

## Scholar Academy Board of Directors Meeting

**Date:** 10.22.2025

**In Attendance:** Dusty Griffith, Johanna Leonelli, Jacob Howarth, Traelle Gailey,

**Excused:** Sandra Shepard

**Others in Attendance:** Jeff Hall, Priscilla Stringfellow, Hannah Jones, Collin Post, Neil Garner, Mishala Pilling

**Location:** <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/88436829454>

*Scholar Academy is committed to creating a learning environment that fosters in students the development of divergent thinking and problem-solving skills, providing opportunities which enable all students to develop a sense of civic responsibility and achieve their highest potential.*

### MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER** Dusty Griffith called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**CLOSED SESSION** - to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(l)(a).

At 7:08 PM Dusty Griffith made a motion to enter a closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(l)(a). Jacob Howarth seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Dusty Griffith, Aye; Johanna Leonelli, Aye; Jacob Howarth, Aye; Traelle Gailey, Aye.

At 8:25 PM Dusty Griffith made a motion to leave the closed session and enter the general meeting. Johanna Leonelli seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Dusty Griffith, Aye; Johanna Leonelli, Aye; Jacob Howarth, Aye; Traelle Gailey, Aye.

### VOTING & DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Consulting Agreement

The board discussed the agreement and discussed the expectations and timeline outlined in the agreement. There was no further discussion.

Dusty Griffith made a motion to approve the consulting agreement and allow board chair Dusty Griffith and Director Jeff Hall to sign the agreement. Johanna Leonelli

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seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Dusty Griffith, Aye; Johanna Leonelli, Aye; Jacob Howarth, Aye; Traelle Gailey, Aye

- Board Member Terms, Roles, & Elected Officers

The board discussed and evaluated the candidates for the open board positions. The candidates were interviewed and informed on board expectations. The new board members will hold a temporary position and a 3 year term. Sandra Shepard will be placed on a leave of absence with an automatic renewal as soon as her duties as consultant for the school have been completed.

*Dusty Griffith made a motion to place board member Sandra Shepard on a leave of absence with her automatic renewal in the discussed timeline and elect Neil Garner to fill her position for her leave of absence and elect Collin Post as a board member. Traelle Gailey seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Dusty Griffith, Aye; Johanna Leonelli, Aye; Jacob Howarth, Aye; Traelle Gailey, Aye*

## CALENDARING

The next board meeting is November 20th, 2025, at 5:00 PM in person at the school.

## ADJOURN

*At 8:31 PM Dusty Griffith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Traelle Gailey seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Dusty Griffith, Aye; Johanna Leonelli, Aye; Jacob Howarth, Aye; Traelle Gailey, Aye*

## Scholar Academy Board of Directors Closed Session

Meeting Date: 10.22.2025

Location:

### **CLOSED SESSION SWORN STATEMENT:**

At a duly noticed public meeting held on the date listed above, the board of directors for Scholar Academy entered a closed session for the sole purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual in accordance with Utah Code Ann. 52-4-2(1)(a).

I declare under criminal penalty under the law of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, located in Tooele, UT.



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