

Odyssey Charter School Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members: Aaron Goodrich (Chair), Benjamin Morris, Evan Morris, Raven Ngatuvai, Jackie Ambridge, Lance Dobson, Darrick Smith

August 14, 2025, Odyssey Charter School Music Room 6:30pm

Welcome/ call to order:

- approve Agenda
- approve minutes from June 12, 2025, meeting

Public comment

Please limit comments to 5 minutes. The board may comment on issues raised during this period, but State law does not allow the board to take final action on issues raised during this time unless they are already on the agenda for a vote (USC-52-4-202 6c).

Training: “School Land Trust Grant Overview”

Update of Board Member Training Completion

Almost all board members need to complete by this weekend.

School performance (15 minutes)

- Director's report

3rd grade is smallest and going to work with teachers on retention strategies

8/21 - Asking for feedback from back to school night for parents

School culture training for staff who will be presenting throughout the year

- Business Manager's Report

- Audit begins Monday 8/18 for typically 2 days
 - Acknowledged Ms. Austin's efforts to specify expenditures
 - Pascal helping with ratio for the cash audit end
- Firedrill required in the first two weeks of school with AF Fire Dept.
- Full compliance with trained-on-site school guardian (contingencies in place for compliance)
- New playground, quick turn-around, great to work with, responsive and gave spare parts (Lucky Dog Recreation)

Governance (30 minutes)

- Discuss H3 Request for Information

Moved to closed session

- Review & Approval of Student Firearm Training program

- In response to new state law: Met with AF Police Dept. and the program was not age appropriate

- Mr. Schellhouse spoke with SRO who suggested doing something in conjunction with a public outreach officer that can do an assembly for lower and upper grades separately.
- Mr. Goodrich recommends sharing the Lets Program: YouTube safety training video curriculum with upper grades and parents.
- Review & Approval of Emergency Response Plan
- Review & Approval of Personal Electronic Devices in School Policy
- Review of Attendance Policy
- Review of Bullying Cyberbullying Hazing Retaliation Policy
- Review of Child Abuse Neglect Policy
- Review of Head Injury Policy
- Review of Wellness Policy
- Review of Non-Employee Presence During School Hours Policy
 - Addressing staff visitors influx end of last school year, better accounting of who is in the building
 - Front office must be vigilant for visitors
 - Question posed: How do we help parents understand their rights and rules coming into the school?
 - Ms. Austin working on parent communication strategies
- Review of Early Learning Plan for 2025-2026
 - Reviewed by Board
- EL #2a: Treatment of Families
Approved
- EL #1: Global Executive Limitations Policy
Approved by majority in favor
 - ~~Mr. Evan Morris would like to address amendment consideration in board retreat or in the next board meeting as there is a question of if “compliant” actually means “unlawful” in this context.~~
 - Our consultant, Dr. Carpenter, who helped us write our policies, acknowledges that there will never be full compliance with certain policies and they are built that way because they are simply too big in his opinion.
 - Demonstrating progress is the compliance
- BMD #3a 1-2: Unity of Control
Approved
- BMD #3b 1-3: Accountability of the CEO
Approved chair’s assertion of non-compliance
 - Mr. Goodrich recommends that the board financial requests should be addressed to both Ms. Austin and Mr. Schellhouse.
 - Ms. Ambridge suggests considering an exclusion of the word “only” and will review the language to amend the policy at the next board meeting.
 - Caution not to step too deep into the weeds vs. our ability to monitor appropriate financials

Closed Session

Closed session in accordance with Utah code 52-4-205; (a) discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; (b) strategy sessions to discuss collective bargaining; (c) strategy sessions to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation; (d) strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property; (e) strategy sessions to discuss the sale of real property.

Next meeting: September 11, 2025 @ 6:30

Adjourn

BLUE = Next Meeting Agenda Follow-up