

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

Date: January 8, 2026

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, Brian Maxwell, Kristen Davidson, Marty Carpenter

Others In Attendance: Meghan Meredith, Lacey Robinson, Jillian Burns, Tiffany Allen, Ken Jeppesen, LuAnn Charles, Joette Hayden

Excused: Armante Gordon



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 student spotlights celebrating strong academic growth and engagement in early literacy and math. Alakai Sanchez (Kindergarten) was recognized for significant gains in reading and early numeracy skills through consistent participation and strong family support; Akira Sadler (1st Grade) was highlighted for above-typical growth in both reading and math; and Brianna Bybee (1st Grade) was acknowledged for well-above-typical progress in math and continued improvement in reading. These spotlights reflect the positive impact of targeted instruction, student effort, and strong collaboration between teachers and families. The board also recognized elementary teachers MyKayla Hayden, Amber Meyers, and Jaden Harding for their strong instructional impact, as reflected in student achievement gains in both math and reading.

Amberly Keeler joined the meeting at 6:37PM.

BUSINESS ITEMS (Discussion and Voting)

- Finance Report
 - Audit Presentation and Training

Ken Jeppesen presented the results of the annual independent audit conducted by Eide Bailly for the fiscal year ending June 30. He reported that the audit was completed in accordance with required standards, that the audit report was in good standing, and that the financial statements fairly represent the School's financial position and activities. Mr. Jeppesen thanked UTVA and Academica West for their extensive work and cooperation throughout the audit process, noting the significant effort involved.

Following the audit report Chantel Wixon reviewed the December 2025 financials, noting the school is 50% through the fiscal year with revenues slightly ahead of schedule and expenses generally tracking as expected. She shared that interest income remains strong, federal revenues will begin flowing in the coming months, and current net income stands at \$2.1 million, reflecting a solid financial position. The board also reviewed the November and December state allotments and the January invoices from K-12 Management and AW Services, with no contracts or large invoices requiring approval.

- Acceptance of State Revenue
Dallin Drescher made a motion to accept the state revenue. Doug DeVore seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Dallin Drescher, Aye; Doug DeVore, Aye; Brian Maxwell, Aye; Kristen Davidson, Aye.
- Bank Reconciliations and Payment and Deposit Registers
- Invoice Approval for Purchases over \$25,000
- K12 / Stride Payment
- Academica West Payment

There were no invoices over \$25,000 needing approval at this time.

Dallin Drescher made a motion to accept the Bank Reconciliations and Payment and Deposit Registers and approve the payment of the K12/Stride and Academica West invoices. Doug DeVore seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Dallin Drescher, Aye; Doug DeVore, Aye; Brian Maxwell, Aye; Kristen Davidson, Aye.

- Director Report
The Director's Report provided an update on enrollment, retention planning, and mid-year academic performance. Overall, early-grade growth remains strong, with reading continuing to improve year-over-year and math showing steady but uneven progress as content becomes more complex.

Brian Maxwell left the meeting during the director's report.

Marty Carpenter joined the meeting at the end of the director's report.

- Board Business
 - November 13, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
 - Policies
 - Amended Selection and Purchase of Instructional Materials Policy
 - Amended Fee Waiver Policy
 - Amended Student Conduct and Discipline Policy
 - K12 Contract Amendment
The Board reviewed proposed amendments to several policies to ensure alignment with recent legislative changes and updated USBE rules, including updates to the Fee Waiver Policy, Instructional Materials Policy, and Student Conduct and Discipline Policy. The amendments clarify fee requirements for secondary courses, update statutory citations for

instructional materials, and incorporate new requirements related to emergency safety interventions, due process, and discipline procedures. The Board also reviewed an amendment to the K–12 contract which outlined adjustments in the SOEP payment structure.

Dallin Drescher made a motion to approve the November 13, 2025 board meeting minutes; the above listed policies; and the K12 Contract Amendment. Kristen Davidson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Dallin Drescher, Aye; Doug DeVore, Aye; Marty Carpenter, Aye; Kristen Davidson, Aye.

- Board Member Terms and Elected Officers
Dallin Drescher discussed board terms and officers. The question on current roles and responsibilities was raised. All terms and positions remain intact at this time and will be revisited annually at the year end meeting in accordance with the board by-laws. No action at this time.

CALENDARING

- Next Board Meeting February 12, 2026 at 6:30PM

ADJOURN

At 7:50PM Dallin Drescher motioned to adjourn. Doug DeVore seconded. Motion was unanimous. Votes were as follows: Dallin Drescher, Aye; Doug DeVore, Aye; Marty Carpenter, Aye; Kristen Davidson, Aye.