

Minutes of the District of Columbia Education Research Collaborative June 10, 2025.

The District of Columbia Education Research Collaborative (Collaborative) held a meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, over Zoom.

- I. Welcome and Opening
 - a. Call to order
Collaborative director Dara Shaw called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.
 - b. Announcement of a quorum
13 of 22 Advisory Committee members were present at the meeting. Quorum reached.
 - c. Advisory Committee cochair Aysha Keisler welcomes attendees and new at-large members of the Advisory Committee. New Advisory Committee members introduce themselves. Aysha Keisler goes over the process of recruitment and recommendations for the next time the Advisory Committee is recruiting new members.
 - d. Member share-out
Collaborative members briefly share projects, publications, events, successes, or initiatives happening at their institutions, schools, or communities.
- II. Governance and Operations
 - a. Dara Shaw reviews the Collaborative's structure and processes for community centered action research.
 - b. Dara Shaw reviews the roles of the Advisory Committee, Research Council, and staff of the Collaborative.
- III. Director's Report
 - a. Collaborative in Action
Dara Shaw shares updates from different projects in the pipeline and a timeline on when the Collaborative can hear more about each project.
 - b. Communications
Dara Shaw urges members to share and invite us in to talk about your organization, institutions, or community to do research with us. Invite us to join your events and programs.
 - c. Research Pipeline
 - i. Urban Institute researchers Jay Carter and Brendan Chen shares research project on school attendance with key definitions for Collaborative's feedback such as defining "good" attendance and "poor" attendance. Collaborative members discuss how to conceptualize and measure school attendance and predictors of attendance with available data.
 - ii. Collaborative members review early findings on chronic absenteeism, predictors of chronic absenteeism, and change in attendance by ward, school level, charter status, and whether schools are in a designated safe passage zone. Collaborative members discuss relevant context for the data and its framing.
- IV. Partner Spotlight
Jade Chandler of the Deputy Mayor for Education's Office of Education Through Employment Pathways shares findings from DC Alumni Early Career Outcomes survey. Collaborative members review data related to financial and overall well-being of DC alumni and discuss additional research questions and context for the findings.
- V. Next Steps and Adjournment
 - a. Dara Shaw thanks everyone for their time and feedback and hopes for following and sharing each other's work through the website, social media, and partner spotlights. There will be a follow-up email sent to all members to respond with additional feedback.
 - b. Advisory Committee cochair DaSean Jones closed out the meeting by thanking everyone on the Collaborative and sharing details of the next meeting.

c. The meeting adjourned by 5:56 pm.