

**Urban Prep Board of Directors Minutes  
from the Meeting Held at Urban Prep Englewood Campus (6201 S. Stewart) on  
October 30, 2025 at 5:00 pm.**

I. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:11pm.
II. Roll Call <sup>1</sup>	A quorum was present with the following attendees: Ben Blakeley (B), James Montgomery (B), Victor Henderson (B); Pamela Johnson (B), Tre Childress (B), Dennis Lacewell (S)
III. Public Comment	No public comment
IV. Old Business	<p><b>Approval of Board Minutes</b></p> <p>I. Approval of July 22, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes.</p> <p>II. Motion: A motion to approve the April 22, 2025 minutes was made by James Montgomery. Seconded: The motion was seconded by Ben Blakeley. Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5-0-0.</p>
V. New Business	<p><b>Brief Schools Report &amp; Financial Update</b></p> <p>Leadership presented updates on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ISBE Summative Designations for Englewood and Bronzeville</li> <li>● Attendance trends across grade levels</li> <li>● Campus and network events</li> <li>● Recruitment progress</li> <li>● Finance updates, including audit timeline, ERC funding freeze, CPS advance request, and updated budget submission</li> </ul> <p><b>Cost Cutting Measures</b></p> <p>Leadership outlined current and proposed cost-saving strategies.</p> <p>Board members discussed potential impacts and next steps of achieve cutting 10-15%.</p> <p>Proposal: Emergency Fundraising Campaign</p> <p>A proposal was presented for an emergency fundraising campaign running October 15–December 31.</p> <p>Board members discussed strategies, platforms, and donor engagement.</p>

	<p><b>Board Action Items</b></p> <p>Approval of Parent Board Representative  The Board reviewed the nomination of Ms. Brida Collins (UP-Bronzeville, parent of Jamion Martin, Class of 2029) to serve as the 2025–2026 Parent Representative.  Vote: 5–0 in favor.</p> <p>Outcome: Ms. Collins was approved as the Parent Board Representative.</p> <p><b>Next Steps &amp; Assignments</b></p> <p>Board members identified follow-up tasks related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Audit review and approval timeline</li> <li>● Fundraising campaign support</li> <li>● Continued monitoring of attendance and academic indicators</li> <li>● Required Board trainings</li> </ul>
VI. Adjournment	A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. was made by James Montgomery, seconded by Ben Blakeley. Unanimously approved.

<sup>1</sup> B=Board Member; S=Staff Member; O=Other