Governing Board Meeting

Date: October 29, 2026
Location: Junior High – Building 2; 1228 West 2185 South, Woods Cross, UT 84087
Online Access: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89222532473
In Attendance: John Cook, Aimee Hinojosa, Alisha Johnson, Lee Peterson, David Ray
Others In Attendance: Brandie Evans, Heidi Bauerle, Krystal Taylor, Matt Mouritsen, Cindy Phillips
Excused: Lara Murphy

MINUTES

OPEN MEETING: ROLL CALL AND WELCOME

John Cook called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cliff Rogel: Cliff Rogel requested additional information regarding the recent administrative changes at the school, specifically concerning the principal. He expressed interest in understanding the circumstances surrounding the changes and receiving further communication from the Board.

Eddie Carter: Eddie Carter, Behavior Intervention Specialist, shared his perspective on the recent administrative changes based on his work with students, teachers, and administration. He emphasized the importance of supporting students and staff and maintaining a safe environment. While acknowledging the difficulty of the changes, he expressed support for the decisions made and his belief that the changes were necessary.

Travis Chadaph: Travis Chadaph, a parent of two elementary students, expressed concerns regarding the recent administrative changes, particularly the timing of the decisions and the impact on students. He requested additional information to better understand the reasons for the changes and questioned why they occurred during the school year. He also encouraged the Board to improve communication and transparency by addressing significant decisions on meeting agendas in a timelier manner, allowing parents an opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions.

Melissa Carter: Inquired what the timeframe requirement is for board agendas to be posted to the public.

CONSENT ITEMS

- September 21, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes
  David Ray made a motion to approve the September 21, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes. Alisha Jonson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: John Cook, Aye; Aimee Hinojosa, Aye; Alisha Johnson, Aye; David Ray, Aye; Lee Peterson, Aye.
- New Hires
  The Board reviewed the new hires of Sophie Tobey and Ella Nuttall as Flex Instructors.

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Alisha Johnson made a motion to approve the new hires. Aimee Hinojosa seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: John Cook, Aye; Aimee Hinojosa, Aye; Alisha Johnson, Aye; David Ray, Aye; Lee Peterson, Aye.

REPORTS

- Budget Report

  Kim McVey presented the Budget Report to the Board for review. The Board reviewed the school's current financial information, including revenues, expenditures, and overall budget performance.

VOTING AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Amended Policies
  - Attendance Policy
  - Bullying and Hazing Policy
  - Fee Waiver Policy
  - Financial Reporting Policy
  - Lottery and Enrollment Policy
  - Religion and Education Policy

  The Board reviewed proposed amendments to six school policies, made primarily to reflect legislation enacted during the 2026 legislative session and updated state guidance. The Attendance Policy was revised to incorporate HB 145's amended definition of "valid excuse," HB 502's authorization to count attendance as up to 20% of a final course grade for students in grades 7–12, and SB 58's revised definitions (including "instructional hours" and "chronic absenteeism") and new requirements for attendance data review, staff training, monitoring and intervention, and annual Board review of attendance data and intervention effectiveness.

  The Bullying and Hazing Policy was updated to incorporate provisions from the USBE model Bullying Policy, including new definitions for "accountability practice" and "restorative justice practice," voicemail and email notice when a parent cannot be reached by phone, consideration of a student's age, development, and maturity in determining discipline, and expanded provisions on annual reporting, employee training, and incident reporting.

  The Fee Waiver Policy was amended per HB 142 to allow fee waivers for up to two school-sponsored trips per school year, with a waiver for a second trip requiring a student request and an action plan for work or service in lieu of fees.

  The Financial Reporting Policy was revised to require audits under both Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS) and Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS).

  The Lottery and Enrollment Policy was updated to align with current law and the school's charter and Schedule A regarding enrollment preferences, to reflect SB 131 and SB 167 on denial of admission based on prior disciplinary issues, and to clarify procedures for material misrepresentations or omissions in lottery applications discovered after enrollment.

  Finally, the Religion and Education Policy was revised under SB 260 to ensure students may express religious beliefs in schoolwork without penalty or reward based

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on their religious perspective, and that employees and students receive notice of these constitutional rights.
Aimee Hinojosa made a motion to approve the amended policies. David Ray seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: John Cook, Aye; Aimee Hinojosa, Aye; Alisha Johnson, Aye; David Ray, Aye; Lee Peterson, Aye.

The board took a brief break from 6:12PM to 6:14PM.

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 6:20PM Aimee Hinojosa motioned to enter into a closed session 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) to be held at Legacy Preparatory Academy. Lee Petersen seconded. Votes were as follows: John Cook, Aye; Aimee Hinojosa, Aye; Alisha Johnson, Aye; David Ray, Aye; Lee Peterson, Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

At 7:01PM Alisha Johnson motioned to leave the closed session. Aimee Hinjosa seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: John Cook, Aye; Aimee Hinojosa, Aye; Alisha Johnson, Aye; David Ray, Aye; Lee Peterson, Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD STRATEGIC PLANNING

- Committee Membership and Makeup
    - Academic Excellence Updates

The Board discussed opportunities to strengthen its overall effectiveness, including improving communication, onboarding and training for new Board members, and recruitment. Members also discussed maintaining clear boundaries between governance and school management while continuing to provide policy direction and oversight. The Board considered ways to better track responsibilities, action items, and follow-up.

CALENDARING

- November Virtual Meeting – Date TBD
- Board Meeting - January 21, 2027

ADJOURN

At 8:14PM David Ray motioned to adjourn. Alisha Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: John Cook, Aye; Aimee Hinojosa, Aye; Alisha Johnson, Aye; David Ray, Aye; Lee Peterson, Aye.

LPA Governing Board:
2027: *John Cook (Board Chair), Lee Peterson (Member)*
2028: *Lara Murphy (Vice Chair)*

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2029: *Alisha Johnson (Treasurer), David Ray (Member), Aimee Hinojosa (Secretary)*

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Board of Directors
Closed Session Statement

Date: October 29, 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 29th day of October 2026.

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