Finance Committee Report - Current Financials

[MBLI Financials 063025 \(1\).pdf](#)

[MBLI Statement of Activity 063025 \(1\).pdf](#)

[MBLI Statement of Financial Position 063025 \(1\).pdf](#)

Brian Anderson from CIES noted a correction regarding our cash on hand. We currently have approximately 21 days of cash on hand, rather than the 12 days reflected in the financial report.

C. Building and Operations Report

No Report

D. Community Committee Report

No Report

E. Academic Committee Reports

1. Matchbook Learning K-8

[August 2025 Academic Committee Report.pdf](#)

2. The Match High School

[2025_26 James Academic Committee Meeting Running Agenda.pdf](#)

Vote to Approve the Consent Agenda	
Sajan George	Approve
Mike Cosack	Approve
Candace Jones	Approve
Ali King	Motion
Dr. Kurt Nelson	Second
Jenny Poon	Approve
Bill Taft	Absent
Shelby Thornburg	Approve

The motion to approve the Consent Agenda carries.

IV. 5:30 PM: Authorizers

A. Trine

1. Board Presentation for The Match

[Match 2025 August Board Presentation](#)

2. Performance Dashboard

[Performance Dashboard](#)

B. OEI

Emma Kersey from OEI informed the board about Senate Bill 1, which requires the Mayor of Marion County to appoint a representative to the board of every charter school. In compliance with this legislation, Dr. Kurt Nelson will be the representative for our board.

V. 5:40 PM: Discussion Items

A. Enrollment/ADM

693 students are enrolled in Matchbook Learning K-8. 138 students are enrolled in The Match High School.

B. Lilly Grant Update

Sajan George proposed potential changes to the Lilly Grant budget. The Lilly Grant application will be submitted on Friday, August 22, 2025.

VI. 5:55 PM: Public Comments

VII. 6:00 PM: Adjourn

Vote to Adjourn	
Sajan George	Motion
Mike Cosack	Approve
Candace Jones	Approve
Ali King	Approve
Dr. Kurt Nelson	Approve
Jenny Poon	Approve
Bill Taft	Absent
Shelby Thornburg	Second

The motion to adjourn the meeting carries. The meeting adjourned at 6:06 PM.

VIII. 6:10 PM: Executive Session

The Board of Matchbook Learning Schools will hold an Executive Session at 7:00 PM on Monday, August 18, 2025 in the Conference Room at Matchbook Learning (1163 N Belmont Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46222) to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9).