

DATE: May 21, 2026

Meeting Opening & Attendance

- Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM
- Present: Tanya, Wayne, Paxton, Ashley, Kari, Dan, Kevin, Chandler, Mikelle, Nate, Janese
- Guests: Royce van Tassel (UPACS), Hannah Hindi, Benjamin Nelson, Becky (new FSO chair)
- Kevin stepped out at 8:01 - back at 8:07, Chandler stepped out at 8:24 - back at 8:29
- Tayna moves to approve minutes from April 2026 - Chandler seconds - all in favor - none opposed

Training: Board Conduct & Decorum Reminder

- Tabled reverent remarks for evening due to recent discussions
- Reminder about maintaining professional decorum in all interactions
 - Meetings are recorded and public
 - Applies to interactions with staff, parents, city administrators, fellow board members

Enrollment & Staffing Updates

- Current enrollment: 741 students (plus 47 preschoolers = 788 total)
- Projected next year: 752 with 11 additional registered students
- All grades full except fourth grade (99 students)
- Sixth grade at capacity with 111 enrolled
- Completely staffed for next year as of today
- Significant waitlists in every grade except fourth

Budget & Finance Planning

- Planning conservative enrollment of 700 for budget purposes
- Both FY26 final budget and FY27 initial budget ready for June 1st vote
- Two separate action items needed for June meeting
- Finance committee discussed adding capital improvement funding
- HVAC system replacement needed (~\$400k) - refrigerant no longer legally obtainable
- Portables cannot be renovated due to construction method
- Proposal to redirect \$220k approved for portable renovation toward HVAC

Board Candidate Interviews

- Three candidates interviewed: Benjamin Nelson, Hannah Hindi, Ashley Spurlock

- Benjamin Nelson: Real estate development background, former teacher (13 years), four daughters at school
- Hannah Hindi: Accountant (15 years), six children, lacrosse coach, wants transparency improvements
- Ashley: Marketing background, heavily involved volunteer, serving on development committee
- One board position available (Tanya's departing seat)
- Closed session scheduled to discuss candidates

Prayer/Reverent Remarks Policy Change

- Two parent emails complained about prayer at FSO meeting
- Legal guidance from Royce: Current practice likely permissible but creates potential liability
- Spontaneous remarks during public comment still permitted

Legal Compliance & Litigation Concerns

- Attorney filing numerous lawsuits against charter schools for technical violations
- 35 lawsuits filed in past year by same individual
- Focus on meeting notice timing and closed session procedures
- Recommendation: Be meticulous with 24-hour notice requirements
- Tuesday 9 AM meeting scheduled to discuss litigation environment

Action Items

- Finalize 2025-2026 Budget—— JUNE
- Creative Writing Club - tanya moves to approve chandler seconds - all in favor
- Zen Den Club - tanya moves- chandler seconds - all in favor
- Motion passed by Wayne (seconded by Paxton) to remove reverent remarks from all school meeting agendas
 - Vote: Wayne, Paxton, Mikelle, Ashley voted in favor
 - Kevin & Chandler opposed;
 - Tanya & Kari abstained
- Board Officer Elections - tabled until june
- TSSA Framework/Plan — tanya moves paxton seconds all in favor
- Open Board seat vote - Paxton moved to vote Ashley Spurlock in to the open board position - Wayne seconded - all in favor - none opposed

CLOSED SESSION

- Tanya moves to go into closed session at 8:39

- Roll call vote:

wayne aye

paxton aye

kari aye

dan aye

kevin aye

chandler aye

mikelle aye

tanya aye

Janese invited to stay

Nate invited to stay

Ashley recuses herself from the vote and the closed session

Ashley, Ben, Becky and Hannah leave

Tanya moves to go out of closed session 9:02 - Wayne seconds

- all in favor

ashley, hannah, benjamin come back in at 9:03 pm

paxton motions to vote ashley spurlock into the open board position

- dan seconds
- all in favor - none opposed - ashley recused herself from the vote

tanya moves that we close at 9:07 - paxton seconds

- Creative Writing Club approved for next school year
- Zen Den Club approved for next school year
- TSSA Framework/Plan approved unanimously
- Board officer elections tabled until June 1st meeting
- Closed session approved at 8:39 PM to discuss board candidates
 - Ashley recused herself from vote
 - Other candidates departed at 8:40 PM