Governing Board Meeting

Date: June 18, 2026
Location: Junior High – Building 2; 1228 West 2185 South, Woods Cross, UT 84087
In Attendance: John Cook, Lara Murphy, Aimee Hinojosa, Lee Peterson, Alisha Johnson
Others In Attendance: Brandie Evans, Kim McVey, Heidi Bauerle, Krystal Taylor, Gabe Clark
Excused: David Ray, Sandy McCleve

MINUTES

OPEN MEETING: ROLL CALL AND WELCOME

John Cook called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to three minutes each)

- Curriculum- Into Reading Grades K-5; Into Lit Grade 6
  This was the first public comment opportunity for curriculum. There were no comments.

CONSENT ITEMS

- May 21, 2026 Board Meeting and Closed Session Minutes
  Two adjustments were noted to the May 21, 2026 Minutes including a removal of a unanimous verbiage to properly reflect a vote, and an addition to adding the name of an excused board member in the roll call area of the minutes.
  Lara Murphy made a motion to approve the May 21, 2026 board meeting minutes with the adjustments discussed. Aimee Hinojosa seconded. Motion passed. Votes were as follows: John Cook, Aye; Lara Murphy, Aye; Aimee Hinojosa, Aye; Lee Peterson, Abstain; Alisha Johnson, Abstain.

REPORTS

- Director's Report
  Brandie Evans presented the June 2026 Director's Report, providing the end-of-year 180-Day Plan review covering the 2025/2026 school year. The report highlighted progress across four strategic priorities: Culture and Student Support Systems, Academic Achievement and Instruction, Staff Development and Sustainability, and Enrollment, Communications, and Community Engagement. Current 2026/2027 enrollment stands at 939 students.
- Budget Report
  - Annual Commitment to Ethical Behavior
  - Fraud Risk Assessment
    Board members were provided the school's Ethics Policy and committed in writing to abide by the policy, conducting themselves consistent with high standards of ethics and complying with applicable law.
    The annual Fraud Risk Assessment as mandated by the Utah Office of the State Auditor was reviewed. Legacy Preparatory Academy received a score of 375 out of 395 points, resulting in a Very Low risk level.
    Kim McVey presented the final amended FY2025-2026 budget and the proposed FY2026-2027 budget for Legacy Preparatory Academy. The Board reviewed projected revenues, expenditures, enrollment assumptions, and key budget adjustments, including state and federal funding, staffing costs, curriculum purchases, technology needs, facilities expenses, and debt service obligations. The amended

FY2025-2026 budget reflects approximately $12.6 million in revenues and $12.4 million in expenditures, while the proposed FY2026-2027 budget projects approximately $12.1 million in revenues and $12.0 million in expenditures. Discussion included costs associated to building maintenance, school functions, and liability insurance. The Board reviewed the school's overall financial outlook and long-term sustainability as part of the budget planning process for the upcoming fiscal year.

VOTING AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2025/2026 Final Budget
- 2026/2027 Proposed Budget
  Alisha Johnson made a motion to approve the 2025/2026 Final Amended Budget and the 2026/2027 Proposed Budget. Lee Peterson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: John Cook, Aye; Lara Murphy, Aye; Aimee Hinojosa, Aye; Lee Peterson, Aye; Alisha Johnson, Aye.

- Eide Bailly Statement of Work
  The Board reviewed the Eide Bailly Statement of Work for audit services, including agreed-upon procedures for student enrollment, state compliance procedures, and, if applicable, a single audit.
  Alisha Johnson made a motion to approve the Eide Bailly Statement of Work and to authorize the board chair to sign. Lara Murphy seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: John Cook, Aye; Lara Murphy, Aye; Aimee Hinojosa, Aye; Lee Peterson, Aye; Alisha Johnson, Aye.

- ETS Technology Purchases
  Brandie Evans presented a proposed technology purchase from ETS totaling $177,826. She explained that the purchase includes 240 Dell Chromebook bundles to replace student devices that have reached the end of their scheduled replacement cycle, along with 21 Dell Pro 16 laptops for staff use and 8 Samsung Galaxy Tab A11+ devices. The purchase also includes setup, configuration, and deployment services for all equipment.
  Aimee Hinojosa made a motion to approve the ETS Technology Purchases. Lee Peterson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: John Cook, Aye; Lara Murphy, Aye; Aimee Hinojosa, Aye; Lee Peterson, Aye; Alisha Johnson, Aye.

- Furniture Purchases
  Brandie Evans informed the Board that, due to ongoing building renovations, office relocations, and facility improvements, certain furniture will need to be replaced to accommodate the updated spaces. She reported that a competitive bidding process is underway and recommended that the Board authorize a furniture budget not to exceed $50,000, allowing the Director to review the bids, accept the lowest responsive bid, and proceed with the necessary purchases.
  Lara Murphy made a motion to approve the furniture purchases up to $50,000. Alisha Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: John Cook, Aye; Lara Murphy, Aye; Aimee Hinojosa, Aye; Lee Peterson, Aye; Alisha Johnson, Aye.

- Insurance Coverage
  Gabe Clark from Academica West provided an overview of the proposed group property and casualty insurance program and explained how the opportunity was developed through discussions between Academica West and Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. He outlined the structure of

the program, which would allow participating client schools to obtain coverage through a group policy. The Board reviewed the potential cost savings, participation requirements, and implementation timeline.
During discussion, Board members noted that they have been satisfied with the school's current insurance provider and expressed concerns about the limited timeframe available to thoroughly evaluate and transition to a new program. After consideration, the Board determined that it would be prudent to continue with the school's existing insurance coverage at this time rather than participate in the proposed group program. No action was taken to join the group insurance program, and the school will proceed with its current insurance plan for the 2026-27 school year.

- Teacher Student Success Act Plan (TSSA)
  The 2026–2027 Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA) Plan was presented for approval. The plan focuses on two goals: (1) increasing reading benchmark performance for grades 1–8; and (2) increasing student math achievement on Derivita and Acadience Assessments for grades 3–9. The plan budget totals approximately $317,111, including additional salaries, benefits, training, consumable supplies and software, along with teacher salary and benefits increase.
  Aimee Hinojosa made a motion to approve the TSSA Plan with the adjustments discussed to include Acadience assessment throughout the plan. Alisha Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: John Cook, Aye; Lara Murphy, Aye; Aimee Hinojosa, Aye; Lee Peterson, Aye; Alisha Johnson, Aye.

- Mental Health Grant
  The board reviewed the USBE School-Based Mental Health Qualifying Grant Program. Brandie Evans explained that the grant provides funding to support student mental health and behavioral services, including counseling resources, intervention strategies, and proactive support systems designed to improve student well-being, increase engagement, and promote student success. The Board reviewed the proposed use of funds and the associated budget allocation.
  Lee Peterson made a motion to approve the Mental Health Grant. Aimee Hinojosa seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: John Cook, Aye; Lara Murphy, Aye; Aimee Hinojosa, Aye; Lee Peterson, Aye; Alisha Johnson, Aye.

- Policies:
  - Amended Lottery and Enrollment Policy
  - Amended Sex Education Instruction Policy
  - Amended SHiNE Policy
  - Re-Approval Wellness Policy
    Gabe Clark reviewed several policy updates driven by recent legislative changes and annual policy requirements. He explained revisions to the Sex Education Instruction Policy to align with HB 281, updates to the Lottery and Enrollment Policy to reflect new enrollment preferences and student record review requirements under SB 131 and SB 167, and proposed amendments to the SHiNE Policy regarding the administration of teacher salary supplements. He also presented the re-approval of the school's Wellness Policy which follows a 3-year cycle, this policy had no changes.

    Alisha Johnson made a motion to approve the amended Lottery and Enrollment Policy; amended Sex Education Instruction Policy; amended SHiNE Policy and to re-approve the Wellness Policy. Aimee Hinojosa seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were *as follows: John Cook, Aye; Lara Murphy, Aye; Aimee Hinojosa, Aye; Lee Peterson, Aye; Alisha Johnson, Aye.*

CLOSED SESSION- (This closed meeting may take place at the beginning and/or conclusion of the meeting): To discuss character, professional competence, physical or mental health of an individual (employee or student), and any of the following topics, if necessary: strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or sale of real property; collective bargaining; or pending litigation, or other matters appropriate pursuant to statute(s).

At 8:06 PM Lara Murphy made a motion to move into closed session for the reasoning listed above located at Legacy Preparatory Academy. Aimee Hinojosa seconded. Votes were as follows: John Cook, Aye; Lara Murphy, Aye; Aimee Hinojosa, Aye; Lee Peterson, Aye; Alisha Johnson, Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

At 9:10 PM Lara Murphy made a motion to move out of closed session. Alisha Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: John Cook, Aye; Lara Murphy, Aye; Aimee Hinojosa, Aye; Lee Peterson, Aye; Alisha Johnson, Aye.

VOTING AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Director Employment Agreement & Compensation
  Alisha Johnson motioned to approve the director employment agreement as discussed. Lara Murphy seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: John Cook, Aye; Lara Murphy, Aye; Aimee Hinojosa, Aye; Lee Peterson, Aye; Alisha Johnson, Aye.

- Board Member Terms & Elected Officers
  The Board reviewed the current board member terms and officer positions. The Board discussed renewing board members for additional three-year terms for Alisha Johnson, David Ray, and Aimee Hinojosa. Sandy McCleve will not be seeking renewal, and the Board expressed its appreciation for his service and contributions to the school and Board. The Board also discussed officer assignments, including appointing Lee Peterson as Treasurer, with Alisha Johnson agreeing to mentor and assist him during the transition into his new role. All other board member terms and officer positions will remain unchanged.

  Aimee Hinojosa motioned to approve David Ray, Alisha Johnson and Aimee Hinojosa for new 3-year terms all ending June 30, 2029; and board member positions to be as follows: John Cook, Chair; Lara Murphy, Vice Chair, Lee Peterson, Treasurer; Aimee Hinojosa, Secretary, David Ray, Board Member; and Alisha Johnson, Board Member. Lara Murphy seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: John Cook, Aye; Lara Murphy, Aye; Aimee Hinojosa, Aye; Lee Peterson, Aye; Alisha Johnson, Aye.

CALENDARING

- Annual Board Meeting Calendar
- Board Retreat
  A discussion was held regarding upcoming meeting needs and the annual meeting schedule. A special Board meeting was scheduled via Zoom for June 22, 2026, to address several time-sensitive approval items. The proposed 2026-2027 Board meeting calendar

was reviewed and approved, and it was determined that a regular meeting would not be scheduled in May.

ADJOURN

At 9:17 PM Lee Peterson motioned to adjourn. Alisha Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: John Cook, Aye; Lara Murphy, Aye; Aimee Hinojosa, Aye; Lee Peterson, Aye; Alisha Johnson, Aye.

LPA Governing Board:
2027: *John Cook (Board Chair), Lee Peterson (Treasurer)*
2028: *Lara Murphy (Vice Chair)*
2029: *Alisha Johnson (Member), David Ray (Member), Aimee Hinojosa (Secretary)*

Board of Directors
Closed Session Statement

Date: June 18, 2026
Location: 1228 West 2185 South, Woods Cross, UT 84087

CLOSED SESSION SWORN STATEMENT:

At a duly noticed public meeting held on the date listed above, the board of directors for Legacy Preparatory Academy entered into a closed session for the sole purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and to discuss deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems in accordance with Utah Code Ann. 52-4-205(1)(a).

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

Signed on the 18th day of June, 2026.

John Cook

John Cook, Board President