

**LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY (LEA) NAME:** Global Citizens Public Charter School

**BOARD CHAIR NAME:**

**SUBMISSION DATE:** 12/19/2025

**SUBJECT:** Facility Amendment Request

## **SCHOOL BACKGROUND AND PROPOSAL SUMMARY**

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**Campus name(s):**

**Year(s) opened:** 2021

**Grades served:** Pre-K3–3

**Year the school will undergo its next charter review or renewal:** School Year 2025-2026

**Proposal summary:** This proposal outlines Global Citizens PCS's application for an amendment to relocate to a larger, newer facility located in Ward 6 that is easily accessible, effective for the 2026-2027 School Year. The relocation will provide the necessary space to accommodate the school's approved growth plan, enabling Global Citizens PCS to expand through Grade 5. The lease for the current facility expires on June 30, 2026, and does not include an option for extension.

**Year the school plans to implement the proposed changes:** School Year 2026-27

**When did the school's board approve the proposed changes?** The Global Citizens PCS Board of Trustees approved these changes at its board meeting on December 15, 2025. Please find the attached minutes from the meeting and vote results.

## **FACILITY**

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### **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.**

<b>Current Facility/Facilities</b>		
<b>Facility Name</b>	<b>Campus Name(s); Grade(s) Served</b>	<b>Address</b>
Global Citizens Public Charter School	Global Citizens Public Charter School; PK3-3	4095 Minnesota Ave, NE Washington, DC 20019

**3. In the table below, list the facility/facilities the school seeks to operate (i.e., the facility/facilities the school will continue operating along with the facility the school proposes operating). For each entry, report the facility name, the campus(es) and grades served within, and the address.**

<b>Proposed Facility/Facilities</b>		
<b>Facility Name</b>	<b>Campus Name(s); Grades Served</b>	<b>Address</b>
Global Citizens Public Charter School	Global Citizens Public Charter School; PK3-5	1900 Half St, SW, Suite 101, Washington, DC 20024

**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?**

Global Citizens intends to lease the proposed facility. The school anticipates executing the Lease Agreement by January 15, 2026.

**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 new facility will positively impact current students by providing a larger, purpose-designed space that supports Global Citizens PCS's dual language

immersion programs. The building will feature dedicated classrooms, enhanced outdoor spaces, and a trilingual innovation lab that integrates Spanish, Mandarin, and English language learning through technology, creativity, and hands-on exploration.

Located approximately 13–18 minutes from the current campus, the new site is also a 15-minute walk from the Navy Yard Metro Station and accessible by two bus lines. Given its proximity and transportation options, the relocation is not expected to significantly disrupt families' routines. Based on the school's transportation survey, 76% of families drive, 34% use public transit, and 6% use ride-share or taxi services, indicating that most families can transition smoothly to the new location.

To encourage re-enrollment and ensure equitable access, particularly for families in Wards 7 and 8, Global Citizens PCS will maintain open communication, host pre-move family events, and provide supports such as SmarTrip cards, coordinated carpools, and affordable before-care for families who need added flexibility. These efforts will ensure all students can attend school safely, reliably, and with enthusiasm for the year ahead.

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

Yes. The new facility will create additional seats as Global Citizens PCS expands through the upper elementary grades, reaching full enrollment in Pre-K3 through Grade 5 by the 2027–2028 school year. The new location will accommodate up to 400 students, which represents the school's maximum enrollment.

To recruit students in the new community, the school will implement a comprehensive, multilingual outreach plan highlighting its dual language immersion, social justice, and whole child wellness model. Efforts will include canvassing in Wards 6, 7, and 8, hosting at least one community event at the new site, and partnering with early childhood centers, recreation centers, and neighborhood organizations to build awareness. The school will also mail postcards to families with young children in Wards 6, 7, and 8, utilize local newspaper advertisements, pursue a feature story on the new campus, and run radio ads to reach a wider audience.

All recruitment materials will be available in English, Spanish, and Mandarin, ensuring inclusive access for families citywide and strengthening the school's presence in Southwest DC.

**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.**

The current Certificate of Occupancy allows a maximum occupancy of 360 people. Prior to the relocation, Global Citizens PCS will work closely with the landlord, architect, and the Department of Buildings (formerly DCRA) to obtain a new Certificate of Occupancy that reflects the building's updated design and expanded use. The revised certificate will accommodate at least 400 students, along with all necessary staff and support personnel, ensuring full compliance with occupancy, safety, and accessibility requirements at the new facility. The estimated occupancy is 536 people with the expansion.

**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.**

The proposed space was previously used as a school within the past year and is in generally good condition, but does require renovation. There is evidence of wear and tear from the previous tenant that must be addressed, including painting, reflooring, deep cleaning, and rebulbing light fixtures. In its current condition, the space accommodates 12 classrooms. Renovations will expand the facility to include five additional classrooms, one new office, and an outdoor play area to support the school's full enrollment and programming needs.

The facility is ADA compliant, ensuring accessibility for students and staff with disabilities. The addition of new instructional spaces and the conversion of a residential dog park into an outdoor play area will require permitting. Global Citizens PCS will engage a permit expeditor to facilitate the process and ensure all work is completed efficiently and within the required timeline.

**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 proposed facility at 1900 Half Street, SW is located in the growing Buzzard Point/Southwest Waterfront neighborhood, a predominantly residential, mixed-use community that has experienced significant redevelopment in recent years. The area offers strong public transit access, including proximity to the Navy Yard–Ballpark Metro Station, the Waterfront Metro Station, and the C55 bus route at T Street SW and Half Street SW, making it easily accessible for families and staff.

Relocating Global Citizens PCS to this site, approximately 5 miles from the current facility at 4095 Minnesota Avenue, NE, will bring meaningful value to the neighborhood by restoring an educational use to the former Eagle Academy campus and strengthening community infrastructure. The school's presence will contribute to neighborhood stability, promote family-friendly development, and enrich the social and cultural fabric of this rapidly growing waterfront district.

**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?**

AppleTree Early Learning PCS - Waterfront Station (PK3–PK4)- 1.2 miles

Amidon-Bowen Elementary School (PK3–5) - 1.3 miles

Van Ness Elementary School (PK3–5)- 1.4 miles

AppleTree Early Learning CPS - Southwest Campus (PK3–PK4) - 1.7 miles

Shirley Chisholm Elementary School (PK3–5) - 2.0 miles

Several schools are located near the proposed facility. Amidon-Bowen Elementary is currently operating near maximum enrollment. Van Ness Elementary School consistently maintains a long waitlist for seats. Shirley Chisholm Elementary School offers Spanish dual language immersion and is currently at or near full enrollment. Jefferson Middle School Academy serves older students; however, we have already begun conversations with their team about a potential feeder relationship. Nearby charter options include AppleTree Early Learning PCS – Southwest and AppleTree Learning PCS – Waterfront Station, both of which focus exclusively on early childhood education.

Global Citizens PCS offers a distinct mission and model, combining dual language immersion in Spanish and Mandarin with a focus on social justice and whole child wellness. Because Amidon-Bowen, Van Ness, and Shirley Chisholm are operating at or near capacity, the relocation of Global Citizens PCS, with a planned maximum enrollment of 400 students, is not expected to negatively impact neighboring schools. Instead, it will expand access to high-quality language immersion education in an area where demand exceeds supply, thereby strengthening the educational landscape of Southwest DC.

At this time, Global Citizens PCS does not yet have standardized testing data, as the 2025-2026 school year is our first year serving third grade. Accordingly, we are not yet able to provide performance comparisons with other elementary schools

in the area.

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

The Global Citizens PCS Board of Trustees discussed and voted on the proposed relocation from the current facility in Ward 7 to the new facility in Ward 6 during an open public board meeting held on November 10, 2025. The Board formally approved the proposed change during a special open board meeting held on December 15, 2025.

**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.**

Global Citizens PCS has engaged its internal community—families, staff, and board members—throughout the decision-making process regarding the proposed relocation. During Back-to-School Night on September 25, 2025, the school's leadership informed families and staff that the school had expanded its facility search to include nearby areas of Ward 6 due to limited long-term space options in Wards 7 and 8.

On October 9, 2025, leadership shared an email update with staff and launched a Staff Transportation Survey to assess commuting patterns and needs, followed by a staff huddle that same day for discussion and feedback. On October 14, 2025, families received a similar update and a Family Transportation Survey, along with assurance that the potential new school address would be shared before EdFEST on December 13, 2025.

Survey results informed a commute analysis, showing that approximately 78% of families drive, 14% use public transportation, and 6% walk or use other means. Among staff, about 72% drive, 21% use public transportation, and 7% walk, carpool, or use ride-share services, indicating the new location is accessible to most of the school community.

During the November 25, 2025 staff meeting and Community Gathering, families and staff expressed enthusiasm about the new facility but raised concerns about commute time, parking, and maintaining access for students living east of the Anacostia River. In response, Global Citizens PCS committed to providing SmarTrip cards, coordinated carpools, affordable before-care, and pre-move

orientation events to support families, as well as continuing student recruitment efforts in Wards 7 and 8 to ensure equitable access and representation.

**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?**

On November 19, 2025, Global Citizens PCS informed ANC 6D08 Commissioner Rhonda Natalie Hamilton of its plan to relocate to 1900 Half Street, SE. The school met with Commissioner Chair Frederica Kramer on December 4, 2025, and Commission Hamilton on December 11, 2025. The school will present its proposed relocation during the ANC 6D meeting on January 20, 2026, to share additional details, respond to community questions, and gather feedback. Global Citizens PCS will continue to engage with the ANC, local residents, and community organizations in Buzzard Point and Southwest Waterfront neighborhoods throughout the relocation process to ensure transparency and collaboration.

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

The primary concern raised by community members has been related to parking and traffic congestion in the Buzzard Point area, where on-street parking is limited.

In anticipation of this concern, Global Citizens PCS proactively conducted a staff commute analysis to better understand and plan for transportation needs at the proposed location. The analysis found that approximately 72% of staff drive, 21% use public transportation, and 7% walk, carpool, or use ride-share services. The school has secured enough parking spaces to accommodate approximately 80% of staff at full capacity and will encourage continued use of public transit, supported by nearby C11 and C55 Metrobus routes.

To further mitigate traffic concerns, Global Citizens PCS will have at least four adults directing traffic during drop-off and dismissal to ensure

safety and a smooth traffic flow. The school's before-care and after-care programs will also allow families to drop off and pick up students at staggered times, reducing congestion during peak hours.

Additionally, Global Citizens PCS will avoid hosting large evening events, particularly during Nationals Park and Audi Field game nights, to minimize congestion and maintain a positive relationship with nearby residents.

**14. Complete and submit DC PCSB's 5-Year Operating Budget template in accordance with its instructions.**

Please see attached.



Natalie Smith, Ph.D. &lt;natalie@globalcitizensschool.org&gt;

## Facilities Update + Family Transportation Survey

Global Citizens Public Charter School <info@globalcitizensschool.org>  
To: Global Citizens Public Charter School <info@globalcitizensschool.org>  
Bcc: natalie@globalcitizensschool.org

Tue, Oct 14, 2025 at 8:00 AM

Dear Global Citizens Families,

As mentioned during Back-to-School Night, our Facilities Committee has been actively exploring long-term space options in Wards 7 and 8, where we've been rooted for the past three years. We remain committed to providing equitable access to dual language immersion east of the river.

Earlier this fall, we were close to securing a short- to mid-term colocation site less than a mile from our current building. Unfortunately, that opportunity fell through due to circumstances with the partner school that were outside of our control.

Given the ongoing challenges of finding suitable space in Wards 7 and 8, we've expanded our search to include nearby parts of Ward 6 — especially areas in close proximity to our current families and neighborhoods.

We are actively pursuing a very viable option and will share another update by the end of October. We'll also host a virtual meeting in late October or early November to walk through next steps and discuss the potential new site.

Families will have confirmation of our next location before EdFEST on December 13, 2025, ensuring you have ample time to make decisions that work best for your family.

Please take a moment to review our [Facility FAQs](#) for additional details.

### Family Transportation Survey (3-5 minutes)

As we plan ahead, we want to better understand your commuting needs. Please take a few minutes to complete our [Family Transportation Survey](#) to help us analyze current travel patterns and identify what supports may be needed.

We understand that it may be difficult to answer every question without knowing the exact address of a future siteright now — and that's okay. Just share what you can based on your current routine and what might work (or not work) if we moved slightly west toward Ward 6.

Your input will help us explore practical solutions, including:

- Coordinated carpools
- Metro or bus fare support
- Potential shuttle/van service
- Ideas we haven't thought of yet — that's where your voice matters most.

We understand that any change in location or commute may raise concerns, and we'll continue sharing updates — including more detailed information about the new site — through our Thursday Reminders and the virtual family meeting early next month.

Please complete the [Family Transportation Survey](#) by Friday, October 17, 2025. It should take you no more than 3-5 minutes to complete.

We know that potential change in location or commute may raise questions. We'll continue sharing updates through Thursday Reminders and at our upcoming virtual family meeting early next month.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns you have. Thank you so much!

Warm regards,  
The Global Citizens School Leadership Team

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## Facilities update + quick transportation survey (due Fri, Oct 17th)

Natalie Smith, Ph.D. <natalie@globalcitizensschool.org>  
To: allstaff@globalcitizensschool.org

Thu, Oct 9, 2025 at 4:25 PM

Dear Amazing Global Citizens Staff,

Thank you so much for your love, dedication, and daily support of our students. The impact you are making on each child will stay with them for a lifetime.

I wanted to take a moment to share a facility update as well as hear from you.

### Facilities Update

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### Transportation Survey (3-5 minutes; due Fri, Oct 17th)

As we plan ahead, we want to better understand your commuting needs. Please take a few minutes to complete our [Staff Transportation Survey](#) so we can analyze current travel patterns and identify what supports may be needed.

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### Quick huddle tomorrow

We will have a brief meeting in the PD room tomorrow, Friday, October 10th, at 3:30 pm. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Warm regards,  
Dr. Smith

Estimado personal de Amazing Global Citizens:

Muchas gracias por su amor, dedicación y apoyo diario a nuestros estudiantes. El impacto que están generando en cada niño permanecerá con ellos toda la vida.

Quería tomarme un momento para compartir una actualización de las instalaciones y también escuchar su opinión.

### **Actualización de las instalaciones**

Como se mencionó durante la Noche de Regreso a Clases, nuestro Comité de Instalaciones ha estado explorando activamente opciones de alojamiento a largo plazo en los Distritos 7 y 8, donde hemos estado establecidos durante los últimos tres años. Mantenemos nuestro compromiso de brindar acceso equitativo a la inmersión lingüística dual al este del río.

A principios de este otoño, estuvimos a punto de conseguir un lugar deubicación a corto y medio plazo a menos de una milla de nuestro edificio actual. Desafortunadamente, esa oportunidad se frustró debido a circunstancias ajenas a nuestro control con la escuela asociada.

Dados los desafíos constantes para encontrar un espacio adecuado en los distritos 7 y 8, hemos ampliado nuestra búsqueda para incluir partes cercanas al distrito 6, especialmente áreas cercanas a nuestras familias y vecindarios actuales.

Estamos buscando activamente una opción muy viable y compartiremos información actualizada a finales de octubre. También organizaremos una reunión virtual a finales de octubre o principios de noviembre para analizar los próximos pasos y discutir el posible nuevo sitio.

Las familias recibirán la confirmación de nuestra próxima ubicación antes del EdFEST del 13 de diciembre de 2025, lo que les permitirá tomar las decisiones más convenientes para sus familias. Queremos asegurarnos de que ustedes también lo hagan. Para más información, consulten nuestras Preguntas Frecuentes sobre las Instalaciones.

### **Encuesta sobre transporte (3 a 5 minutos; fecha límite: viernes 17 de octubre)**

Al planificar con anticipación, queremos comprender mejor sus necesidades de transporte. Tómese unos minutos para completar nuestra [Encuesta sobre transporte del personal](#) para que podamos analizar los patrones de viaje actuales e identificar qué apoyos pueden ser necesarios.

Sabemos que algunas preguntas pueden ser difíciles de responder sin una dirección exacta. No se preocupe, solo comparta lo que pueda según su rutina actual y lo que podría funcionar (o no) si nos mudamos un poco al oeste, hacia el Distrito 6.

Su aporte nos ayudará a explorar soluciones prácticas, entre ellas:

- Viajes compartidos coordinados
- Ayuda para la tarifa del metro o autobús
- Posible servicio de transporte/furgoneta
- Otras ideas en las que aún no hemos pensado: ahí es donde tu voz más importa.

Entendemos que cualquier cambio de ubicación o viaje puede generar inquietudes y continuaremos compartiendo actualizaciones, incluida información más detallada sobre el nuevo sitio, a través de correos electrónicos y una reunión de personal a principios del próximo mes.

### **Reunión rápida mañana**

Tendremos una breve reunión en la sala de desarrollo profesional mañana, viernes 10 de octubre, a las 15:30. ¡Espero tener noticias suyas pronto!

Un cordial saludo,  
Dr. Smith

**Natalie Smith, Ph.D. (she/her/hers)**

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## Join Us for a Virtual Community Gathering — Exciting News About Our New Home!

**Global Citizens Public Charter School** <info@globalcitizensschool.org>

Tue, Nov 25, 2025 at 10:24 AM

To: "Natalie Smith, Ph.D." &lt;natalie@globalcitizensschool.org&gt;, Global Citizens Public Charter School

&lt;info@globalcitizensschool.org&gt;

Cc: Jenifer Moore &lt;jmoore@globalcitizensschool.org&gt;, Sean Flora &lt;sflora@globalcitizensschool.org&gt;, Chloe Jonas

&lt;cjonas@globalcitizensschool.org&gt;

Bcc: natalie@globalcitizensschool.org

Dear Global Citizens Families,

We are thrilled to invite you to an upcoming **Virtual Community Gathering for Global Citizens Public Charter School!**

During this meeting, we will share the **address of our new school home** and provide important updates about our relocation for the **2026–2027 school year**. We'll also share highlights from our **Family Commute Analysis**, which reflects the feedback and data families provided in our recent transportation survey.

This gathering will also be an opportunity to **hear from families, answer questions, and discuss any concerns** as we plan this exciting next step for our community.

### **Virtual Community Gathering Details**

**Date:** Monday, **December 1, 2025**

**Time:** 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Virtual via Zoom

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89523365020?pwd=TbZtx6WthGbDhS4TNTbIpQvZQ9hwMI.1>

**Meeting ID:** 895 2336 5020

**Passcode:** 770081

This will be a meaningful opportunity to come together as a community, learn more about our future home, review what we've learned from our commute analysis, and ensure family voices guide our planning.

We hope every family will join us virtually for this important and inspiring conversation.

Warm regards,

Dr. Natalie Smith

Founder + CEO | Head of School

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**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA (VIRTUAL)**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025**  
**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Register in advance for this meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_PUvJF83QvGGJCSPwVxN3Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PUvJF83QvGGJCSPwVxN3Q)

Agenda Item	Lead	Action	Relevant Materials	Time
Check-In/Mission Moment	Everyone	For Engagement	N/A	6:00 - 6:10
Vote to Approve the Board Meeting Agenda and Minutes from Last Board Meeting	Taura Smalls	Vote to Approve	Board Meeting Minutes from Last Meeting Board Meeting Agenda	6:10 - 6:15
Facility Updates	Facility Committee	For Review, Discussion, and Vote	Facility Updates	6:15 - 6:45
Next Steps and Closing	Taura Smalls	To Confirm and Assign Action Items	Review the next steps and complete them prior to our next meeting	6:45 - 6:50
<b>CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION</b> To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, performance evaluation, compensation, discipline, demotion, removal, or resignation of government appointees, employees, or officials, or of public charter school personnel, where the public body is the board of trustees of a public charter school pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(10), and to discuss trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from outside the government or public body, to the extent that disclosure would result in substantial harm to the competitive position of the person from whom the information was obtained pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(11).				
Personnel and Financial Updates	Taura Smalls	For Discussion	N/A	6:50 - 8:00

*This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at [opengovoffice@dc.gov](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov).*

## **Global Citizens Public Charter School**

### **December 15, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes**

#### **Call to Order**

The Global Citizens Public Charter School Board meeting was called to order by Taura Smalls at 6:07 pm on December 15, 2025. The meeting was held electronically via Zoom.

#### **Board Attendees Present**

- Taura Smalls
- Dr. Natalie Smith
- Lisa Rucker
- Monique Kerr
- Dr. Elfreda Massie
- Robin Roopnarine (Joined at 6:15 pm)
- Tom Kellogg (Joined at 6:15 pm)
- Donique Muhammad (Joined at 6:22 pm)
- Kristal Hartsfield (Joined at 6:36 pm)

#### **School Administration Attendees Present**

- Sean Flora

#### **Facility Committee Members Present**

- Autumn Tomlin
- Molly Melloh

#### **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

A motion to approve the December 15, 2025, board meeting agenda and the November 2025 board meeting minutes was made by Lisa Rucker and seconded by Dr. Elfreda Massie. The motion was carried unanimously.

- Taura Smalls – Aye
- Dr. Natalie Smith – Aye
- Lisa Rucker - Aye
- Dr. Elfreda Massie – Aye
- Monique Kerr - Aye

## Facility Committee Updates

Dr. Natalie Smith provided an update on the planned relocation to 1900 Half Street, Suite 101 in Ward 6 (SW), approximately 13–15 minutes from the current location. The facility, a former school site of approximately 20,000 square feet, currently includes 12 classrooms, with plans to accommodate Global Citizens PCS's need for at least 16 classrooms. The update included anticipated operational changes, including extended school hours (8:00 a.m.–3:45 p.m.), affordable before-care starting at 7:00 a.m., after school programming through 6:00 p.m., staff garage parking, and implementation of a kiss-and-ride arrival and dismissal process. Initial positive family feedback regarding safety, commute time, and overall location were also shared. Additional considerations discussed included continuation of the dual language immersion program, review of meal service options, and advance communication with families regarding nearby stadium event schedules. The team has already met with two ANC 6D Commissioners, and we plan to present at the ANC 6D community meeting in January 2026. We have an outreach plan and have begun outreach to principals and school leaders at surrounding schools, recreation centers, and other community stakeholders.

Autumn Tomlin (Rosewood Strategies) provided an update on site negotiations and the planned renovation. She outlined plans to expand the facility into adjacent residential-use areas, including storage/trash space and the leasing office suite, to add additional classrooms, bathrooms, and office space. She also noted plans to convert an existing residential dog park into an outdoor play area for students, with additional nearby green space available.

Dr. Elfreda Massie asked a question about the amount of outdoor space that is being converted from a recreational area. Autumn Tomlin explained that the outdoor play area will be converted from an existing residential-use space and that final square footage details are pending receipt of updated floor plans from the landlord. It was noted that while some logistical challenges remain, the space is expected to be sufficient to meet program needs.

Dr. Natalie Smith asked Autumn Tomlin to share more about what is included in the renovation budget of \$3-\$4 million. Autumn Tomlin shared the background of the site—it's a mixed used site that was developed by Douglas Development and PTM Partners that was completed in 2020. Autumn detailed upgrades to existing finishes and safety systems (including flooring, painting, and access control) as well as substantial construction and technical integration to convert residential-use areas to school use, including HVAC, electrical, and plumbing. She further noted that the budget includes both hard and soft costs.

Dr. Natalie Smith provided an update on the facility amendment process related to the planned relocation, including outreach to nearby public and public charter schools, school leaders, and

community stakeholders. She also shared a few concerns that were raised by the ANC 6D commissioners regarding parking and traffic in the Buzzard Point area.

Dr. Natalie Smith shared that a commute analysis of families and staff indicated sufficient garage parking for staff, alleviating concerns about on-street parking. Additional mitigation strategies discussed included coordination around nearby stadium event schedules, implementation of a kiss-and-ride arrival and dismissal process, reinstatement of designated no-parking zones, outreach to DC Safe Passage, and pursuit of a crossing guard. These measures will be finalized following lease execution.

Tom Kellogg asked about the feedback we've received thus far from families. Dr. Natalie Smith shared that overall feedback from families who completed the survey was positive. Some families are still trying to determine how they will commute to the new location. She mentioned the midyear survey that has a question on whether families intend to re-enroll their children along with an area to put their rationale.

Malanda Daniel Worrell asked how EdFEST was given our new location. Sean Flora responded that EdFEST was a hit, and families knew we were moving to Ward 6. We have about 25 families who have signed up for our upcoming virtual open houses. Some families live in Ward 8 right across the bridge and some work in the Navy Yard area, so they expressed that they are excited about our new location.

### **Executive Session**

Taura Smalls stated that we will enter into an executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, performance evaluation, compensation, discipline, demotion, removal, or resignation of government appointees, employees, or officials, or of public charter school personnel, where the public body is the board of trustees of a public charter school pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(10), and to discuss trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from outside the government or public body, to the extent that disclosure would result in substantial harm to the competitive position of the person from whom the information was obtained pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(11).

Taura Smalls asked for a motion to enter into executive session.

A motion to enter executive session was made by Lisa Rucker and seconded by Dr. Elfreda Massie.

Roll call vote:

Taura Smalls – Aye

Dr. Natalie Smith – Aye

Lisa Rucker – Aye

Robin Roopnarin – Aye  
Dr. Elfreda Massie – Aye  
Donique Muhammad - Aye  
Tom Kellogg - Aye  
Monique Kerr – Aye

The motion was carried unanimously.

The board entered executive session at 6:37 pm and returned at 7:59 pm.

Taura Smalls stated that we are returning from the Executive Session, and we will now vote on three measures.

**Approval on The Submission of the Facility Amendment to the DC Public Charter School Board**

A motion to approve the submission of the facility amendment to the DC Public Charter School Board to reflect the school's relocation to 1900 Half Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20024 was made by Dr. Natalie Smith and seconded by Dr. Elfreda Massie.

Roll call vote:

Taura Smalls – Aye  
Dr. Natalie Smith – Aye  
Lisa Rucker – Aye  
Robin Roopnarine – Aye  
Dr. Elfreda Massie – Aye  
Monique Kerr – Aye  
Donique Muhammad – Aye

The motion was carried unanimously.

**Approval on Submission of the OSSE Direct Loan application in the amount of \$1.4M, the OSSE Credit Enhancement application for \$1M, and the OSSE Request for Loan Extension application for the outstanding loan balance of approximately \$585K.**

A motion to approve the submission of the OSSE Direct Loan application in the amount of \$1.4M, the OSSE Credit Enhancement application for \$1M, and the OSSE Request for Loan Extension application for the outstanding loan balance of approximately \$585K was made by Dr. Smith and seconded by Monique Kerr.

Roll call vote:

Taura Smalls – Aye

Dr. Natalie Smith – Aye

Lisa Rucker – Aye

Robin Roopnarine – Aye

Dr. Elfreda Massie – Aye

Donique Muhammad – Aye

Monique Kerr – Aye

The motion was carried unanimously.

### **Approval on Pursuit of Additional Financing in the amount of \$950K for Construction**

A motion to approve the pursuit of additional financing in the amount of \$950K for construction was made by Dr. Smith and seconded by Lisa Rucker.

Roll call vote:

Taura Smalls – Aye

Dr. Natalie Smith – Aye

Lisa Rucker – Aye

Robin Roopnarine – Aye

Dr. Elfreda Massie – Aye

Donique Muhammad – Aye

Monique Kerr – Aye

The motion was carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Elfreda Massie and seconded by Robin Roopnarine.

Roll call vote:

Taura Smalls – Aye

Dr. Natalie Smith – Aye

Lisa Rucker – Aye

Robin Roopnarine – Aye

Dr. Elfreda Massie – Aye

Donique Muhammad – Aye

Monique Kerr – Aye

The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.



Natalie Smith, Ph.D. &lt;natalie@globalschool.org&gt;

## Meeting Request Regarding Global Citizens' Planned Relocation

Natalie Smith, Ph.D. <natalie@globalschool.org>  
To: 6d08@anc.dc.gov

Wed, Nov 19, 2025 at 8:00 AM

Dear Commissioner Hamilton,

My name is Natalie Smith, and I am the Founder + CEO of Global Citizens PCS. Global Citizens Public Charter School (Global Citizens) is Washington, DC's first dual language immersion public charter elementary school to offer both Mandarin Chinese and Spanish pathways. Our program pairs rigorous language immersion with a focus on social justice and whole child wellness, preparing students to become empathetic, globally competent leaders.

Since opening in 2021 with Pre-K3 and Pre-K4, we have grown to serve students through 3rd grade, and we will continue expanding to 5th grade by 2027. From the beginning, our mission has been to ensure that children east of and close to the Anacostia River have equitable access to high-quality dual language immersion opportunities—programs that are proven to support cognitive development, executive functioning, and cross-cultural understanding for all children.

As we plan for a long-term campus just west of the river, with direct access across the bridge, we remain deeply committed to serving the families who rely on us now and to strengthening partnerships with neighboring communities on both sides of the river.

Global Citizens is currently in the process of leasing the property at 1900 Half Street, SW, formerly the Eagle Academy Capitol Riverfront Campus. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you, either in person or virtually, to discuss this transition and to hear any thoughts or questions you may have.

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

Sincerely,  
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## Request to Present Global Citizens PCS Facility Plans at Upcoming ANC Meeting

Natalie Smith, Ph.D. <natalie@globalcitizensschool.org>  
To: "Hamilton, Rhonda N. (SMD 6D08)" <6d08@anc.dc.gov>

Mon, Dec 8, 2025 at 8:00 AM

Dear Commissioner Hamilton,

I hope you had a wonderful weekend!

My name is Natalie Smith, and I am the Founder + CEO of Global Citizens Public Charter School (Global Citizens). Global Citizens is Washington, DC's first dual language immersion public charter elementary school to offer both Mandarin Chinese and Spanish pathways. Our program pairs rigorous language immersion with a focus on social justice and whole child wellness, preparing students to become empathetic, globally competent leaders.

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As we plan for a long-term campus just west of the river, with direct access across the bridge, we remain deeply committed to serving the families who rely on us now and to strengthening partnerships with neighboring communities on both sides of the river.

Global Citizens is currently in the process of leasing the property at 1900 Half Street, SW, formerly the Eagle Academy Capitol Riverfront Campus. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you, either in person or virtually, to discuss this transition and to hear any thoughts or questions you may have. Could you please let me know if any of the following times work well for a 45-minute meeting this week?

- **Monday, December 8th (Today):** 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm
- **Wednesday, December 10th:** 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
- **Friday, December 12th:** 10:00 am – 11:00 am (virtual only) or 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

In addition, I would like to respectfully request to be added to the agenda for an upcoming ANC meeting to present our facility plans and gather community input.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration. I look forward to the opportunity to connect and collaborate with you.

Warmest regards,  
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## Request to Present at January 2026 ANC Meeting

Natalie Smith, Ph.D. <natalie@globalcitizensschool.org>

Fri, Dec 12, 2025 at 10:29 AM

To: "Kramer, Fredrica (SMD 6D07)" <6D07@anc.dc.gov>, "Hamilton, Rhonda N. (SMD 6D08)" <6d08@anc.dc.gov>, office@anc6d.dc.gov, "6d@anc.dc.gov" <6d@anc.dc.gov>

Cc: Sean Flora <sflora@globalcitizensschool.org>, Jenifer Moore <jmoore@globalcitizensschool.org>

Dear Commissioner Hamilton and Chair Kramer,

Thank you so much for taking the time to meet with members of our Global Citizens PCS team. It was truly a pleasure speaking with you. Hearing your insights about the community and having the opportunity to share more about Global Citizens was invaluable.

**I am writing to formally request that Global Citizens PCS be added to the agenda for the January 2026 ANC meeting to present our facility plans and gather community input.**

As mentioned, Global Citizens PCS is currently in the process of leasing the property at **1900 Half Street, SW**, formerly the Eagle Academy Capitol Riverfront Campus. Global Citizens is Washington, DC's first dual language immersion public charter elementary school to offer both Mandarin Chinese and Spanish pathways. Our program combines rigorous language immersion with a focus on social justice and whole child wellness, preparing students to become empathetic, globally competent leaders.

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As we plan for a long-term campus just west of the river, with direct access across the bridge, we remain deeply committed to serving the families who rely on us now and to strengthening partnerships with neighboring communities on both sides of the river.

It was also great to have the opportunity to discuss potential parking and traffic concerns. As we shared, we have secured sufficient parking spaces for all of our staff members and are committed to working closely with families and community members to develop solutions that minimize congestion during key times, ensuring a smooth transition for everyone.

**Please let me know what information or materials would be most helpful in advance of the meeting.**

Thank you again for your time, thoughtful engagement, and willingness to partner with us.

Wishing you both a wonderful holiday season!

Warmest regards,  
Natalie

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## Meeting Request Regarding Global Citizens' Planned Relocation

Natalie Smith, Ph.D. <natalie@globalschool.org>  
To: callen@dccouncil.gov

Mon, Dec 8, 2025 at 12:39 PM

Dear Councilmember Charles Allen,

My name is Natalie Smith, and I am the Founder + CEO of Global Citizens Public Charter School (Global Citizens). Global Citizens is Washington, DC's first dual language immersion public charter elementary school to offer both Mandarin Chinese and Spanish pathways. Our program pairs rigorous language immersion with a focus on social justice and whole child wellness, preparing students to become empathetic, globally competent leaders.

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As we plan for a long-term campus just west of the river, with direct access across the bridge, we remain deeply committed to serving the families who rely on us now and to strengthening partnerships with neighboring communities on both sides of the river.

Global Citizens is currently in the process of leasing the property at 1900 Half Street, SW, formerly the Eagle Academy Capitol Riverfront Campus. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you, either in person or virtually, to discuss this transition and to hear any thoughts or questions you may have.

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

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## Request for Feedback and Meeting Regarding Global Citizens PCS Relocation to 1900 Half Street, SW

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**Natalie Smith, Ph.D.** <natalie@globalcitizensschool.org>  
To: "Brann, Jasmine (DCPS)" <jasmine.brann@k12.dc.gov>  
Cc: Sean Flora <sflora@globalcitizensschool.org>, Jenifer Moore <jmoore@globalcitizensschool.org>

Tue, Dec 9, 2025 at 9:52 AM

Dear Dr. Jasmine Brann,

I hope this message finds you well.

My name is Dr. Natalie Smith, and I am the Founder + CEO of Global Citizens Public Charter School (Global Citizens). Global Citizens is Washington, DC's first dual language immersion public charter elementary school to offer both Mandarin Chinese and Spanish pathways. Our program combines rigorous language immersion with a focus on social justice and whole child wellness, preparing students to become empathetic, globally competent leaders.

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As we plan for a long-term campus just west of the river, with direct access across the bridge, we remain deeply committed to serving our current families and to building strong partnerships with neighboring communities on both sides.

Global Citizens is currently in the process of leasing the property at 1900 Half Street, SW, formerly the Eagle Academy Capitol Riverfront Campus. I know that Shirley Chisholm Elementary School also offers a dual language immersion program in Spanish, and I would welcome the opportunity to discuss any potential concerns this transition might raise, as well as explore possible areas of collaboration or partnership.

As part of our commitment to collaboration and transparency, we are reaching out to nearby schools to gather feedback on how this move may affect students, families, and the broader community. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you, either in person or virtually, at a time convenient for you. The purpose of the meeting would be to hear your feedback, answer any questions, and discuss ways we might work together in serving our students and families.

Please let us know your availability, and we will do our best to accommodate your schedule.

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

Warm regards,

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## Request for Feedback and Discussion Regarding Global Citizens PCS Relocation to 1900 Half Street, SW

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**Natalie Smith, Ph.D.** <natalie@globalcitizensschool.org>

Tue, Dec 9, 2025 at 2:00 PM

To: "bruce.jackson2@k12.dc.gov" &lt;bruce.jackson2@k12.dc.gov&gt;

Cc: Jenifer Moore &lt;jmoore@globalcitizensschool.org&gt;, Sean Flora &lt;sflora@globalcitizensschool.org&gt;

Dear Principal Bruce Jackson,

I hope this message finds you well.

My name is Dr. Natalie Smith, and I am the Founder + CEO of Global Citizens Public Charter School (Global Citizens). Global Citizens is Washington, DC's first dual language immersion public charter elementary school offering both Mandarin Chinese and Spanish pathways. Our program combines rigorous language immersion with a focus on social justice and whole child wellness, preparing students to become empathetic, globally competent leaders.

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As we plan for a long-term campus just west of the river, we remain deeply committed to serving our current families while building strong partnerships with neighboring communities on both sides.

Global Citizens is currently in the process of leasing the property at 1900 Half Street, SW, formerly the Eagle Academy Capitol Riverfront Campus. Given Amidon-Bowen Elementary School's proximity and strong presence in the Southwest community, I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to connect with you to discuss this transition, hear any feedback or questions you may have, and explore potential opportunities for collaboration in serving local students and families.

As part of our commitment to transparency and community partnership, we are reaching out to nearby schools to gather insights on how this move may affect families and the broader community. We would welcome the chance to meet with you, either in person or virtually, at a time that works best for your schedule.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to the opportunity to connect and collaborate with you.

Warm regards,  
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## Request for Feedback and Discussion Regarding Global Citizens PCS Relocation to 1900 Half Street, SW

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**Natalie Smith, Ph.D.** <natalie@globalcitizensschool.org>

Tue, Dec 9, 2025 at 2:01 PM

To: allecyn.gay.howard@k12.dc.gov

Cc: Jenifer Moore &lt;jmoore@globalcitizensschool.org&gt;, Sean Flora &lt;sflora@globalcitizensschool.org&gt;

Dear Principal Allecyn Howard,

I hope this message finds you well.

My name is Dr. Natalie Smith, and I am the Founder + CEO of Global Citizens Public Charter School (Global Citizens). Global Citizens is Washington, DC's first dual language immersion public charter elementary school offering both Mandarin Chinese and Spanish pathways. Our program combines rigorous language immersion with a focus on social justice and whole child wellness, preparing students to become empathetic, globally competent leaders.

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Global Citizens is currently in the process of leasing the property at 1900 Half Street, SW, formerly the Eagle Academy Capitol Riverfront Campus. Given Jefferson Middle School Academy's strong presence in the Southwest community and its vital role in supporting students as they transition into adolescence, I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to connect with you to discuss this transition, hear any feedback or questions you may have, and explore potential opportunities for collaboration in serving local students and families.

As part of our commitment to transparency and community partnership, we are reaching out to nearby schools to gather insights on how this move may affect families and the broader community. I would welcome the chance to meet with you, either in person or virtually, at a time that works best for your schedule.

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

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## Request for Feedback and Discussion Regarding Global Citizens PCS Relocation to 1900 Half Street, SW

**Natalie Smith, Ph.D.** <natalie@globalcitizensschool.org>

Tue, Dec 9, 2025 at 5:45 PM

To: maquita.alexander@k12.dc.gov

Cc: Jenifer Moore &lt;jmoore@globalcitizensschool.org&gt;, Sean Flora &lt;sflora@globalcitizensschool.org&gt;

Dear Principal Maquita Alexander,

I hope this message finds you well.

My name is Dr. Natalie Smith, and I am the Founder + CEO of Global Citizens Public Charter School (Global Citizens). Global Citizens is Washington, DC's first dual language immersion public charter elementary school offering both Mandarin Chinese and Spanish pathways. Our program combines rigorous language immersion with a focus on social justice and whole child wellness, preparing students to become empathetic, globally competent leaders.

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Global Citizens is currently in the process of leasing the property at 1900 Half Street, SW, formerly the Eagle Academy Capitol Riverfront Campus. Given Van Ness Elementary School's strong presence and deep engagement in the Southwest community, I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to connect with you to discuss this transition, hear any feedback or questions you may have, and explore potential opportunities for collaboration in serving local students and families.

I also want to personally thank you for your encouragement, collaboration, and support during the planning phase of Global Citizens. Your insight has been invaluable to me, and I remain deeply grateful for the ways you've contributed to the broader educational community in DC.

As part of our commitment to transparency and community partnership, we are reaching out to nearby schools to gather insights on how this move may affect families and the broader community. I would welcome the chance to meet with you, either in person or virtually, at a time that works best for your schedule.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to connecting with you soon.

Warm regards,  
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## Connection with AppleTree Ward 6 School Leaders

**Natalie Smith, Ph.D. <natalie@globalcitizensschool.org>**  
To: Jack McCarthy <jmccarthy@appletreeinstitute.org>

Thu, Dec 11, 2025 at 11:02 AM

Hi Jack,

I hope you're doing well.

As you may know, Global Citizens PCS is in the process of leasing the property at 1900 Half Street SW—formerly the Eagle Academy Capitol Riverfront Campus. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with the school leaders of AppleTree Institute's Ward 6 campuses, either in person or virtually, to discuss this transition and hear any thoughts or questions they may have.

Would you be able to connect me with the school leaders or share their contact information?

Thank you so much, and I hope you have a wonderful and restful holiday season!

Warm regards,  
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