

## MINUTES OF THE UTAH STATE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (Additional Meeting)

Thursday, June 26, 2025

**Virtual Attendance with an anchor location:**

**10008 Creek Run Way, Sandy, UT, 84070**

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**Members Present Virtually:**

- Chair Stephanie Speicher
- Vice Chair Erik Olson
- Member Krystle Bassett
- Member Clint Biesinger
- Member Susan Pulsipher

**Staff Present:**

- Dr. Paul Kremer
- Marie Steffensen
- Andrea Jones
- Lisa Cooper
- Amy Pace
- Smriti Dhakal
- Betty Jimenez

**Others Present:**

- USBE Liaison Rod Hall (virtually)

**(9:12 AM) MEETING BEGINS**

**Consent Calendar**

Vice Chair Erik Olson: "I move to move American Principles Academy piece so that we can vote on that separately."

Chair Stephanie Speicher: "We will go ahead and pull APA Cedar City."

Vice Chair Erik Olson: "I will be abstaining from voting on that, so we separate that out so I can vote on the others and the board can vote on it separately."

Chair Stephanie Speicher: "I would like to entertain motion for the A and C on the consent calendar."

Vice Chair Erik Olson: "I move we approve those Chair."

Member Clint Biesinger: "I second."

All members say "aye". Motion passes unanimously.

Chair Stephanie Speicher: "I would like to entertain a motion for the section B of the consent calendar for the Cedar Charter Holder (APA–Cedar City) to Utah Charter Academies Charter Agreement."

Member Clint Biesinger: "I go ahead and make a motion that we approve as that it was described on the consent calendar item B."

Member Susan Pulsipher: "I second."

All remaining members say "aye". Chair Stephanie Speicher noting Vice Chair Erik Olson was abstaining from voting on that item.

#### **Discussion and Action Item: Readiness to Open Report ThrivePoint Academy**

Executive Director Dr. Paul Kremer began the item by introducing those present from ThrivePoint Academy and providing an overview of ongoing work since the last board meeting, where the board voted to revisit this item after receiving additional information and supporting documentation regarding readiness to open. Dr. Kremer addressed all items of concern previously raised by the board, including enrollment, which was a primary issue. SCSB team member Smriti Dhakal then presented a budget overview as requested by the board. Dr. Kremer reviewed the memoranda of understanding (MOUs) between ThrivePoint and both Itineris Early College and Mountain Heights Academy; Director Dr. Tonks from Mountain Heights Academy also spoke to the MOU and provided relevant information. Dr. Kremer concluded his presentation with supporting documents for ThrivePoint and offered a suggested board motion. The Board and ThrivePoint engaged in a discussion addressing follow-up questions and concerns, with ThrivePoint providing responses to those inquiries.

Vice Chair Erik Olson: "I move to certify in writing to USBE by June 30<sup>th</sup>, that ThrivePoint is ready to open and enrollment is on track to be sufficient to meet the school's financial obligations and implement the charter school agreement."

Member Krystle Bassett: "I will second that."

Member Biesinger continues with a few comments with their financials and gives some opinions on what he would like for them to do and see what could make them successful. Member Susan Pulsipher gave some concerns and comments on her thoughts of the school and their MOU's. Member Krystle Bassett shared a few comments as well.

Chair Stephanie Speicher states there is a motion on the table and calls for a vote to move to certify in writing to the Utah State Board of Education, by June 30<sup>th</sup>, that ThrivePoint Academy is ready to open, including enrollment is on track to be sufficient to meet the school's financial obligations and implement the charter school agreement.

Chair Stephanie Speicher: "All those in favor say "aye". "I am also in favor."

All members say "aye". Motion passes unanimously.

PENDING