



## WSS Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes | 4/08/2026 - **DRAFT**

Call to order at 5:04 pm by Nick Penze, Vice President

- I. Welcome & Attendance
  - A. Online: Abi Wright-Grissom, John Flack, Casey Holmes (business Mngr.), Holland Lincoln (joined 5:10 pm)
  - B. In Present: Megan, Tommy Eckfelt, Nick Penze, Amy Maentz, Thomas Cooke, Tim Gaylord, Tess Miner-Farra
  - C. Absent: Whalen Louis, Dylan Rothwell, Jen Eaton
- II. Governance Committee Update
  - A. Governance committee unanimously supported the addition of Tommy Eckfeldt to the Board
- III. **Motion: Approval of Tommy Eckfeldt as additional member of BOT**
  - A. First Motion to approve: Abi Wright-Grissom
  - B. Second: Thomas Cooke
  - C. In favor: Thomas Cooke, Nick Penze, Amy Maentz, Abi Wright-Grissom, John Flack, Tim Gaylord
  - D. Motion passes unanimously.
- IV. **Motion: Approval of Feb 11, 2028 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**
  - A. First motion to approve: Tim Gaylord
  - B. Discussion: It was noted that the draft minutes are missing some of the names of those who made initial and second motions for action items on the agenda. That omission was a mistake and hand-written notes are available to fill in those missing names.
  - C. Tim Gaylord amends motion to approve with the addition of missing names
  - D. Second: Thomas Cooke
  - E. In favor: Thomas Cooke, Nick Penze, Amy Maentz, Abi Wright-Grissom, John Flack, Tim Gaylord, Holland Lincoln
  - F. Abstain: Tommy Eckfeldt (not present for February meeting)
  - G. Motion passes unanimously
- V. Financial update
  - A. Positive report from Casey, budget is on track. Salaries and expenses are in line with expectations, property services slightly higher based on maintenance requirements, some of which, including exterior door work is covered by remaining funds from school safety grant.
  - B. Additional staff stipend expenses are also covered by revenues coming from approved state grants.

C. New legislation increasing WPU will take effect in the 2027 FY

VI. Head of School Update

- A. Enrollment Update
- B. Legislative updates (discussed after Agenda Item X)
- C. Other works in progress
  - 1. PEAK Performance Positive behavior programming
  - 2. Five-year Cognia accreditation visit this fall; BOT interviews will be include. Specific dates to come.
  - 3. School guardian program will not be a viable option for WSS to meet armed personnel requirement in the future; Thomas plans to meet with SC Sheriff to advocate for WSS; WSS will likely seek a cost-shared SRO, but needs to find means to support his extensive ongoing cost; We are working with Lt. Davis to ensure compliance and a future SRO

VII. **Motion: Approval of WSS 2026-2027 School Land Trust Plan**

- A. First motion: Tim Gaylord
- B. Second: Amy Maentz
- C. In Favor: Thomas Cooke, Nick Penze, Amy Maentz, Abi Wright-Grissom, John Flack, Tim Gaylord, Holland Lincoln, Tommy Eckfeldt
- D. Motion passes unanimously

VIII. **Motion: Approval of Human Health & Sexuality Materials Review Committee Recommendation**

- A. First motion: Thomas Cooke
- B. Second: Amy Maentz
- C. In Favor: Thomas Cooke, Nick Penze, Amy Maentz, Abi Wright-Grissom, John Flack, Tim Gaylord, Holland Lincoln, Tommy Eckfeldt
- D. Motion passes unanimously

IX. **Motion: Approval of WSS Free to Focus School Day Personal Device policy**

- A. First motion: Tim Gaylord
- B. Second: Nick Penze
- C. In Favor: Thomas Cooke, Nick Penze, Amy Maentz, Abi Wright-Grissom, John Flack, Tim Gaylord, Holland Lincoln, Tommy Eckfeldt
- D. Motion passes unanimously

X. **Determination of WSS as a Mental Health Screening as non-participant status**

- A. Trustees express their appreciation for screening, and it would be nice to do it someday, but it seems impossible to meet all requirements and success criteria. It was noted that even if there were funding to support, WSS wouldn't be able to meet the requirements for providing space, confidentiality, and followup services per state expectations. The WSS staff has their safety nets and they do have systems in place to protect students in an appropriate and scalable way.
- B. First motion to not participate: Thomas Cooke
- C. Second: Tim Gaylord
- D. In Favor: Thomas Cooke, Nick Penze, Amy Maentz, Abi Wright-Grissom, John Flack, Tim Gaylord, Holland Lincoln, Tommy Eckfeldt
- E. Motion passes unanimously

- XI. Motion: Approval of WSS Whistleblower Policy**
- A. First motion to approve: Thomas Cooke
  - B. Second: Amy Maentz
  - C. In Favor: Thomas Cooke, Nick Penze, Amy Maentz, Abi Wright-Grissom, John Flack, Tim Gaylord, Holland Lincoln, Tommy Eckfeldt
  - D. Motion passes unanimously
- XII. Board Training & Action: Review and Reaffirmation of UNA Standards of Ethics**
- A. Discussion: Thomas Cooke explained that the checklist of Standards of Ethics reflects best practices that our board currently practices consistently, with some opportunities for improvement that Amy Maentz noted.
  - B. First motion to re-affirm standards: Thomas Cooke
  - C. Second: Amy Maentz
  - D. In Favor: Thomas Cooke, Nick Penze, Amy Maentz, Abi Wright-Grissom, John Flack, Tim Gaylord, Holland Lincoln, Tommy Eckfeldt
  - E. Motion passes unanimously
- XIII. Committee Updates
- A. Fundraising: Annual fund over the \$100K budget goal; 78.4% family participation, 100% staff and 100% BOT; Amy Maentz hopes that this sets the expectations for family participation and giving; Kahlert Grant submitted
  - B. YSA Olympic and Paralympic Parade was great fun! Shout outs to the Waldens for their support; WSS was well-represented
- XIV. Board Chair Update: Whalen not present, n/a
- A. Nick Penze noted that Friday meetings have been productive; family participation uptick is positive; outreach and community-building has been great.
- XV. Public Comment
- A. Gina James, UAPCS: Thank you to the BOT, UAPCS will host legislative updates in SLC soon; Charter School Conference is upcoming, will offer BOT training and networking opportunities; Amy Maentz was nominated for Rookie of the Year Charter Board member, and is finalist. Video recordings requested.
- XVI. Motion to adjourn
- A. First: Tim Gaylord
  - B. Second: Thomas Cooke
  - C. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm