

**Utah Virtual Academy
Governing Board of Directors
Board Meeting**

Date: November 13, 2025

Time: 6:30PM

Location: 310 E. 4500 S., Suite 620; Murray, UT 84107

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88146624618?pwd=5mb7ucFO2vJY84QzpW5qeHS8xPmDIU.1&from=addon>

In Attendance: Dallin Drescher, Doug DeVore, Armante Gordon, Marty Carpenter, Kellie Openshaw, Amberly Keeler

Others In Attendance: Tiffany Allen, Lacey Robinson, Jullian Burns, Lori Phillips, LuAnn Charles, Joette Hayden

Excused: Kristen Davidson, Brian Maxwell



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Dallin Drescher called the meeting to order at 6:32PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

SPOTLIGHTS

The board recognized several outstanding members of the UTVA community. Teachers highlighted included Jessie Russell for her exceptional curriculum development and schoolwide impact across middle school courses; Hazyn for her positivity and strong start as a first-year student; Mason and Mindy for their influential teaching, leadership, and commitment to student success. The board also celebrated Zack, a longtime UTVA student and current SBO President, for his leadership, academic excellence, and contribution to a positive school culture.

Marty Carpenter joined the meeting at 6:39 PM.

Kellie Openshaw joined the meeting at 6:45 PM.

BUSINESS ITEMS (Discussion and Voting)

- Finance Report

The board reviewed the October 2025 financials, noting revenues slightly ahead of schedule and expenses tracking appropriately for this point in the year. Cash remains strong compared to last year, with additional funds moved into the PTIF. The board also acknowledged receipt of September and October state allotments and reviewed the monthly invoices from K-12 Management and AW Services, with no new contracts or high-value invoices requiring approval. Doug DeVore inquired if there will be any delay in receiving of funds due to the government shutdown. Brad Taylor indicated that there are no delays at this time.

- Acceptance of State Revenue
- Bank Reconciliations and Payment and Deposit Registers

Doug DeVore made a motion to accept the state revenue and Bank Reconciliations and Payment and Deposit Registers. Dallin Drescher

seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Dallin Drescher, Aye; Doug DeVore, Aye; Armante Gordon, Aye; Marty Carpenter, Aye; Kellie Openshaw, Aye; Amberly Keeler, Aye.

- Invoice Approval for Purchases over \$25,000
There were no purchases above the \$25,000 limit.
- PTIF Transfer
A transfer was made for \$500,000 into the PTIF from the Zions.
- K12 / Stride Payment
- Academica West Payment
Dallin Drescher made a motion to approve the K12/Stride payments and Academica West payments as outlined in the finance packet. Doug DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Dallin Drescher, Aye; Doug DeVore, Aye; Armante Gordon, Aye; Marty Carpenter, Aye; Kellie Openshaw, Aye; Amberly Keeler, Aye.
- Director Report
 - Enrollment Report
 - Assessment Scores
 - School Branding Update
Meghan Meredith presented updates on enrollment, professional learning initiatives, academic performance, and ongoing branding work. Enrollment remains strong at 1,875 students with diverse demographic representation. The report highlighted continued investment in professional learning across all schools, steady gains in ELA proficiency and a solid graduation rate, and progress on the UTVA rebrand aimed at creating a modern, unified, and Utah-focused identity.
- Board Business
 - September 11, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
Doug DeVore made a motion to approve the September 11, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes Dallin Drescher seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Dallin Drescher, Aye; Doug DeVore, Aye; Armante Gordon, Aye; Marty Carpenter, Aye; Kellie Openshaw, Aye; Amberly Keeler, Aye.
 - School Year Calendar 2026/2027
The 2026/2027 school year calendar was presented. The outline meets all requirements.
Dallin Drescher made a motion to approve the 2026/2027 school year calendar. Doug DeVore seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Dallin Drescher, Aye; Doug DeVore, Aye; Armante Gordon, Aye; Marty Carpenter, Aye; Kellie Openshaw, Aye; Amberly Keeler, Aye.
- Policies
 - Hotline Complaint Policy
 - Graduation Dress Code Policy
 - Amended Bullying and Hazing Policy
 - Amended SHiNE Policy
The board reviewed several policy updates, including a new

Graduation Dress Code Policy to ensure clear expectations for students and families. The SHiNE Salary Supplement Policy was amended to align with high-need teaching areas and establish an annual salary supplement process for eligible educators. A Hotline Complaint Policy was introduced to meet R277-123 requirements, outlining how the school will respond to hotline reports and clarifying when complaints should follow existing grievance procedures. Finally, updates to the Bullying and Hazing Policy were approved to align with SB 223 and USBE rule changes, incorporating revised definitions, digital citizenship expectations, and additional protections for students and staff.

Dallin Drescher made a motion to approve the above policies. Doug DeVore seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Dallin Drescher, Aye; Doug DeVore, Aye; Armante Gordon, Aye; Marty Carpenter, Aye; Kellie Openshaw, Aye; Amberly Keeler, Aye.

CALENDARING

- Next Board Meeting January 8th, 2026 at 6:30PM

ADJOURN

At 7:47 PM Dallin Drescher made a motion to adjourn. Doug DeVore seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Dallin Drescher, Aye; Doug DeVore, Aye; Armante Gordon, Aye; Marty Carpenter, Aye; Kellie Openshaw, Aye; Amberly Keeler, Aye.