

Odyssey Charter School Governing Board Meeting

Board Members: Aaron Goodrich (Chair), Benjamin Morris, Evan Morris, Raven Ngatuvai, Trevor Lane

February 12, 2026, Odyssey Charter School Music Room 6:30pm

Welcome/ call to order:

- approve Agenda
 - Motion BM, Second TL – Approved BM, EM, TL. RN not present for vote
- approve minutes from January 08, 2026, meeting
 - Motion BM, Second TL – Approved BM, EM, TL. RN not present for vote

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: Dr. Carpenter #2

- EM indicated training included helpful reminders
- TL liked the framing of board monitoring using How well vs How will questions

Update of Board Member Training Completion

- TL needs to complete School Land Trust, State Auditor, and Opening Meetings training. Open meeting training is scheduled for March; he will complete the others before then and report back

School performance (15 minutes)

- Director's report
 - Ms. Austin (BA) reported the following
 - Seeing strong enrollment numbers for 26-27 school year
 - Offer letters will be sent out in March based on enrollment – appears we will need a new 2nd grade and 5th grade teacher. Will have 4 2nd grade classes and 3 5th grade classes
 - Reported Sped Math teacher accepted a new role – they have interviewed and will be making an offer to replacement teacher pending reference review on 2/13/26
 - Discussed school report card. Had strong result in literacy making typical achievement. Individual areas that need focus include math – this was lower due in part to having multiple math curriculums tested. For this school year all classes are on the same curriculum and all grades are converting to Revel. Additionally, had low progress in English Learners progress. Admin has identified areas that could be improved, last year school had 16 students in this program, this year we have 32. Students are originally screened in February, so it also makes it difficult to complete growth with only a couple of months remaining in the school year. Discussed that best results for these students come through immersion with teachers certified in TSOL. This is a 2-year process to certify teachers.

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- EM asked if ELL is increasing, are their other resources available to support students? BA indicated they could look at an ELL sped resource, but it would be focused on helping teachers in individual classes given immersion programs are the most effective. We do not have current resources to put teachers through ELL certification.
 - All new individuals identified on intent to enroll lists were invited to a school event. 30 families participated. It felt like good one on one time with each family. Admin will consider how to use this event in future and possibly replace the open house event
- Business Manager's Report
 - Mr Schellhous (RS) reported – if board members have specific questions on the financials, he would be happy to address them.
 - P&L has a difference in admin costs due to tax payments being made quarterly. Monthly amounts show significant discrepancy, but YTD will be in line with budget
 - 2025 Tax Use & Sales tax return has been filed
 - Board members are invited to attend the UCAPS conference June 10-11. The school will cover registration costs. If interested board members notify RA preferably before March to reduce registration costs. Wed sessions are 12-7 and Thur 8:30-4. Can view schedule online to identify if participating just one day would be beneficial
 - School conducted a lockdown drill. It went well, especially giving kids notice and avoided excessive anxiety about the event. Police could not participate but RS noted his observations the classes followed strong protocol. In one kindergarten class he observed he could not see any students. Most classes are set up to ensure safety in the event of a bad situation; some need extra precautions because of the larger window next to the door
 - School will conduct a fire drill in March. They are hoping to have the fire department participate.
 - RS reported they will have responses from potential attorneys for the school for the board to review, hopefully in March. Some have been slow to respond to request for fee schedule.

Governance (30 minutes)

- Review Board Elections Progress
 - RS reported currently on 2 applicants to fill the vacant seats.
 - TL asked if we could extend the applicant collection process. AG indicated if we don't fill seats through election the board can appoint after the fact and explained that process.
 - TL asked who applied – Ryan White and Yahya Khan
 - Indicated neither were candidates he had attempted to recruit but presented the idea of utilizing the school contact list to data mine public records and determine if there were individuals that have specific skill sets that are adept to the board needs, we could identify them and do more target outreach.

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- Discussed merits of this approach and generally agreed this is a valuable approach. Discussed concerns of sharing the list and best action to ensure information remains protected. RS can share but will do so only to TL. Also, any communication from the board will be drafted by the board but only sent from the main school contact to avoid confusion for families and consistency in communication standards.
 - RN had other contacts she could talk to about applying. Also verified the dates of elections Feb 20 – Feb 27 to align with Parent Teacher Conferences. No appetite to change the election dates.
 - RN reported on work completed to set up a google form for voting. Board members reviewed and agreed on the style and development of that tool
 - RS to print out advertisements for PTC that have QR code to link to simple voting with google form. Will keep the traditional ballot box and email voting available as well
- Student Fee Schedule and Fee Policy Review (1 of 2)
 - Policy was not changed, fee schedule removed the afterschool programs that are totally administered by another org because they just use the schools space, they administer and collect all fees for the program and do not share any of the revenue with the school.
 - Board acknowledged review of fee schedule – will be reviewed again and motion to approve in March board meeting
- Review and Approve School Trust Land Plan for FY27
 - BA shared with board final FY 25 plan report with board. Met goals in Literacy but came up short in math
 - BA shared with Trust Land Council (currently Odyssey Board of Directors) the recommended goals for 26-27 school year. Additional funds have been allocated.
 - Goal 1 is for Reading – funds spent to retain reading interventionist and supporting reading curriculum costs
 - Goal 2 is for Fine Arts – plans to hire part time art teacher to rotate through K-3 grades classes and support school curriculum for classical education.
 - Goal 3 – is for Mathematics – plan to pay for paraprofessional to conduct math intervention like reading interventionist and funds to support curriculum costs
 - Motion to approve plan BM 2nd TL, unanimous approval BM, EM, RN, TL
- Review and Approve Maturation Curriculum
 - Maturation curriculum approved by internal school committee. Presentation slides for female instructor shared with board, brief outline for boys instructor shared, but he does not have specific slides.
 - RN asked how the presenters plan to address pornography. BA indicated she wasn't fully sure, but in past had just stated if students see anything inappropriate to discuss with parent(s). RN expressed concern that different guidelines may exist in each household and presenters should be more specific about the school's rules around viewing inappropriate content. Discussed school sharing with parents a reminder about the school policy at that time.

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- TL asked for presenters to give more clarity about presentations for the board review in future
- RN asked how we could address questions students may have after the fact if they felt uncomfortable asking during the class or lacked support with those questions at home. Discussed if presenters could answer those questions. BA didn't have a good way of bringing them back for a 2nd discussion, but could ask presenters to review additional questions and possibly incorporate in future presentations
- Motion to approve curriculum BM 2nd TL, unanimous approval BM, EM, RN, TL
- Review and Approve Employee Background Check Policy
 - Policy had been updated based on previous board comments. RS reported it provides a clearer expectation if a background had issues and addresses how decisions would be made about the individual working at the school
 - TL asked how it was developed – RS used model policy from State Board and Alpine District to model guidelines
 - AG recommended board review this policy to include requirements for potential board members background checks. RS indicated it would need to be a separate board policy. Board will review adopting a similar policy in March
 - Motion to approve policy BM 2nd TL, unanimous approval BM, EM, RN, TL
- Review of Alternative Language Services Policy
 - Board acknowledges review of policy. No updates
- Review of Assessment of Student Achievement Policy
 - Board acknowledges review of policy. No updates
- Review of Assessment Policy for Home-School Students
 - Board acknowledges review of policy. No updates
- Global Ends #3a 2: Students will analyze (a) literature and (b) other texts.
 - Motion to approve director's interpretation of End by BM, 2nd TL, unanimous approval BM, EM, RN, TL
 - Motion to approve director's assertion of compliance of End by BM, 2nd TL, unanimous approval BM, EM, RN, TL
- Global Ends #3a 6: Students will have thinking skills, including basic formal logic and the ability to recognize logical fallacies.
 - Motion to approve director's interpretation of End by BM, 2nd TL, unanimous approval BM, EM, RN, TL
 - BA reported noncompliance – BM indicated it is tough to measure this end. BA indicated there is an assessment that she has reviewed that could be given to students in January to create a baseline for critical thinking skills and then used moving forward for this evaluation. BM supported that idea. TL asked for clarification on what the assessment is. BA reported it is questions to measure critical thinking
 - Motion to approve director's assertion of noncompliance of End by BM, 2nd TL, unanimous approval BM, EM, RN, TL
- EL #2b: Treatment of Faculty and Staff
 - Motion to approve director's interpretation of executive limitation by BM, 2nd TL, unanimous approval BM, EM, RN, TL
 - Motion to approve director's assertion of compliance of executive limitation by BM, 2nd TL, unanimous approval BM, EM, RN, TL

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- EL #2g: Compensation & Benefits
 - Motion to approve director's interpretation of End by BM, 2nd TL, unanimous approval BM, EM, RN, TL
 - Motion to approve director's assertion of compliance of End by BM, 2nd TL, unanimous approval BM, EM, RN, TL
- BMD #2a: Unity of Control
 - AG read the BMD and asserted board compliance
 - Motion to approve chairs assertion of compliance BM 2nd TL unanimous approval BM, EM, RN, TL
- GPP #3b 1-3: Board Job Description
 - AG read the GPP and identified it is not really a matter of compliance but do we agree with the job description of our duties.
 - Motion to approve GPP 3b 1-3 with no changes TL 2nd BM unanimous approval BM, EM, RN, TL
- GPP #4b: Board Job Description
 - AG read the BMD and asserted board compliance
 - Board reviewed the all policy documents in September and agreed with the Ends and Executive Limitations as outlined meet the needs of the school
 - Motion to approve chairs assertion of compliance BM 2nd TL unanimous approval BM, EM, RN, TL

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: March 12, 2026 @ 6:30

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned by chair AG