



Matchbook Learning September 15, 2025 Board Meeting



Location: The Match High School - 1401 Indiana Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46202

Or Zoom: <https://matchbooklearning.zoom.us/j/85070938604>

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Board in Attendance

Mike Cosack
Candace Jones
Dr. Kurt Nelson
Jenny Poon
Bill Taft

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
Sam Schmelzer, The Match Director of Workforce Development
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	Absent
Mike Cosack	Present
Candace Jones	Present
Ali King	Absent
Dr. Kurt Nelson	Present
Jenny Poon	Present
Bill Taft	Present
Shelby Thornburg	Absent

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. August 18, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

[August 18, 2025 Board Minutes - Google Docs.pdf](#)

B. Finance Committee Report - Current Financials

[2025 Estimated Operating Fund Levy Distribution \(1\).pdf](#)

[082025 Levy Sharing report for 5350- Matchbook Learning \(1\).pdf](#)

[Matchbook Learning Referendum Levy Spending Plan \(1\).pdf](#)

[Operations Levy FAQ 09.04.25 \(1\).pdf](#)

[MBLI Financials 083125 \(1\).pdf](#)

C. Building and Operations Report

No Report

D. Community Committee Report

[September Community Meeting Board Report - Google Docs.pdf](#)

E. Academic Committee Reports

1. Matchbook Learning K-8

[September 2025 Academic Committee Report - Google Docs.pdf](#)

2. The Match High School

[The Match Sept. Academic Board Report.pdf](#)

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

The motion to approve the Consent Agenda carries.

IV. 5:20 PM: Authorizers

A. Trine

1. Board Presentation for The Match

- a) [Academic Performance Deficiency Report](#)
- b) [Financial Performance Deficiency Report](#)
- c) [Organizational Performance Deficiency Report](#)

2. Performance Dashboard

[Performance Dashboard](#)

B. OEI

V. 5:25 PM: Action Items

A. Vote to approve the revised budget incorporating the operating levy language.

See documents linked in the Financial Committee Report above.

Vote to Approve the Revised Budget Incorporating the Operating Levy Language	
Sajan George	Absent
Mike Cosack	Motion
Candace Jones	Second
Ali King	Absent
Dr. Kurt Nelson	Approve
Jenny Poon	Approve
Bill Taft	Approve
Shelby Thornburg	Absent

The motion to approve the revised budget incorporating the operating levy language carries.

VI. 5:30 PM: Discussion Items

A. Strategic Planning Update

Progress on long-term initiatives and alignment with school goals. Discussed a potential board retreat in January 2026.

B. Staffing & Talent Development

Current staffing overview and any critical needs or transitions to be discussed with the Board.

1. The K-8 is nearly fully staffed, and is hiring for a Middle School ELA Teacher.
2. The HS is fully staffed.

VII. 5:50 PM: Public Comments

VIII. 5:55 PM: Adjourn

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

The motion to adjourn the meeting carries. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.