

Salt Lake Arts Academy
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2026

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Room 201.

Attendance

Board members present: Reid Prentice, Kelly Goff, Amy Fehlberg, Shantel Stoff, Greg Ostrander

Board members absent: Claudia Geist

Staff present: Deborah Candler (Chief Administrative Officer/Principal), Nicole Laird (Business Administrator), Jen Guillory, Whitney Childers

1. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June retreat as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Moved by: Amy Fehlberg | Seconded by: Kelly Goff

Passed Unanimously

2. Bylaws Amendments

Board Size.

Following board discussion, a motion was made to amend the Bylaws to reduce the minimum board size to six members for a 45-day period, at the end of which the minimum automatically increases to seven members. The motion passed unanimously.

Moved by: Amy Fehlberg | Seconded by: Shantel Stoff

Passed Unanimously

Nominee Posting Requirement.

A motion was made to amend the Bylaws to remove the 30-day nominee posting requirement. The motion passed unanimously.

Moved by: Shantel Stoff | Seconded by: Reid Prentice

Passed Unanimously

3. Board Composition and Officers

Board Slate.

A motion was made to ratify the 2026-2027 board slate of Shantel Stoff, Greg Ostrander, Kelly Goff, Amy Fehlberg, Reid Prentice, and Claudia Geist. The motion passed unanimously.

Moved by: Amy Fehlberg | Seconded by: Kelly Goff

Passed Unanimously

4. Officers.

A motion was made to approve the 2026-2027 slate of officers: Reid Prentice as Chair, Greg Ostrander as Secretary, and Shantel Stoff as Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.

Moved by: Kelly Goff | Seconded by: Amy Fehlberg

Passed Unanimously

5. CAO and Business Administrator Appointments.

A motion was made to appoint Deborah Candler as Chief Administrative Officer/Principal and Nicole Laird as Business Administrator for the coming year. The motion passed unanimously.

Moved by: Greg Ostrander | Seconded by: Shantel Stoff

Passed Unanimously

6. Electronic Meetings.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 2026-03, authorizing electronic participation in board meetings in accordance with state law. The motion passed unanimously.

Moved by: Greg Ostrander | **Seconded by:** Shantel Stoff

Passed Unanimously

7. Electronic Meetings.

A motion was made to amend the Bylaws to memorialize the board's adoption of the electronic meetings resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Moved by: Greg Ostrander | **Seconded by:** Kelly Goff

Passed Unanimously

8. Principal's Report

Ms. Candler reported on facilities progress (outdoor classroom, hammock installation, HVAC and restroom upgrades) and summer faculty retreat and hiring updates, including two new faculty hires for the 5th/6th grade team.

9. Finance Report

Ms. Laird reported no unexpected expenditures, noting that approved projects (outdoor classroom, HVAC, furniture) are proceeding as budgeted. She reported that the annual audit is progressing well, with one new requirement identified regarding annual staff certification of the code of conduct, to be implemented going forward. Prior year financials have been certified.

10. Closed Session

A motion was made to enter closed session pursuant to Utah Code § 52-4-205(1)(c) to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

Moved by: Greg Ostrander | **Seconded by:** Shantel Stoff

A roll call vote was taken to enter closed session:

Reid Prentice – yes; Kelly Goff – yes; Amy Fehlberg – yes; Greg Ostrander – yes; Shantel Stoff – yes

The board entered closed session at 6:25 p.m. and returned to open session at 6:45 p.m. A roll call vote was taken to exit closed session: Reid Prentice – yes; Kelly Goff – yes; Shantel Stoff – yes; Amy Fehlberg – yes; Greg Ostrander – yes.

11. UDOG Settlement

Upon returning to open session, a motion was made to accept the proposed settlement of UDOG v. Salt Lake Arts Academy Board, Case No. 2609-03274, as discussed and circulated among the board. The motion passed unanimously.

Moved by: Greg Ostrander | **Seconded by:** Amy Fehlberg

12. Public Comment

No requests to speak were received.

13. 2026-2027 Meeting Calendar

The board discussed the 2026-2027 meeting schedule, including a question regarding whether a December meeting would be held given the school's holiday break. The Chair and Secretary will circulate a proposed calendar by email for board review prior to posting.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Moved by: Shantel Stoff | Seconded by: Greg Ostrander
Passed Unanimously

Minutes prepared by Greg Ostrander, Secretary
Approved September 21, 2026