PROVIDENCE HALL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
DATE: July 30, 2026

Location: Virtual Meeting (Video Conference)

EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING
5:00 PM

Roll Call

Kim Crandall	Board Vice Chair	present
Liz Starley	Board Secretary	present
Rich Wilson	Board Treasurer	present
Gary Arndt	Board Member	present
Mindy Fotheringham	Board Member	present

Remaining Board members (Lorena Iorg, Candice Janney, Stacy Hurst, Katie Eckman-Jelitto) were excused, as they were out of town or otherwise unavailable given the short notice for this meeting.

Also in Attendance
Nathan Marshall, Executive Director
Beverly Ledward, Business Administrator
Mr. J. Dunlop, Guest (attending to observe only)

Note on Meeting Notice: Nate Marshall clarified that although called on short notice, this was technically not an "emergency" meeting, since the required 24-hour notice had been given in advance of the meeting.

Action Items (Require Vote)

1) RESA Fiscal Agent Setup – South Central Regional Education Service Agency (SC RESA)

Nathan Marshall, Executive Director, explained that the USBE created, through legislation, a Regional Education Service Agency (RESA) resource intended to give charter schools along the Wasatch Front access to shared services (such as psychologists, BCBAs, purchasing, E-rate support, and IT) similar to existing rural RESAs. The state charter school board identified Providence Hall as the fiscal agent for this new RESA (referred to as SC RESA). $500,000 in one-time legislative start-up funding, plus an additional $1,000,000 in literacy funding, would flow through a separate bank account established exclusively for the RESA, tracked independently from Providence Hall's own funds, with its own audit/reporting requirements. The RESA would hire its own executive director (who would sit on Providence Hall's payroll for administrative purposes only, reimbursed from RESA funds) and would operate under its own independent board. Beverly Ledward, Business Administrator, added that Providence Hall's role would be limited to payroll processing and fund flow-through (similar to third-party payroll), with a requested $20,000 fiscal agent fee to offset administrative workload.

Board members (Gary Arndt, Rich Wilson, Mindy Fotheringham) raised questions and concerns, including: what the RESA would look like at scale; whether serving as fiscal agent would strain Providence Hall's staff, facilities, or focus; liability exposure and whether Providence Hall's insurance would need to be reviewed; whether an MOU or written agreement would govern the arrangement; and why the board was being asked to approve this on short notice. Nathan Marshall and Beverly Ledward responded that the funding must be committed by approximately August 5, 2026 to avoid losing this year's allocation; that Providence Hall would bear minimal added workload (estimated 3–5 hours per week); that the RESA is legally and operationally independent of Providence Hall, with its own board, its own bank account, and its own audit; and that a written agreement/MOU documenting liability protections would be requested from the state and provided to the board.

Rich Wilson moved that Providence Hall become the fiscal agent for the South Central Regional Education Service Agency (SC RESA) to establish a bank account, pending a written agreement provided to the board detailing protections and liability coverage by August 10, 2026.

Gary Arndt seconded.
Roll Call Vote.
Liz Starley – yes
Kim Crandall – yes
Mindy Fotheringham – yes
Rich Wilson – yes
Gary Arndt – yes
Approved by Unanimous Vote (5-0).

2) Fee Schedule Revision – Driver's Education Program

Nathan Marshall reported that the state offered a new partnership opportunity for a driver's education program, after another local charter school's program was discontinued. The program would be entirely online instruction plus a six-hour behind-the-wheel component, with the state providing vehicles and drivers at no additional burden on Providence Hall staff. He requested the board's approval to add a $225 driver's education fee to the school's fee schedule to offer this option to students. The PE shirt cost went up so the high school needs to move their fee from $7 to $10. This is the revision and review and next board meeting they will vote on the changes.

Motion to adjourn - Liz Starley seconded by Kim Crandall

Roll Call to Adjourn Meeting

Kim Crandall	Board Vice Chair	Yes
Liz Starley	Board Secretary	Yes
Rich Wilson	Board Treasurer	Yes
Gary Arndt	Board Member	Yes
Mindy Fotheringham	Board Member	Yes

Approved by Unanimous Vote (5-0).

Meeting ended at 6:18 pm on July 30, 2026

Minutes approved at 8/19/2026 Board Meeting