



AGENDA

Centers for Applied Science and Technology
Board of Trustees Meeting | October 16, 2025
VelocityTX | 4:30 PM - 6 PM

1. **Welcome:** Storytelling at CAST Schools | Stephanie Gaitan and Josh Collins
2. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approve minutes from the August 21, 2025 Board Meeting
 - b. Approve minutes from the July 24, 2025 Special Board Meeting
 - c. Approve Executive committee minutes
 - d. Approve Business Development minutes
 - e. Approve Letter of Resignation - Shari Albright
 - f. Approve new board member Georgina Podjenski
 - g. Approve revised bylaws regarding the charge of the Executive Committee
3. **Board committee reports**
 - a. Executive Committee - Jeanne Russell
 - b. Business Development Committee - Leslie Cantu
4. **Board Shoutouts** | Eddie Rodriguez
5. **Board action items:**
 - a. Make a personal contribution to CAST Schools, of any amount, for FY 25-26
 - b. Support student in need of Emergency Funds for College
 - c. Identify an opportunity for CAST's project management apprentice to shadow
 - d. Help us identify additional corporate sponsors for the Youth Leadership work
 - e. Sign up now for the January 30 Senior Hiring Fair
6. **Strategic Direction update | Jen Maestas**
 - a. Aggregated feedback from principals, board and other key informants
 - b. Presentation of top level KPIs for our strategic plan (Jen Maestas)
 - c. Board feedback on proposed Graduate Success Report (Carnegie & Greater Texas Foundation Work)
7. **Strategic Metrics and Outcomes (selected KPIs) | Eddie Rodriguez**
 - a. Jr./Sr. Data from BOY interviews - actionable info
8. **Development Update | Nicole Amri**
 - a. 2025-2026 Goals
 - b. Youth Leadership Campaign
 - c. Grants
 - d. Areas of focus for fundraising as well as financial diversification
9. **Executive Session: The board will convene in Closed Session**
 - a. Approve proposal & timeline for Executive Director selection process (Katie Chain to present)
 - b. Financials
10. **Updates: Board approved End of Year financials during August 21 meeting via electronic vote**
11. **Upcoming Events**
 - a. CAST Schools Career-Connecting Summit: October 28, 2025 at CPS Energy Headquarters
 - b. Next Board Meeting: Tues. December 9 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. @Toyotetsu
12. **Adjourn for CAST Network Board of Trustees and Reception**