

Maria Montessori Academy

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: September 10, 2026

Location: 2505 N 200 E North Ogden, UT 84414

Board Members Present: Nancy Lindeman, John Horn, April Bench, Terri Johnson, Sabrina Foster, Stephanie Loud

Excused Members: Logan Kashanipour

Others Present: Kacee Weaver, Caleb Crump, Hannah Dorius, Jon McQueary, Priscilla Stringfellow



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Nancy Lindeman called the board meeting to order at 5:04PM.

REPORTS

- New Board Member Consideration
Sabrina Foster introduced herself to the board.

CONSENT ITEMS

- 06.11.2026 Board Meeting and Closed Session Minutes

April Bench made a motion to approve the 06.11.2026 Board Meeting and Closed Session Minutes. Terri Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Nancy Lindeman, Aye; John Horn, Aye; April Bench, Aye; Terri Johnson, Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Stephanie Loud joined the meeting at 5:09PM.

REPORTS

- Director's Report
Kacee Weaver presented the Director's Report to the board. A Montessori Moment was shared about the importance of student preparation and environment preparation. There are four main school wide priorities for the 26/27 school year. Enrollment is currently at 403 students. Maria Montessori Academy was voted the #1 charter school in Weber County by the Standard-Examiner.
- Finance Report
Caleb Crump was introduced to the board as the new accountant for Maria Montessori Academy. Caleb Crump presented the Finance Report to the board

including the Statement of Activities.

CLOSED SESSION- to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(a).

At 5:36PM, Stephanie Loud made a motion to move into closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(a) at Maria Montessori Academy. April Bench seconded. Motion passed unanimously. *Votes were as follows: Nancy Lindeman, Aye; John Horn, Aye; April Bench, Aye; Stephanie Loud, Aye; Terri Johnson, Aye.*

At 5:45PM, Stephanie Loud made a motion to move out of closed session and re-enter the general meeting. John Horn seconded. Motion passed unanimously. *Votes were as follows: Nancy Lindeman, Aye; John Horn, Aye; April Bench, Aye; Stephanie Loud, Aye; Terri Johnson, Aye.*

VOTING AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- New Board Member Consideration

Sabrina Foster was presented to the Board for consideration as a new member of the Maria Montessori Academy Board of Directors. Sabrina Foster brings nearly two decades of nonprofit experience in development, grant writing, event coordination, and community partnership, most recently as a consultant with Elevate Consulting and previously as Development and Events Coordinator at the Ogden Nature Center, and has served as a volunteer with the school's Family-Teacher Association since 2024.

April Bench made a motion to approve the appointment of Sabrina Foster to the Maria Montessori Academy Board of Directors until June 30, 2029. Stephanie Loud seconded. Motion passed unanimously. *Votes were as follows: Nancy Lindeman, Aye; John Horn, Aye; April Bench, Aye; Stephanie Loud, Aye; Terri Johnson, Aye.*

TRAINING

- School Land Trust Training

The board received a training from Priscilla Stringfellow about the Utah School Land Trust Program, through which the school receives state School Land Trust revenue to support improved student academic achievement. The training reviewed the Board's role in approving, monitoring, and reporting on the School Land Trust Plan. No Board action is required.

VOTING AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- School Land Trust Committee
This item was tabled.

- TSSA Framework
The TSSA Framework is amended to include a Literacy Achievement component in accordance with SB 241 (2026) and State Rule R277-927. The plan is updated to address the school's progress toward statewide literacy proficiency goals and provides that, if the school fails to meet statewide literacy goals, the school must dedicate at least 50% of TSSA funds toward evidence-based literacy interventions.
- Teton Science School Agreement and Transportation
Teton Science Schools will provide a multi-day, field-based science learning experience for Maria Montessori Academy students at the Kelly Campus in Kelly, Wyoming, from April 12–16, 2027. The agreement includes lodging, meals, integrated science curriculum and instruction, transportation to program areas, and equipment for the duration of the program.
- LEA Licenses
Kacee Weaver presented the need to approve LEA-Specific educator licenses for seven individuals. The license areas and endorsements are valid for three academic years as indicated on the spreadsheet provided to the board, which contains the associated educator information and rationale for the request, and all LEA-Specific licenses expire on June 30 of the final academic year approved.
- Policies
 - Amend Capitalization and Expense Policy
Federal regulations (2 CFR § 200.313) and the Utah Division of Finance's Capital Assets Policy 9-1 were amended to increase the capitalization threshold from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The school's Capitalization and Expense Policy was revised accordingly, and the school's accountant supports this policy change.
 - Amend Electronic Resources Policy
The Electronic Resources Policy and the corresponding administrative procedures were revised to comply with changes to law, including those in SB 88 from the 2026 legislative session. The revisions specify that the policy must be reviewed and approved at least every three years, that all rules and procedures applicable to the policy must be available for review at the school, that AI glasses are included in the definition of "electronic device," and that parents may request administration to allow their student to briefly use a privately owned electronic device during non-instructional time at a specified location designated by the school.
 - Amend Fee Waiver Policy
HB 142 permits students to receive fee waivers for no more than two school-sponsored trips per school year. To qualify for a fee waiver for a second school-sponsored trip during the same school year, a student must request

the waiver and, in coordination with school administration, complete an action plan describing how the student or the student's family will contribute to the school or the community through work or other service in lieu of paying the trip fees. The school's Fee Waiver Policy is revised to reflect these statutory changes.

- Amend Financial Reporting Policy
Caleb Crump presented the Financial Reporting Policy. Audits of the school's financial reporting must now be conducted in accordance with both Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS) and Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS). Because the school's Financial Reporting Policy currently references only GAAS, it is revised to also require compliance with GAGAS.
- Amend Procurement Policy
Caleb Crump presented the Financial Reporting Policy. The school's Procurement Policy was revised to comply with changes to R33-105, including with respect to quotes for purchases between \$5,000 and \$50,000, professional services, and construction projects. A provision was also added regarding the school following federal procurement requirements, if applicable, when using federal grant funds to procure goods and services.
- Amend Sex Education Instruction Policy
Priscilla Stringfellow presented the HB 281 from the 2025 legislative session revises the definition of "sex education instruction" and modifies the list of sex education related topics that are not allowed to be taught in school. HB 281 also revises health curriculum requirements for junior high and high school students, including requiring instruction in "situational awareness" and the "success sequence."

John Horn made a motion to approve the amended TSSA Framework, Teton Science School Agreement and Transportation up to \$17,500, LEA Licenses as discussed, Capitalization and Expense Policy, Electronic Resources Policy, Fee Waiver Policy, Financial Reporting Policy, Procurement Policy, and Sex Education Instruction Policy. April Bench seconded. Motion passed unanimously. *Votes were as follows: Nancy Lindeman, Aye; John Horn, Aye; April Bench, Aye; Stephanie Loud, Aye; Terri Johnson, Aye; Sabrina Foster, Aye.*

- Review Parent and Family Engagement Policy
Under Utah governance requirements, certain Board policies must be reviewed periodically. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy is currently due for scheduled review. At this time, no revisions are recommended, and no Board action or vote is required.

CALENDARING

- Next Board Meeting will be held on November 12, 2026 @ 4:00PM.

ADJOURN

At 6:16PM, April Bench made a motion to adjourn. Terri Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Nancy Lindeman, Aye; John Horn, Aye; April Bench, Aye; Stephanie Loud, Aye; Terri Johnson, Aye; Sabrina Foster, Aye.

Maria Montessori Academy Board of Directors Closed Session

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CLOSED SESSION SWORN STATEMENT:

At a duly noticed public meeting held on the date listed above, the board of directors for Maria Montessori Academy entered into a closed session for the sole purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual in accordance with Utah Code Ann. 52-4-2(1)(a).

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

Signed on the 10th day of September, 2026, at Maria Montessori Academy, Utah.

Nancy Lindeman, Board Chair