

Board Meeting

Ensign Leadership Academy Board Meeting MINUTES

****Virtual****

ELA 8-5-2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Board of Directors' Access:

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- I. **Call to Order** by Vice Chairman Howard Stephenson at 4:17PM
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** [IMAGE](#) by Treasurer David Erickson
- III. **Reading of the Mission Statement (Assign or Ask for Volunteer):** by Secretary Stephanie Hill
The mission of Ensign Leadership Academy is, in support of the family, provide the best educational experience to as many students as possible in a moral and wholesome environment.
- IV. **Roll Call of membership onto the Board of Directors**
(*Staff perform roll call*) by Matt Throckmorton, three members present, quorum

Board Member	Title	Term Expires	Attendance
Curt Bramble	Chair	June 2028	Present (4:58PM)
Howard Stephenson	Vice Chair	June 2028	Present
David Erickson	Treasurer	June 2028	Present
Stephanie Hill	Secretary	June 2030	Present
Richard Moss	Director	June 2030	Present (4:42PM)

Guests: Matt Throckmorton, Mitch Schwab, Lalani Hunsaker, Glenn Way

- V. **Approval of the Consent Agenda** (Motion, Second, Vote)
 - A. Meeting Minutes from July 1, 2026 [LINK](#) **Motion** to approve by David Erickson, seconded by Stephanie Hill. Voice vote 3-0-2
- VI. **Discussion/New Business/Action Items**
 - A. Discussion and approval of Charter One operating agreement - David Erickson has been in discussion with Charter One and recommended this item be moved to Executive Session.
 - B. Update on school siting, facilities construction and potential of 2027 opening: Matt briefs the board on the possibility of moving opening to August of 2028 due to construction timeframe.

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Howard asked if opening smaller than the approved is allowed. Matt explains that it is allowed and has happened many times.

David asked if opening smaller would change the long term enrollment goals. Matt explains no, that it would simply have a different growth pattern.

- C. Introduce Modes of student engagement for possible inclusion in ELA approach to teaching and learning. Howard and Stephanie are reading a book "The Disengaged." It is focused on how to get parents and students engaged in learning. Howard notes that are four modes of learners: Resister, passenger, achiever and explorer. Matt expressed interest in getting a copy to Amaris Lewis, who is the academic director of Charter One.
- D. Review past marketing messages (to date), current Facebook & Instagram pages and ELA website. Howard showed screenshots of the website, Facebook and Instagram. There are many questions about how marketing works. Charter One actively promoted ELA through our approval in January of 2026. At that point we had 1,200 families signed on our interest list. Matt noted that Charter One led a K-12, 2,500 school in Arizona just open completely full with a total of 4,000 on the interest list.
****Richard Moss joined at 4:42PM****
- E. Review breakdown of our interest list and consider regular communication and motivation of parents and students.
****Curt Bramble join at 4:58PM****
- F. Other items

VII. Executive Session (if needed, closed to public)

CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board will consider a motion to close the meeting to hold a strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation, and/or to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, and/or the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual in conformance with §524204 and §524205 et seq., Utah Code Ann.

Statement and purposes read.

Motion into Executive Session by Chairman Curt Bramble, seconded by Stephanie Hill.

Roll call vote, 5-0. 5PM

Present: Curt, Howard, David, Stephanie, Richard

Guests: Matt Throckmorton, Glenn Way, Mitch Schwab, Lalani Hunsaker

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Motion out of Executive Session by Curt Bramble, seconded by David Erickson. Roll call vote, 5-0. 6PM

F. Other items:

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- Stephanie raised the growing statewide discussion of the RISE test being moved into secondary schools. This affects ELA. Howard provided some history to Utah adopting the RISE test and it was very substandard. Stephanie asked that we ask Royce Vantassell why he is not providing statewide training on this change.

VIII. Adjournment

(Next regular board meeting is Wednesday September 2, 2026 at 4PM)

Tentatively moving our next board meeting to Wednesday September 16 at 4PM.

Matt will send out a 'save the date' calendar invite.

Motion to adjourn by David Erickson, seconded by Richard Moss. Voice vote, 5-0 at 6:12PM