Utah Virtual Academy
Governing Board of Directors
Board Meeting

Date: August 13, 2026
Time: 6:30PM
Location: 310 E. 4500 S., Suite 620; Murray, UT 84107
Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/376536884
In Attendance: Dallin Drescher, Kristen Davidson, Doug DeVore, Armante Gordon, Marty Carpenter, Amberly Keeler
Others In Attendance: Meghan Merideth, LuAnn Charles, Tiffany Allen, Lacey Robinson, Jillian Burns, Lori Phillips, Joette Hayden, Chantel Wixon, Priscilla Stringfellow, Krystal Taylor, Brad Taylor
Excused: Kellie Openshaw, Brian Maxwell

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
Dallin Drescher called the meeting to order at 6:32PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Comments limited to three minutes)
There were no comments.

BUSINESS ITEMS (Discussion and Voting)

- Finance Report
  Chantel Wixon provided the Finance Report and reviewed the draft end-of-year FY2026 financial statements, noting that the statements are expected to be finalized and provided to the auditors the following week. Significant federal reimbursements related to FY2026 for Title I, Title II, and IDEA were received over the summer. Total revenues finished at 101.3% of the final budget and total expenses at 98.5% of the final budget, resulting in an estimated net income of approximately $829,000. Chantel also reported that the school's cash position improved by approximately $961,000 over the prior year.

Marty Carpenter joined the meeting at 6:34PM.
Amberly Keeler joined the meeting at 6:35PM.

- Acceptance of State Revenue
  Doug DeVore made a motion to accept the State Revenue. Kristen Davidson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Dallin Drescher, Aye; Kristen Davidson, Aye; Doug DeVore, Aye; Armante Gordon, Aye; Marty Carpenter, Aye; Amberly Keeler, Aye.
- Bank Reconciliations and Payment and Deposit Registers
  Kristen Davidson made a motion to approve the June 2026 and July 2026 Bank Reconciliations and Payment and Deposit Registers. Doug DeVore seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Dallin Drescher, Aye; Kristen Davidson, Aye; Doug DeVore, Aye; Armante Gordon, Aye; Marty Carpenter, Aye; Amberly Keeler, Aye.
- Invoice Approval for Purchases over $25,000
  Kristen Davidson made a motion to approve the EdConnective invoice in the amount of $42,500. Doug DeVore seconded. Motion passed

unanimously. Votes were as follows: Dallin Drescher, Aye; Kristen Davidson, Aye; Doug DeVore, Aye; Armante Gordon, Aye; Marty Carpenter, Aye; Amberly Keeler, Aye.

- K12 / Stride Payment
- Academica West Payment

  Kristen Davidson made a motion to approve the K-12 Management August 2026 invoice and the AW Services July 2026 and August 2026 invoices. Marty Carpenter seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Dallin Drescher, Aye; Kristen Davidson, Aye; Doug DeVore, Aye; Armante Gordon, Aye; Marty Carpenter, Aye; Amberly Keeler, Aye.

- Director Report
  - Enrollment Report and School Improvement Plans.

    Meghan Merideth presented the Executive Director's Report. As of August 11, 2026, net enrollment stood at 1,776 registering students, up 47 students week over week and essentially even with the prior year (1,792 at the same point in FY26), with 176 applications pending approval. Growth was broad-based across nearly all grades, led by Grade 9, and grades 9-12 now represent approximately 48% of the roster. Ms. Merideth flagged new-application inflow as a watch item, running at 74 for the week of August 12 compared to 235 in FY26. For the Statewide Online Education Program, unique students grew 5.2% in 2025-26 to 1,218, with 415 students enrolled to date for 2026-27 from 208 sending schools and a seat approval rate of 65.1%. The year-over-year decline in enrolled high school students is concentrated in four districts, with Jordan School District down 72% same-date, while Nebo School District, the largest source, remained essentially flat.

    Ms. Merideth also reviewed the 2026-27 School Improvement Plans for the elementary, middle, and high schools. The elementary plan focuses on data ownership and inclusive, evidence-based instruction in math, reading, and science, with goals of 60% typical or better math growth, 55% reading proficiency, and 3-5% year-over-year RISE gains; mathematics in grades 3 and 4 receives priority focus. The middle school plan is anchored in Utah's PCBL framework and the Four Domains for Rapid School Improvement, with areas of focus in instructional strategies, student engagement, and PLC collaboration and data use, following an increase in the state accountability score from 37.7% to 42.7%. The high school plan focuses on quality asynchronous PCBL course design and engagement, graduation, and college and career readiness, with priority focus on mathematics and English Learner progress.
- Board Business
  - June 11, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

    Kristen Davidson made a motion to approve the June 11, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes. Doug DeVore seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Dallin Drescher, Aye; Kristen Davidson, Aye; Doug DeVore, Aye; Armante Gordon, Aye; Marty Carpenter, Aye; Amberly Keeler, Aye.
  - Benefits Renewal

The medical renewal and contribution strategy was presented for the plan year beginning October 1, 2026. The SelectHealth renewal reflects a total annual premium of $2.22 million ($184,740 per month), a 14.46% increase over current ($279,863 per year), with 123 of 150 eligible employees enrolled and $1.5 million in paid claims driving the renewal. Dental coverage renewed flat and vision decreased 2.31%. Plan options presented included a $1,500 traditional plan replacing the current traditional plan (saving approximately $46,000) and retention of the $1,700 and $3,500 QHDHP options, along with a revised contribution formula of 95% for employee-only coverage, 82% for traditional plan dependents, and 87% for QHDHP dependents. Administration reviewed the year-over-year employer spend, including the quoted premium increase, plan redesign savings, and the proposed contribution change, bringing total projected employer spend to $2,005,144 for SY27.
Dallin Drescher made a motion to approve the Benefits Renewal, including Decision 2 (the increase in the employer premium contribution amount) and the other presented changes. Doug DeVore seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Dallin Drescher, Aye; Kristen Davidson, Aye; Doug DeVore, Aye; Armante Gordon, Aye; Marty Carpenter, Aye; Amberly Keeler, Aye.

- LEA Specific Licenses
  The Board reviewed requests for LEA-Specific educator licenses for the 2026-27 school year for three individuals: Marci Nelson-Ozer (Secondary, English Language Arts endorsement; renewal request), Brittney Wanlass (Animal Science), and Tiffany Wiberg (College and Career Readiness). Administration confirmed the assurances required under R277-301, including background checks, required first-year training, the USBE Ethics Review, CACTUS reporting, and website posting requirements.
  Kristen Davidson made a motion to approve the LEA Specific Licenses. Amberly Keeler seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Dallin Drescher, Aye; Kristen Davidson, Aye; Doug DeVore, Aye; Armante Gordon, Aye; Marty Carpenter, Aye; Amberly Keeler, Aye.

CALENDARING

- Next Board Meeting—October 8, 2026

ADJOURN

At 7:52PM Dallin Drescher motioned to adjourn. Kristen Davidson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Dallin Drescher, Aye; Kristen Davidson, Aye; Doug DeVore, Aye; Armante Gordon, Aye; Marty Carpenter, Aye; Amberly Keeler, Aye.