



**SUCCESS Academy
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 29, 2026**

Minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held on Monday, June 29, 2026 at 5:00 pm.

Board members present: Megen Ralphs, Dave Eberhard, Chuck Taylor, Michael Lacourse , Dr. Bill Heyborne, Jodi Porter. Members not present: Cheri Stevenson. Others present are Director Colin Metzger, Principal Derek Schweitzer and Tammy Griffiths.

Jodi Porter conducted the meeting that started at 5 pm.

Approval of Minutes of the Jun 22, 2026 .

Michael Lacourse had one edit to the minutes that showed her and it should be him. The change was made to the June 22nd, 2026 minutes. Michael made a motion to approve the amended motion. Bill Heyborne seconded the motion. The Board approved.

Public Input:

Yes, thank you. This is Josh Carver and I would like to turn the time over to my wife Jaymi Carver. I would like to comment. Thanks for this opportunity and I thank you for making the audio from June 22nd publicly available in accordance with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act. Before Bryce Day presented his audit findings to this board, I was called into a meeting as a professional courtesy and informed that one of his recommendations would be and I quote "The discontinuation of the SPED educational program at SUCCESS Academy." I was also told at that point that there was no position available for me at the school. After listening to Dr. Day's public presentation, that is not what I heard, much of Dr. Day's findings substantiated the issues I had previously raised through the formal grievance process. Rather than focusing on correcting the systemic issues, I am concerned that the audit is being interpreted to justify changes that move the school further away from recommendations Dr. Day actually presented. Dr. Day repeatedly stated that systems really matter and procedures really matter. His audit identified inconsistent implementation across the school, inadequate fiscal controls, missing documentation, disparate treatment of students and lack of centralized oversight and accountability. His recommendations were to strengthen systems, standardize procedures and

hold our providers accountable, our partner districts accountable as well as ourselves. He also recommended that one individual oversees special education that understands SUCCESS Academy and how special education should be implemented within a small LEA. The problem identified by Dr. Day was not that SUCCESS Academy had a special education program, the problem was that SUCCESS Academy lacked standardized systems, centralized oversight and accountability. Those are fundamentally different conclusions and they require fundamentally different solutions. Dr Day's report was a recommendation to strengthen accountability, not reduce it. I urge this board to ensure its implementation reflects that distinction because protecting students with disabilities, not reducing responsibility, should remain the ultimate goal. Since employing its own special education teacher, SUCCESS Academy has enrolled more students with IEPs than it served throughout much of its prior history. This coming year, enrollment of new students with IEPs has doubled our numbers at one campus alone. That reflects growing confidence among families that students with disabilities will be welcomed and appropriately served. Families are choosing SUCCESS Academy because they believe that students with disabilities deserve equal opportunities and will be supported. They are trusting the school to fulfill those legal and ethical obligations. I would just like to urge this board to ensure your decisions reinforce that trust and honor that expectations and not diminish it. That's all I have, thanks.

The Executive Director Colin Metzger presented the second presentation of the Proposed 26-27 Budget.

The Executive Director Colin Metzger presented the second presentation of the Proposed 26-27 School Fees.

Megen Ralphs motioned to approve the 26-27 Budget as outlined. Michael Lacourse seconded the motion. Jodi called for a discussion. The Board approved.

Bill Heyborne motioned to approve the 26-27 School Fees for the SUU campus and the UTU campus. Megen Ralphs seconded the motion. Jodi called for a discussion. Michael Lacourse stated that the Board had reviewed the Budget with a discussion at the last Board meeting, Megen stated that given the absence of an administrator, the fees were done in a timely manner. The Board approved.

Megen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Michael seconded the motion. The Board approved.