



The Governing Board of Freedom Preparatory Academy

HELD A PUBLIC MEETING

IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

1761 WEST 820 NORTH, PROVO, UTAH

January 8, 2026, 12:00PM-2:37PM

In attendance via zoom: Austin Anderson, CAO, Lindsay Owen, CFO, board members Paul Baltes, Rex Galbraith, and Keith Powers, Executive Director Grayson Wolf, Director of Operations Buddy Ivie, Director of Finance Chris Helvey, Principals Cherlynn Imes, Matt Fullmer, Carrie Banfield, and Brandon Winn. Executive Secretary Tracey Noonan participated at the anchor location.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes from October 23, 2025, Governing Board Meeting

Lindsay Owen moved to approve minutes from September 18, 2025, Governing Board Meeting. Rex Galbraith seconded the motion. 4-0 passed, no opposition with Paul Baltes abstaining.

2. Executive Director Update

Grayson Wolf highlighted a couple of items from the update:

- Elementaries received state awards for reading progress.
- Intent to Return/Lottery season has begun!

Keith Powers commended the school for winning the reading award considering scores are so low nationwide. Grayson thanked teachers and literacy coaches for all their hard work.

3. Search and Seizure Policy Review

Buddy Ivie explained the need for a policy review and summarized some of the changes to this revised policy.

Paul Baltes led a discussion to review and clarify several edits.

Paul Baltes moved to approve the Search and Seizure Policy as presented with edits as discussed. Keith Powers seconded the motion. 5-0 passed, no opposition.

4. Approve academic calendars for 2026-2027 school year

Continued to next meeting.

5. Financial Review

Chris Helvey briefly summarized budgets/usage to this point in the school year (including briefing the board on the ERC monies received right before the holidays).

6. Possible Board action regarding staffing and/or contract matters

No discussion.

7. The Governing Board may consider a motion for a Closed Meeting in accordance with The Utah Open and Public Meetings Act for purposes outlined in Utah Code*

Lindsay Owen moved to enter into a Closed Meeting.

Rex Galbraith seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 5-0 passed, no opposition.

Governing Board entered Closed Meeting @ 12:28PM

Governing Board exited Closed Meeting @ 2:32PM

Lindsay Owen moved that the Governing Board terminate the Master Shared Services Agreement between Freedom Academy Foundation dba Freedom Preparatory Academy and The Freedom Network, LLC, effective immediately.

Rex Galbraith seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 5-0 passed, no opposition.

Lindsay Owen moved to terminate Chris Helvey's employment for cause, effective immediately.

Rex Galbraith seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. 5-0 passed, no opposition.

8. Adjourn

Rex Galbraith moved to adjourn @ 2:37PM.

*The Freedom Preparatory Academy Governing Board may consider a motion to close the meeting to hold a strategy session to discuss the purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of real property, and/or the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual or individuals or discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation in conformance with § 52-4-204 and 52-4-205 et. Seq., Utah Code Ann.