



VOYAGE ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Date: 5.14.2026

Time: Public Session from 6:07 PM

Location: 1891 N. 1500 W., Clinton, UT 84015 or virtually at [Microsoft Teams Link](#)

MISSION STATEMENT

Voyage Academy is dedicated to cultivating student growth through Expeditionary Learning. Our mission is to promote responsibility, integrity, and the development of essential life skills, guiding students toward becoming respectful, compassionate, and motivated lifelong learners.

ATTENDEES

Courtnie Moore, Janae Howell, Dennis Henry, Blaire Barker, Kami Coleman, Nicole Jones, Roger Simpson, Valerie Hulseley, Danielle Pedersen

MINUTES

OPENING BUSINESS

Courtnie Moore called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

Courtnie Moore made a motion to start the board meeting on May 14, 2026. ***Dennis Henry*** seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: ***Courtnie Moore, Aye; Dennis Henry, Aye; Valerie Hulseley, Aye; Blaire Barker, Aye.***

Roll call of attendees present at the start of the meeting: Kami Coleman, Roger Simpson, Valerie Hulseley, Courtnie Moore, Blaire Barker, Dennis Henry, and Nicole Jones. Janae Howell joined the meeting at 6:29 PM. Danielle Pedersen joined the meeting at 6:38 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were present. Comments are limited to 3 minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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April 9, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Blaire Barker made a motion to approve the above minutes. **Valerie Hulsey** seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: **Courtnie Moore, Aye; Dennis Henry, Aye; Valerie Hulsey, Aye; Blaire Barker, Aye.**

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Director Report — Kami Coleman

Calendaring: The biking sprint, originally scheduled for Monday, may be moved to Wednesday due to forecasted weather (rain/frozen sleet). Final decision pending review with Amy and confirmation that Clinton Park will be available. The board member meet-and-greet is set for May 20 with light refreshments. On June 12, Voyage Academy will host a booth at Clinton Days (evening only) with the new "Voyage Academy" easy-up canopy, and the school will participate in the Clinton Days parade on June 13. Happy birthday wishes were extended to Blaire Barker (July 11).

Contracts: Teacher contract renewals are complete, including end-of-year conversations with teachers about feedback and improvement. This is the first year using electronic contracts; no glitches have been reported.

Staff Changes for 2026–2027: Blaire Barker will join as the kindergarten and art teacher, returning to Voyage Academy. Holli Howell will move to first grade (currently filling a second-grade emergency position). Sarah Nelson will return to Voyage Academy in second grade after four years at LLA in Layton. Carly Shock, a new teacher out of Weber State currently student teaching at Monticello, will fill the fourth-grade position. The administration feels confident about the lineup for next year.

Positive Behavior Plan Review: Most goals for the current year were met. The Nova program was not implemented due to Clinton PD staffing limitations; Jen Davis is providing supplemental instruction on anxiety, cybercrime, alcohol, and drug awareness for sixth graders. Additions for 2026–2027 include: (1) a monthly attendance incentive program with end-of-year recognition; (2) a school-wide reading recognition program with a running family book-count displayed on the marquee; (3) after-school enrichment programs in math (Mr. Costello, Ms. Culpeper) and writing (Ms. Storck), plus the return of the play; and (4) "Voyage Serves" — community and family-based service activities tied to the "We Are Crew" habit of scholarship, with branded shirts for participants.

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Salary Schedule and Meal Prices: Teachers received approximately a 5% increase, with co-teacher pay also increased.

Proposed meal price increases: student breakfast and student lunch each up 10 cents; adult breakfast up 50 cents; adult lunch up \$1.00.

Parent Survey Results: Results were very positive overall. A word cloud of parent responses highlighted "community," "teacher," "staff," "learning," "love," and "student" as the most frequent terms. The board agreed to feature parent feedback on the school website.

Enrollment: Enrollment for 2026–2027 is sitting at approximately 568–570 students as of today, with the expected summer shift acknowledged.

SB 241 (Early Literacy): The previous SB 127 has been replaced by SB 241. The new goal is 80% of third graders reading at or above grade level by 2030, with retention required for third graders not reading on grade level. Voyage Academy's third-grade end-of-year reading proficiency is currently at approximately 68%, well above the state average. The school will continue current literacy efforts, add reading incentives, communicate with parents via report-card letter and Friday email, and emphasize family-school partnership. There is concern about increased IEP and 504 testing demand and associated costs; Roger has been asked to set aside funds in anticipation.

Legislative Update — Roger Simpson

Overview: Roughly 100 education bills passed this session with 66 new or amended requirements, including 34 new LEA requirements (23 of which are unfunded mandates). Three priority themes emerged: school safety, classroom technology and AI, and early literacy.

Funding: \$9 billion in total funding statewide with \$500 million in new education funding. WPU base increased 4.2% (from \$4,674 to \$4,870). Minimum School Program funding rose approximately 4%, largely tracking inflation.

Charter-Focused Bills: SB 186 (Charter School Modification) requires board members to take an oath of office and initiates a study on admin-cost disparity between districts and charters. SB 131 expands enrollment preferences for students residing in subdivisions where the resident school is at capacity. HB 467 (Utah Fits All) prohibits denial of scholarship students from athletics or extracurriculars based on scholarship status.

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School-construction oversight transfers to a new Division of Facility Construction Management for projects above the threshold; Voyage Academy is grandfathered in for existing reporting requirements.

School Safety: HB 44 sets school security personnel standards (concealed-carry for guardians, formal visitor management, wearable panic-alert devices for lead teachers, cybersecurity standards, exclusion of AI glasses). SB 51 adds a statewide student-threat flag in the SIS. SB 167 permits denial of enrollment for documented safety concerns. SB 244 requires an AED at each school by start of school year 2026–2027 (Voyage Academy already has one, with a second planned).

Technology, AI and Cybersecurity: HB 273 (Classroom Technology Amendments) — a model policy is forthcoming. SB 69 prohibits personal device use during the entire school day. HB 55 requires a 30-day termination provision in ed-tech vendor contracts for privacy violations.

Other Bills: HB 312 requires regular social studies instruction in all elementary grades. SB 268 requires instruction on the role of religion and religious liberty in American constitutional government, beginning no later than school year 2027–2028. SB 58 requires annual board review of attendance data. HB 329 increases postpartum leave to 6 weeks and updates adoption and foster leave provisions. SB 312 establishes a tiered framework for educator-licensure denial. SB 296 requires a secure digital consent mechanism for students by July 1, 2027. HB 143 requires 30-day advance written notice for special-education students before boundary changes. HB 351 requires parent follow-up within 30 days when a student fails initial vision screening.

Compliance Timeline: Multiple provisions are already in effect; major operational policy changes take effect December 1; AI and additional policies must be adopted before July 1, 2027. Future board agendas will include policy adoptions, an updated technology and AI policy, and an audit-committee charter.

Fraud Risk Assessment

Voyage Academy scored in the "low" category for fraud risk. One area for improvement is the formal audit-committee charter/plan, which is not yet in place. Roger and Nicole will work on a draft charter/plan for adoption at a future board meeting.

Budget Discussion — Roger Simpson

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The board reviewed the FY 2025–2026 amended budget and the FY 2026–2027 preliminary budget. The amended budget reflects the bond refinance, premium proceeds, and an updated split of construction expenditures between fiscal years (approximately \$7 million in FY 25-26 and \$4.5 million in FY 26-27). After all FY 25–26 inflows and outflows, approximately \$2.9 million will roll into reserves for next year’s capital expenses.

The FY 2026–2027 preliminary budget reflects a net-zero bottom line, with a new "budget from surplus" line item of approximately \$4.2 million (\$2.9 million rollover plus approximately \$1.36 million from reserves — well below the originally planned \$2 million reserve draw). Interest-bearing accounts have outperformed expectations (approximately \$350,000 this year), and projected revenue is based on a 570-student enrollment target. The budget incorporates new personnel, the updated salary schedule, increased property and utility costs from the expansion, and the new bond payment.

Committee Reports

Audit Committee: An audit is upcoming. The committee will work with Roger and Nicole to create an audit-committee charter/plan. Committee membership will be revisited next meeting.

School Safety Committee: Voyage Academy is up to date with all legislative requirements — wearable panic devices, visitor-management system, and three trained guardians. The final drill of the year was a lockdown drill, and police and fire department personnel have participated in recent drills.

Marketing and Curriculum Committee: A flyer was mailed; the school will be visible at Clinton Days and through the new building. The expansion has aided marketing visibility.

Recognition Committee: The teacher ambassador program will continue next year.

Development Committee (Expansion): Construction is on schedule for an August 25 opening; moving companies will be hired to relocate teachers. The willow tree on the site was lost to wind storms. Despite ongoing construction, students adjusted well and RISE scores outperformed last year. The primary remaining risk is Rocky Mountain Power’s delivery of the transformer required for elevator operation.

Board Chair Comments: None.

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Prior to entering closed session, Danielle Pedersen read the Voyage Academy Mission Statement aloud.

CLOSED SESSION to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(a).

At 7:34 PM **Dennis Henry** made a motion to go into closed session at 1891 N. 1500 W., Clinton, UT 84015 to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. **Janae Howell** seconded. Votes were as follows: **Courtnie Moore, Aye; Danielle Pedersen, Aye; Janae Howell, Aye; Dennis Henry, Aye; Blaire Barker, Aye; Valerie Hulsey, Aye. Motion passed unanimously.**

At 7:56 PM **Danielle Pedersen** made a motion to move out of closed session. **Blaire Barker** seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: **Courtnie Moore, Aye; Danielle Pedersen, Aye; Janae Howell, Aye; Dennis Henry, Aye; Blaire Barker, Aye; Valerie Hulsey, Aye.**

ACTION ITEMS

Mental Health Grant Report: Kami Coleman and Nicole Jones reviewed grant goals for the year. The disruptive-behavior goal — originally a three-year goal — was met in the first year. The student-anxiety goal showed an increase, attributed in part to families moving in with existing anxiety diagnoses. A revised plan with improved tracking will be implemented next year.

Annual Commitment/Statement of Ethical Behavior: Nicole Jones reviewed the annual statement of ethical behavior that all board members are required to sign each year.

Policies:

Parent and Family Engagement, Paid Parental and Postpartum Recovery Leave, Health and Wellness, Emergency Preparedness and Recovery Plan, and the Administration of Medication were discussed.

Dennis Henry made a motion to adopt the policies for parent and family engagement, the paid parental and postpartum recovery leave policy, the health and wellness policy, the emergency preparedness and recovery policy, and the administration of medication policy. **Valerie Hulsey** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: **Courtnie Moore, Aye; Janae Howell, Aye; Dennis Henry, Aye; Blaire Barker,**

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Aye; Valerie Hulsey, Aye; Danielle Pedersen, Aye.

Danielle Pedersen made a motion was made to approve the 2026–2027 Positive Behavior Plan. **Blaire Barker** seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: **Courtne Moore, Aye; Janae Howell, Aye; Dennis Henry, Aye; Blaire Barker, Aye; Valerie Hulsey, Aye; Danielle Pedersen, Aye.**

Board Member terms, roles, and elected officers were presented and discussed.

Blaire Barker made a motion to approve the board member terms, roles, and elected officers as presented. **Dennis Henry** seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: **Courtne Moore, Aye; Janae Howell, Aye; Dennis Henry, Aye; Blaire Barker, Aye; Valerie Hulsey, Aye; Danielle Pedersen, Aye.**

The Sexual Education Committee was presented.

Valerie Hulsey made a motion to approve the Sexual Education Committee. **Janae Howell** seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: **Courtne Moore, Aye; Janae Howell, Aye; Dennis Henry, Aye; Blaire Barker, Aye; Valerie Hulsey, Aye; Danielle Pedersen, Aye.**

The TSSA Plan was presented, with no follow-up questions from the board.

Danielle Pedersen made a motion was made to approve the Teacher and Student Success Plan. **Blaire Barker** seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: **Courtne Moore, Aye; Janae Howell, Aye; Dennis Henry, Aye; Blaire Barker, Aye; Valerie Hulsey, Aye; Danielle Pedersen, Aye.**

Danielle Pedersen made a motion to approve the Director Employment Agreement and Compensation as discussed in closed session. **Janae Howell** seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: **Courtne Moore, Aye; Janae Howell, Aye; Dennis Henry, Aye; Blaire Barker, Aye; Valerie Hulsey, Aye; Danielle Pedersen, Aye.**

Dennis Henry made a motion to approve the Final Amended Budget for 2025–2026 and the Proposed Budget for 2026–2027. **Janae Howell** seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: **Courtne Moore, Aye; Janae Howell, Aye; Dennis Henry, Aye; Blaire Barker, Aye; Valerie Hulsey, Aye; Danielle Pedersen, Aye.**

Audit Engagement Letter: Tabled to the next meeting for further review.

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Board Training: All board members must complete the annual board training each school year and submit their certificate to Nicole Jones for the file. Open Public Meetings Act acknowledgment and Local Health Department Data acknowledgment forms were signed by attending board members.

CALENDARING

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM. The July 30 board-dinner date was removed; an alternate date will be selected once the new board members are present. The May 20 board member meet-and-greet (with new board members) was confirmed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:22 PM **Valerie Hulsey** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Danielle Pedersen** seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: **Courtnie Moore, Aye; Janae Howell, Aye; Dennis Henry, Aye; Blaire Barker, Aye; Valerie Hulsey, Aye; Danielle Pedersen, Aye.**

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Voyage Academy
Board of Directors Closed Session Statement

Meeting Date: May 14, 2026
Location: 1891 N. 1500 W.,
Clinton, UT 84015

Closed Session Sworn Statement:

At a duly noticed public meeting held on the date listed above, the board of directors for Voyage Academy entered into a closed session for the sole purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual in accordance with Utah Code Ann. 52-4-1(1)(a).

I declare under criminal penalty under the law of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed electronically on the 14th DAY OF May 2026.

Courtnie Moore

Board Chair