

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMMON LOTTERY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2016
11:30 -1:00 PM
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 201**

I. Roll Call and Vote Ledger

Member Name (Designee)	Board Membership Status	Organization	Roll Call	DCLIP Data Request
Jennifer Niles	Chair and voting member	DME	X	Table
Anjali Kulkarni	Voting member	DCPS	X	Table
Colin Taylor	Voting member	DCPS	X	Table
Eugene Pinkard	Voting member	DCPS		
Shantelle Wright	Voting member	Achievement Prep		
Keisha Hutchinson (Rich Pohlman)	Voting member	TMA	X	Table
Susan Schaeffler	Voting member	KIPP DC	X	Table
Darren Woodruff	Non-voting member	PCSB	X	N/A
Hanseul Kang (Shana Young)	Non-voting member	OSSE	X	N/A
Catherine Peretti	Non-voting member	My School DC	X	N/A

Board Chair Niles called the meeting to order and called the roll. The Board approved the agenda unanimously.

II. Review Draft Minutes

The Board reviewed the draft minutes from the February 4, 2016 meeting. Board Member Peretti will be adding the note about schools potentially withdrawing from the lottery and the assurance from the PCSB. Any other comments are due March 11th and the Board will vote on April 25th along with the minutes from this meeting.

III. Parent Advisory Council

Aryan Bocquet from My School DC gave an overview of what the Parent Advisory Council is and the Board reviewed their letter. The Board heard concerns from the Ward 7, Ward 6 and Ward 8 parent representatives and responded to each. The Board also requested to be added to the Outlook invitations for PAC meetings, which take place two weeks before each quarterly Board meeting.

IV. Data Display

The My School DC team presented a mock-up of the online display for the approved data elements: number of seats made available in the lottery and number of waitlist offers made. Board Member Schaeffler suggested separating the seats available from the table on waitlist movement and several Board members concurred. Mr. Pohlman asked if it was possible for schools to provide context or footnote numbers so as not to set false hope or expectations for parents. Board Member Woodruff suggested a text box with an example for those who are not inclined to look at data tables.

Board Chair Niles confirmed that DCPS will not be changing the elements of lottery data that they currently make available publically.

V. DCLIP Data Request

The DC Language Immersion Project (DCLIP) obtained letters of support from 9 schools (5 charters and 4 DCPS schools). No opposition has been expressed by any schools. DCLIP is talking to two research entities. The comments from Mr. Pohlman are well taken and DCLIP hopes to narrow down which they will use by the end of this month.

Board Member Schaeffler asked if there are any dual language schools opposed to this request. DCLIP emailed all DL programs – no one responded negatively and nine of sixteen responded positively.

Board Member Woodruff asked what the value added to the Common Lottery Board by this research would be? Ms. Bertelli responded that it could better explain what waitlists really mean with regard to DLI demand.

Board Member Schaeffler and Board Member Kulkarni asked why the data couldn't come from the schools themselves since they are supportive. Why through the Common Lottery Board? Ms. Bertelli said there is a burden on the school and also on DCLIP to collect from individual schools, and for the schools to provide it. Board Member Peretti noted that one of the questions in the data request is related to how individual applicants rank the school – and the schools do not have this data.

Mr. Pohlman expressed concern that this is not only a research request – but that the data will be used for advocacy. He wants to ensure that the methodologies are reliable and does not want to approve this without knowing the methodologies. Board Member Schaeffler concurred and adds that this is setting the precedent for schools to use lottery data to promote their model. She is also concerned about the board's capacity to review the research requests.

Board Member Taylor asked if My School DC research requests need to have IRB approval? He thinks that might be a good protective step. DCPS does IRB approved requests only, so he would move to table this.

Board Chair Niles moved to table the request until DCLIP provides a written response to all of Mr. Pohlman's concerns in the request document, and pending IRB approval from AIR or the other institution related to American University. Vote carried unanimously.

Board Member Woodruff s said we should be clearer on what we consider acceptable requests and Board Chair Niles concurred that it should be an annual conversation. Board Members Kulkarni and Taylor asked to see requests that were approved before they became Board members. Mr. Pohlman thanked DCLIP for their effort.

VI. Adjourn