

LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY (LEA) NAME:

BOARD CHAIR NAME: Donald L. Hense

SUBMISSION DATE: September 8, 2025

SUBJECT: Facility Amendment Request

SCHOOL BACKGROUND AND PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Campus name(s): Friendship PCS - various campuses

Year(s) opened: 1998

Grades served: PK-12

Year the school will undergo its next charter review or renewal: SY 2027-28

Proposal summary:

Friendship PCS proposes the following amendments to its charter agreement to correct addresses, consolidate program offerings, and provide better tutoring and drop-in locations for online academic support.

1. Change the address for the Friendship PCS - Southeast facility to 2715 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE. The facility name is Friendship PCS - Southeast.
2. Restore, as an administrative correction, the facility located at 620 Milwaukee Place SE (formerly the location for Friendship PCS - Technology Preparatory Middle) to our charter agreement as an auxiliary site for Friendship Southeast Elementary campus and Friendship Southeast Middle campus. The facility name is Friendship PCS - Southeast Annex.
3. Consolidate Friendship PCS - Ideal Elementary and Ideal Middle into 6130 North Capitol Street NW. This facility can accommodate both campuses given the recent addition to this facility. The facility name is Friendship PCS - Ideal.
4. Repurpose the Friendship PCS - Ideal swing space (former Hope Tolson at 6200 Kansas Avenue NE) as the tutoring and drop-in location for Friendship online scholars (Friendship K-8 Online and Friendship Collegiate Online). The facility name is Friendship PCS - Online Annex.

Year the school plans to implement the proposed changes: SY 2025-26

When did the school's board approve the proposed changes? *Please attach minutes from the meeting and vote results.* The Friendship PCS Board of Trustees approved these changes at its May 15, 2025 meeting.

FACILITY

1. Please check the box that best describes the school's proposed change.

- ☐ The LEA or a campus within the LEA is relocating from its current facility to a new facility.
- ☒ The LEA or a campus within the LEA is staying in its current facility *and* expanding into an additional facility (i.e., some students will attend the current facility while some will attend the proposed facility).
- ☐ The LEA seeks to open a new campus to be housed in a new facility. (Also complete the Expansion and/or Replication Amendment Application.)

2. In the table below, list the facility/facilities the school operates (i.e., the facility/facilities identified in the school's charter agreement). For each entry, report the facility name, the campus(es) and grades served within, and the address.

Current Facility/Facilities		
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Friendship PCS - Armstrong	Friendship PCS - Armstrong Elementary (PK3-3) Friendship PCS - Armstrong Middle (4-8)	111 O Street NW
Friendship PCS - Blow Pierce	Friendship PCS - Blow Pierce Elementary (PK3-3) Friendship PCS - Blow Pierce Middle (4-8)	725 19 th Street NE
Friendship PCS - Chamberlain	Friendship PCS - Chamberlain Elementary (PK3-3) Friendship PCS - Chamberlain Middle (4-8)	1345 Potomac Avenue SE
Friendship PCS - Collegiate Academy	Friendship PCS - Collegiate Academy (9-12)	4095 Minnesota Avenue NE
Friendship PCS - Ideal	Friendship PCS - Ideal Elementary (PK3-3)	6130 North Capitol Street NW

	Friendship PCS - Ideal Middle (4-8)	6200 Kansas Avenue NE
Friendship PCS - Online	Friendship PCS - Online (K-8)	1351 Nicholson Street NW
Friendship PCS - Southeast	Friendship PCS - Southeast Elementary (PK3-3) Friendship PCS - Southeast Middle (4-8)	645 Milwaukee Place SE
Friendship PCS - Technology Preparatory Academy	Friendship PCS - Technology Preparatory Academy (9-12)	2705 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE
Friendship PCS - Woodridge Elementary	Friendship PCS - Woodridge Elementary (PK3-3) Friendship PCS - Woodridge Middle (4-8)	2959 Carlton Avenue NE

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Friendship PCS - Online Annex	Auxiliary site for Friendship PCS - Online (K-8) and Friendship PCS - Collegiate Online (9-12) All other Friendship PCS Campuses (PK3-12) as an auxiliary site	6200 Kansas Avenue NE

4. Will the school lease or purchase the proposed facility? If the school has already purchased or leased the facility, when did the school acquire it?

Friendship owns all facilities listed in the proposal summary. Refer to the below table.

Facility Address	Year Acquired
2715 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE	2005; 2025 construction completed for addition
620 Milwaukee Place SE	2011
6130 North Capitol Avenue NW	2019; 2024 construction completed for addition
6200 Kansas Avenue NE	2021

5. How will the new location impact current students? How will the school encourage student re-enrollment? How will the school support students in need of transportation to the new location?

The proposed changes will better support Friendship PCS students by ensuring that students have access to newly renovated facilities that better support academic programming.

For the Friendship PCS - Southeast facility, the address change represents consolidating under one address the original Friendship Southeast facility with the newly built Friendship Southeast facility addition. These buildings are connected so that students can flow seamlessly from one side of the building to the other and have access to new classrooms, science labs, gym space and collaboration spaces. As the site remains the same, we anticipate no negative impacts on re-enrollment or transportation. Positive impacts include better facilities that students, families and staff desired and better drop-off and pickup.

For the Friendship PCS - Southeast annex, restoring the address to our charter reflects its use as an auxiliary space for counseling, athletics, clubs and other extra- and co-curricular functions. As this site is immediately adjacent to Friendship PCS - Southeast and Friendship PCS - Tech Prep, no impact is expected on re-enrollment or transportation.

For the Friendship PCS - Ideal facility, the consolidation into one address represents merging the original Friendship Ideal location (taken over from Ideal PCS in 2019) with the recently constructed addition on the same site. With the new addition and

significant renovation to the original premises, students have access to larger, more appropriate classrooms, an Arts wing, new science labs, an acceleration and advanced learning suite and large athletic/gym space. As the site remains the same, we anticipate no negative impacts on re-enrollment or transportation. Positive impacts include better facilities that students, families and staff desire.

For the Friendship PCS - Online annex, students will have an additional, improved location for drop-in academic tutoring, supplemental support, testing and enrichment. FPCS Online scholars have historically traveled to various Friendship campuses for testing, in-person support, enrichment, and special events as the current location only has eight modular classrooms but the annex has a cafeteria, multipurpose room/gym, library and outdoor space. We anticipate no negative impacts on re-enrollment or transportation. Friendship already offers transportation support for online scholars through scheduled buses, rideshare services, and will continue to do so for the current location and the annex.

6. Will there be newly created seats for additional students? If so, discuss student recruitment efforts in the new school community.

There will not be newly created seats for additional students. The amendment seeks to provide better facilities for current enrollment.

7. What is the maximum occupancy at the new location? If the maximum occupancy load for staff and students is less than the total number of staff and students who will occupy the facility at any point in the future, please explain how you will address this issue.

Friendship will operate within the approved occupancy limits for all facilities referenced in this amendment application based on the following occupancy loads.

- 2715 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE (Cert of Occupancy max 1,240)
- 620 Milwaukee Place SE (Cert of Occupancy max 267)
- 6130 North Capitol NW (Cert of Occupancy max 802)
- 6200 Kansas Avenue NE (Cert of Occupancy max 650)

8. Does the proposed space require renovation? If so, describe the renovations the new location will need, either to serve as a school or to be accessible for students with disabilities.

No renovations are required.

9. Describe the proposed facility's neighborhood (i.e., is it residential or commercial, is it metro accessible). What value will the school add to the proposed neighborhood?

The Friendship PCS - Southeast and Friendship PCS Southeast Annex facilities are located in the Congress Heights neighborhood, which are accessible by metro bus and metro train. While primarily residential, the facilities sit just off of a main street, Martin Luther King Avenue, which includes commercial property along the main street with St. Elizabeth's, Cedar Hill Hospital and the Entertainment and Sports Arena across the street. The newly constructed addition adds value through better pick-up and drop off access, better curb appeal and improved streetscaping. The Friendship PCS - Ideal facility and Friendship PCS - Online annex are located in the Lamond Riggs community, a primarily residential community though there are a few warehouse/industrial commercial buildings nearby. Friendship has been a stable, active and vibrant presence in the community. We've also improved the facilities through extensive renovation, including replacing a dilapidated, eyesore warehouse with a much improved school addition. As with other Friendship campuses, this site provides playgrounds, gardens, meeting spaces, and other amenities that are accessible for community use.

10. List the traditional and public charter schools near the new location, identifying schools that educate the same grade span your school serves/will serve. Describe how the school's mission and academic performance compare to these schools. What impact will the school's relocation have on enrollment at neighboring schools?

N/A. The locations are not new. We intend to serve our existing enrollment in facilities that we already own and control and, therefore, anticipate little impact on enrollment of nearby schools. While we don't believe this question applies, for reference we are listing schools under a mile away.

Name	Address	Type	Grades	Distance
Friendship Ideal and Friendship PCS Online Annex	6130 N. Capitol St., NW, Washington, DC 20011 6200 Kansas Avenue NE, Washington DC 20011	Charter	Pk3 - 8	0.0 mile
Sela PCS	6015 Chillum PI NE, Washington, DC 20011	Charter	Pk3 - 5	0.2 mile

Capital City PCS	100 Peabody St NW, Washington, DC 20011	Charter	Pk3 - 12	0.4 mile
Roots PCS	15 Kennedy St NW, Washington, DC 20011	Charter	Pk3 - 5	0.8 mile
Breakthrough Montessori PCS	6923 Willow St NW, Washington, DC 20012	Charter	Pk3 - 6	0.8 mile
LaSalle-Backus Elementary	501 Riggs Rd NE Washington, DC 20011	DCPS	Pk3 - 5	0.9 mile
Ida B. Wells Middle	405 Sheridan St NW, Washington, DC 20011	DCPS	6 - 8	0.9 mile
Friendship PCS Southeast and Friendship PCS Southeast Annex	2715 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave, SE 620 Milwaukee Place, SE 20032 Washington, DC 20032	Charter	Pk3 - 8	0.0 mile
KIPP DC Pride Academy	3301 Wheeler Road, Southeast, Washington, DC 20032	Charter	PK3 - K	0.5 mile
KIPP DC Inspire Academy	3301 Wheeler Road, Southeast, Washington, DC 20032	Charter	1 - 4	0.5 mile
Kipp DC Honor Academy	3301 Wheeler Road, Southeast, Washington, DC 20032	Charter	5 - 8	0.5 mile
Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School	3200 6th St SE, Washington, DC 20032	DCPS	Pk3 - 5	0.8 mile
Center City: Congress Heights	220 Highview Place SE Washington, DC 20032	Charter	Pk3 - 8	0.8 mile
Hart Middle School	601 Mississippi Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20032	DCPS	6 - 8	1.0 mile

11. When did the school hold an open board of trustees meeting to discuss the proposed change(s)?

Thursday, May 15, 2025 during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Friendship Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees passed a resolution granting Friendship Administration permission to pursue the charter amendment.

12. Describe how the school has engaged its internal community in its decision to relocate or expand into the proposed location. Submit documentation of the school's communications with its staff and families regarding the proposed space. Identify the internal community's concerns and how the school is responding to their needs.

Friendship has had numerous engagements with internal community members on offering improved facilities for Friendship PCS - Ideal, Friendship PCS - Southeast and Friendship PCS - Online annex. For Friendship PCS - Southeast facility, students, parents, staff and board had opportunities to tour and give feedback on program spaces. For Friendship PCS - Online annex, school leaders engaged in planning at a retreat on June 16-17, 2025, sharing their excitement for strengthening the in-person programmatic support for online students across all grades.

Additionally, Friendship surveyed middle school caregivers in our Ward 4 and 5 schools. Ninety-three percent of families indicated a desire to continue to attend or to learn more. The features they are most interested in for their children include college and career readiness, leadership and internship opportunities, social emotional support, access to counseling, and dual enrollment and AP courses.

13. Describe how the school has engaged the community surrounding the proposed location. *Please attach documentation of communications with nearby principals, neighbors, ANC representatives, Councilmembers, and other community groups, notifying them of the school's plans.*

a. When did the school inform the ANC representatives of its facility plans? Has the school already presented its facility plans during an ANC meeting? If not, when will it do so?

For 6200 Kansas Avenue NE, which we plan to use for the Friendship PCS - Online annex, Friendship notified the Chairperson of ANC 4B as well as the Single-Member District Commissioner on May 1, 2025, regarding its plans in writing. The notification included a

request to be added to an ANC meeting agenda to present the school's facility plans, to answer questions, and to hear feedback from the community. Friendship PCS attended the ANC 4B meeting on June 23, sharing our plan, answering questions, and responding to community concerns. Attendees had questions about the school size, the number of staff, and the availability of off-street parking for additional staff. We adapted our planning to be responsive to the community. Friendship is scheduled to attend the ANC 4B meeting on September 13, 2025 where we anticipate receiving official support from the members.

Additionally, Friendship sent information regarding this charter amendment to DCPS and PCS school leaders in Ward 4, the Ward 4 SBOE representative, Ward 4 DC Councilmember, the leader of the Ward 4 Education Council, The Lamond-Riggs Neighborhood Association, and faith leaders in the Ward 4 community.

b. Summarize the external community's concerns, if any, and describe the school's response with specificity.

For 6200 Kansas Avenue NE, the primary concerns of the ANC have been related to off-street parking for school staff. Friendship has multiple parking lots on its existing campus with parking spaces expanded when we completed the addition. We expect this will be sufficient for additional staff. We are committed to working with the ANC and local community to mitigate any impacts on local residents.

Cathy Riley leads the Ward 4 Education Council. She is deeply committed to by-right neighborhood schools with the resources needed to educate students. She expressed concerns about enrollment patterns and the impact of enrollment shifts as a result of this new site. Friendship is mitigating these concerns by focusing efforts on existing Friendship students and by planning to utilize the site as mentioned earlier.

14. Complete and submit DC PCSB's [5-Year Operating Budget](#) template in accordance with its instructions.

Friendship owns or controls all of its sites and services debt with its current enrollment.

[Friendship's 5-Year Operating Budget](#)

Attachment A: Communications List and Examples

Email Recipients

1. Raymond Elementary School
2. Barnard Elementary School
3. Brightwood Elementary School
4. Coolidge High School
5. Dorothy I. Height Elementary School
6. Ida B. Wells Middle School
7. John Lewis Elementary School
8. LaSalle-Backus Elementary School
9. MacFarland Middle School
10. Military Road Early Learning Center
11. Powell Elementary School
12. Roosevelt High School
13. Truesdell Elementary School
14. Whittier Elementary School
15. E.L. Haynes PCS - Elementary School
16. E.L. Haynes PCS - Middle School
17. E.L. Haynes PCS - High School
18. Center City PCS - Brightwood
19. Center City PCS - Petworth
20. Latin American Montessori Bilingual PCS - 14th Street
21. Friendship PCS - Ideal Elementary
22. Roots PCS
23. Washington Latin PCS - Middle School
24. Washington Latin PCS - Upper School
25. Friendship PCS - Online
26. Mary McLeod Bethune Day Academy PCS - Northwest
27. Sela PCS
28. Paul PCS - International High School
29. Paul PCS - Middle School
30. Friendship PCS - Ideal Middle
31. Briya PCS [Georgia Avenue/Petworth]
32. Capital City PCS - High School
33. Capital City PCS - Lower School
34. Capital City PCS - Middle School
35. Shepherd Elementary School
36. Takoma Elementary School
37. Breakthrough Montessori PCS

- 38. District of Columbia International School
- 39. Lafayette Elementary School

Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners

4B01 Douglas Payton	4B06 Tiffani Nichole Johnson, Vice Chairperson
4B02 Shamina Christian	4B08 Garrett Moore
4B03 Keenan Courtland, Secretary	4B09 Danielle Geong
4B04 Vacant	4B10 Jinin Berry
4B05 Sophia Tekola. Chairperson	
4B07 Michael Cohen, Treasurer	

Local Churches

1. All Saints Episcopal Church
2. Metropolitan Wesley A.M.E Zion Church
3. Nativity Catholic Church
4. Peoples Congregational UCC
5. Church of the Nativity Episcopal
6. Mount Lebanon Baptist Church
7. Emory Fellowship United Methodist
8. Northminster Presbyterian Church
9. Hughes Memorial United Methodist
10. St. Gabriel Catholic Church

Community Based Organizations

1. Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association (LRCA)

[ANC Email communication sample](#)

[External Community Engagement Sample](#)

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Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, May 15, 2025 – 9:30 AM

In-Person and Zoom Meeting

Participating Board Members were: Donald L. Hense, Chair; Dr. Gregory S. Prince, Jr., Vice-Chair; Patricia Brantley, Chief Executive Officer; Carol Thompson Cole, Anise Walker, and Chris White participated in person. Unique Fullmore, Eric McKinley King, and Jeanette Mendes participated via Zoom.

Staff Members in attendance were: Catherine Somfun, Chief Financial Officer; Vielka Scott-Marcus, Chief Academic Officer; James Waller, Chief of School Operations; Zac Morford, Chief Performance Officer; John Glover, Chief of External Affairs; Dylan Gruver, Chief People Officer; Kimberly Campbell, Senior Advisor; Sue P. White, Director of STEM; and Monique Miller, Director of Performance Reporting and Evaluation.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Donald L. Hense, Chair at 9:33 AM.

Approval of the Agenda. Donald L. Hense, Chair amended the agenda to start with the Nominations and Governance Update. On a motion by Gregory S. Prince, Jr. and second by Mr. Hense, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to approve the amended agenda.

Nominations and Governance Update. Carol Thompson Cole, Chair of the Nominations and Governance Committee presented Sue P. White as the nominee for the Friendship PCS Board of Trustees. Mrs. Thompson Cole stated that Ms. White would succeed former trustee, Tracy Gray. On a motion by Gregory S. Prince, Jr. and second by Chris White the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to approve the nomination of Sue P. White to serve as a member of the Friendship PCS – Board of Trustees.

Approval of Minutes. On a motion by Gregory S. Prince, Jr. and second by Chris White, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2025 board meeting.

Finance Update. Catherine Somfeun introduced and reviewed the report accepted by members of the Finance Committee. Ms. Somfeun began the SY 2024-25 financial update with a review of the balance sheet. Friendship's third quarter year-to-date net income is \$5.3M and has strong liquidity with \$67M in cash, which translates to 176 days cash on hand.

Mrs. Somfeun moved to the year-over-comparison and noted an \$8.3M increase in per pupil revenue driven by increases in the UPSFF by 12.4% and Facilities Allotment by 3.1%. The decrease in grants is primarily due to the discontinuance of ESSR and one-time OSSE teacher Pay support. On the expense side, savings were achieved by bringing some academic services in house and expenses remained stable in all other areas.

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Mrs. Somefun reviewed key performance indicators that include days of cash, gross margin, debt-to-asset ratio and forecasted FAR, and closed the FY 2024-25 financial update by covering reserve balances. Mrs. Somefun stated Friendship will meet all bond covenants with required reserves fully funded based on requirements and that Friendship will meet S&P medians for BBB rated charter schools. Pat Brantley noted that we are continuing to responsibly increase our days cash on hand and reserves that are commensurate with the size of our organization.

Mrs. Somefun transitioned to the review of the FY 2025-26 budget and stated that it is conservative and strategic and does not reflect the Mayor's proposed increases. Instead, the budget revenue is based on current UPSFF levels and will cover all expenses, meet debt obligations, and fund required reserves. Ms. Brantley noted the budget presented is Friendship's contingency budget that assumes we do not receive the increases and the full budget that assumes that we do. Ms. Brantley then asked the board to review and approve the full budget knowing that built in, is a contingency if funding remains flat. It will require some support coming out of reserves. Mr. Hense requested that Ms. Brantley call a board meeting via Zoom to update the Board and review Friendship's budget once we receive concrete numbers.

On a motion by Gregory S. Prince, Jr. and second by Chris White the Board voted unanimously by roll call to accept the Finance Committee Report and approve the FY 2025-26 Budget as presented.

Mrs. Somefun provided an update on the FY 2025 audit and Friendship's 403(b). Friendship engaged Maner Costerisan for the FY 2024-25 audit. Fieldwork is scheduled to begin September 12th and a first draft of the audit is expected by October 12th. Mrs. Somefun provided an overview of Friendship's 403(b) that included an employer contribution of a 50% match of employee contribution up to 6% of compensation. The plan is compliant with ERISA and IRS requirements, it has 1,008 participants, and the total fund balance is \$26M.

School Performance Update. Gregory Prince, Co-Chair of the School Performance Committee introduced the report approved by members of the Committee and Vielka Scott-Marcus led the presentation of the report. Mrs. Scott-Marcus provided an overview of the report, which included an update on the process of our schools with information about the Graduate Profile, updates on the Class of 2025, selected ASPIRE measures, and other updates. Our Class of 2025 have been awarded \$23M in college scholarships that include full scholarships from the Gates Scholarship and American University. Friendship's CLASS results exceeded the ASPIRE target of 6 in the Emotional Support and Classroom Organization domains and four of six campuses exceeded the target of four for the Instructional Support domain.

Mrs. Scott-Marcus shared some of the colleges Friendship seniors have committed to attend as part of National College Decision Day; the list includes Duke, Temple, Spelman, Morehouse, the Naval Academy, Howard University, Virginia Tech, Hampton, and Georgetown among others. Mrs. Scott-Marcus also provided examples from the third quarter of how Friendship students

exemplify the Graduate Profile attributes that include students engaging with At-Large Councilmember Robert White (Community Focused) and a student winning first place in an oratory competition (Effective Communicators). Mrs. Scott-Marcus shared four and six-year graduation rates and noted that our rates exceed DC's six-year rate for the Class of 2017. Mrs. Scott-Marcus shared data and information related to the ASPIRE system. PSAT and SAT performance increased over the prior year and proposed school specific performance measures include those that align to our mission such as service learning participation and community-service completion for our middle school students.

Finally, Monique Miller reviewed two resolutions related to proposed charter amendments; (1) operate an additional facility for an existing campus and (2) explore amending charter goals for the Online campus, if feasible. The additional facility would be located at the 6200 Kansas Avenue, NE site, which is currently used by Friendship PCS – Ideal Elementary and Middle campuses. The Ideal campuses will consolidate and be housed in the 6130 North Capitol Street, NW, which with the recent addition can accommodate both campuses. Regarding the goals amendment for the Online campus, proposed goals must be reviewed and approved by the School Performance Committee prior to the submission of the charter amendment to the DC PCSB.

On a motion by Anise Walker and second by Eric McKinley King the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to approve the resolutions related to operating the Collegiate West facility at 6200 Kansas Avenue, NE and amending the Friendship Online charter goals.

On a motion by Gregory S. Prince, Jr. the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to accept the School Performance Committee report.

Adjournment. On a motion by Eric McKinley King and second by Anise Walker the Board voted unanimously by roll call to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:50 AM.

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exemplify the Graduate Profile attributes that include students engaging with At-Large Councilmember Robert White (Community Focused) and a student winning first place in an oratory competition (Effective Communicators). Mrs. Scott-Marcus shared four and six-year graduation rates and noted that our rates exceed DC's six-year rate for the Class of 2017. Mrs. Scott-Marcus shared data and information related to the ASPIRE system. PSAT and SAT performance increased over the prior year and proposed school specific performance measures include those that align to our mission such as service learning participation and community-service completion for our middle school students.

Finally, Monique Miller reviewed two resolutions related to proposed charter amendments; (1) operate an additional facility for an existing campus and (2) explore amending charter goals for the Online campus, if feasible. The additional facility would be located at the 6200 Kansas Avenue, NE site, which is currently used by Friendship PCS – Ideal Elementary and Middle campuses. The Ideal campuses will consolidate and be housed in the 6130 North Capitol Street, NW, which with the recent addition can accommodate both campuses. Regarding the goals amendment for the Online campus, proposed goals must be reviewed and approved by the School Performance Committee prior to the submission of the charter amendment to the DC PCSB.

On a motion by Anise Walker and second by Eric McKinley King the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to approve the resolutions related to operating the Collegiate West facility at 6200 Kansas Avenue, NE and amending the Friendship Online charter goals.

On a motion by Gregory S. Prince, Jr. the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to accept the School Performance Committee report.

Adjournment. On a motion by Eric McKinley King and second by Anise Walker the Board voted unanimously by roll call to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:50 AM.

Monique Miller

From: John Glover
Sent: Thursday, May 1, 2025 11:15 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Onari Jackson
Subject: Request to Present to ANC 4B – Potential Charter Amendment for Friendship PCS

Dear Chair Tekola and Commissioner Cohen,

I hope this message finds you both well. My name is John Glover and I serve as Chief of External Affairs at Friendship Public Charter School.

I'm reaching out to share that Friendship is seeking to submit a charter amendment to the DC Public Charter School Board that would allow us to open an additional location of Friendship Collegiate Academy at our existing Friendship Ideal campus. To clarify, we are not proposing a new school but rather using space we currently have at Friendship Ideal for additional grades.

This proposed location would primarily serve current Friendship students—particularly our 8th grade students at Friendship Online, Friendship Ideal, Friendship Woodridge, and Friendship Armstrong—who currently face long and challenging commutes to our existing high school campuses. We are committed to making high-quality high school options more accessible for these students and their families.

As always, we deeply value our relationship with the community and strive to work in close partnership with local stakeholders, especially our ANC. To that end, we would be grateful for the opportunity to present our proposal during ANC 4B's May meeting. This would give us a chance to share more details, hear your feedback, and answer any questions before submitting the amendment to the Public Charter School Board.

Additionally, I would be happy to meet with either of you in advance—by phone or in person—at your convenience, should you have any questions or wish to discuss the proposal in more detail.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the opportunity to connect.

Best,
John

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Here is [REDACTED] so we can avoid the back and forth of finding a time to meet.

Monique Miller

From: John Glover
Sent: Friday, June 13, 2025 9:22 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Onari Jackson; Monique Miller
Subject: Update from Friendship PCS

Dear Ms. Escobar,

I hope this finds you well! Please see the note recently sent to Ward 4 school leaders and community partners. I wanted to make sure I updated you on some important changes we are considering at our Ward 4 campus. I'm happy to connect with you or your team to answer any questions you may have.

Best,
John

Dear Community Partner

My name is John Glover and I am the Chief of External Affairs for Friendship Public Charter School. Friendship has educated children in Washington, D.C. for over 25 years and currently serves 4,300 students across 15 campuses in DC. We have students who live in all eight wards, and we operate school sites in Wards 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. We are proud of the work we do in Ward 4 at Friendship Ideal operating a traditional elementary middle program. Ward 4 is also the physical home for Friendship Online and serves as a landing place for online students to come for tutoring, clubs and other supports. We are grateful to be part of a vibrant community of excellent Ward 4 schools.

I am writing to share an important update about Friendship's intention to submit a charter amendment request to the DC Public Charter School Board. If approved, Friendship would begin to operate a satellite location of Friendship Collegiate High School at 6200 Kansas Ave NE – a location already in use by Friendship as a school. The primary reason for this change would be to provide students already enrolled in Friendship Online and Friendship Collegiate online with a brick-and-mortar location for instruction, testing, collaboration, and community building – critical parts of our online program that happen from time to time throughout the year. The secondary reason is to provide a school home to Friendship 8th graders who want to continue with Friendship, but who live too far from Friendship Collegiate to make the daily commute. In both cases, we are focused on serving students who are already part of the Friendship community.

It is important to us to be good neighbors and good partners in this work, which is why I am reaching out. We hope that you can see the importance of this opportunity for our students, and that you will see this outreach as a first step to answering any questions you may have. Please reach out if you'd like to meet – I am happy to connect by phone or in person.

Best,
John

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