



Matchbook Learning October 20, 2025 Board Meeting



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

Or Zoom: <https://matchbooklearning.zoom.us/j/89503428113>

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Board in Attendance

Sajan George
Mike Cosack
Candace Jones
Dr. Kurt Nelson
Jenny Poon
Bill Taft
Shelby Thornburg

Non Board Members Attending

James Hill, The Match Principal
Don Stewart, Matchbook Learning Chief Operating Officer
Nathan Tuttle, Matchbook Learning Principal
Sam Schmelzer, The Match Director of Workforce Development
Julie Wall, Matchbook Learning Executive Administrative Assistant
Emma Kersey, Office of Education Innovation Team
Brian Anderson, CIES
Kelli Marshall, Vine-Elements Founder

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 - Arrived for Item II
Ali King	Absent
Dr. Kurt Nelson	Present
Jenny Poon	Present
Bill Taft	Present
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. September 15, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

[September 15, 2025 Board Minutes.pdf](#)

B. Finance Committee Report - Current Financials

[MBLI Financials 093025.pdf](#)

[MBLI Quarterly Financials by School 093025 \(1\).pdf](#)

C. Building and Operations Report

No Report

D. Community Committee Report

[October Community Meeting Board Report and Minutes .pdf](#)

E. Academic Committee Reports

1. Matchbook Learning K-8

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

2. The Match High School

[2025_26 James Academic Committee Meeting_October.pdf](#)

F. Director of Workforce Development Report

[Workforce Development Board Report - October 2025.pdf](#)

G. Director of Personalized Learning Report

No Report

Vote to Approve the Consent Agenda and the September 15, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes	
Sajan George	Motion
Mike Cosack	Approve
Candace Jones	Approve
Ali King	Absent
Dr. Kurt Nelson	Second
Jenny Poon	Approve
Bill Taft	Approve
Shelby Thornburg	Approve

The motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the September 15, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes carries.

IV. 5:35 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

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B. OEI

V. 5:45 PM: Discussion Items

A. Update on ADM for the October 1st Count Day.

1. Matchbook Learning K-8: 707 Certified students
2. The Match High School: 143 Certified students

B. Introduction of Kelli Marshall as a potential board member. Discussion and vote on appointment to the board.

[Kelli Marshall LinkedIn Profile](#)

Vote to Appoint Kelli Marshall as a Board Member	
Sajan George	Approve
Mike Cosack	Motion
Candace Jones	Second
Ali King	Absent
Dr. Kurt Nelson	Approve
Jenny Poon	Approve
Bill Taft	Approve
Shelby Thornburg	Approve

The motion to appoint Kelli Marshall as a board member **carries**.

VI. 6:15 PM: Public Comments

VII. 6:20 PM: Adjourn

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

The motion to adjourn the meeting carries. The meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM.

- VIII. 6:30 PM: Executive Session - The Board of Matchbook Learning Schools will hold an Executive Session at 6:30 PM on Monday, October 20, 2025 in the Conference Room at Matchbook Learning (1163 N Belmont Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46222) to discuss initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, "litigation" includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2b).**