



OLIVE GROVE CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 12, 2026, 4:00 pm (Pacific Time)

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Jackie Heidt called the meeting of the Olive Grove Charter Schools, Inc. Board of Directors to order at 4:00pm.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Deb Willems, Board Chair	absent until 4:20pm; present for remainder of meeting
Terry Dickinson	present
Hank Gallina	present
Jackie Heidt	present
Ivette Martinez	present

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: Jackie Heidt moved to approve the agenda as presented.

SECONDED: Terry Dickinson

DISCUSSION: None

APPROVED by a vote of 4-0

Terry Dickinson (Y) Hank Gallina (Y) Jackie Heidt (Y) Ivette Martinez (Y)

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

5. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION: Jackie Heidt moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, which included: the minutes from the regular Board meeting on January 15, 2026; the minutes from the special Board meeting on January 28, 2026; the check register for the month of December 2025; revised policies *OGCS, Inc. Immigration Enforcement Policy* and *OGCS, Inc. Immigration Enforcement Policy Related to Detention or Deportation of a Family Member*; and new policy *OGCS, Inc. Student Smartphone Use Policy*.

SECONDED: Hank Gallina

DISCUSSION: None

APPROVED by a vote of 4-0

Terry Dickinson (Y) Hank Gallina (Y) Jackie Heidt (Y) Ivette Martinez (Y)

6. **REPORTS/ TRAININGS/ PRESENTATIONS**

A. Reports

i. Superintendent's Report

Meg Rydman provided an update on the Santa Barbara charter renewal appeal. She reported that the ACCS approved the renewal, moving it forward to the next and final stop - the SBE on March 11 or 12, tbd.

She reported the physical fitness testing at two sites is completed, with the other two scheduled, and makeups to happen at all as necessary.

The i-Ready winter benchmark assessment window closed but they are still capturing stragglers.

Four staff members will attend the DLAC conference in Sacramento next week.

This is the eve of a 4-day weekend, and she wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Enrollment as of today: 460 students enrolled + 5 ready to import & 4 accepted

- 50 elementary (TK-5),
- 75 middle school (6-8) and
- 335 high school (9-12).
- 85 special education students
- 38 EL students

Current waitlist stands at 118.

Preparations are underway for 2026-27 enrollment. The lottery, if necessary, will be held on March 25. There are already students applying for next school year. Ivette asked for some further explanation on the lottery, and Meg explained that it is a requirement for charter schools to hold a public random drawing for enrollment, should submitted interest forms exceed projected capacity.

ii. Board Members' Reports

None

iii. Financial Report *through December 2025*

Dennis Nguyen provided financial information through December 31, 2025. He reported actual expenses and revenue as of December 31 compared to the revised budget (first interims). He reviewed the financial health of the organization, the cash balance over time, and the balance sheet showing assets and liabilities. Both revenues and expenditures are coming in under budget. Lower than expected revenues are typical for this time of year, and things are heading in the right direction.

B. Presentations

i. Lompoc Learning Center Update -*Presented by Kristan Morrison, Learning Center Director*

Kristan Morrison shared information about the LC team members and provided an update on the goings on at the Lompoc learning center, including art, science, and student participation at a local career conference. She highlighted the center's wellness closet, and the Board asked some questions about the wellness closet, how it is stocked, and possibilities to expand it to the other centers.

ii. LCAP Mid-Year Update -*Presented by Meg Rydman, Superintendent*

Meg Rydman provided a mid-year update on the LCAP for each Olive Grove school, including an updated budget overview (as of 1st interims), all currently available metrics/outcome data, up to date action implementation, and expenditure information (through December 31).

Deb Willems joined the meeting at 4:20pm.

C. Trainings

None

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of OGCS, Inc. Comprehensive School Safety Plan

MOTION: Jackie Heidt moved to approve the OGCS, Inc. Comprehensive School Safety Plan.

SECONDED: Terry Dickinson

DISCUSSION: Meg Rydman explained that this annual review and approval is required by March 1. She presented information about the safety plan, including how it incorporates elements to comply with all new legislation, including but not limited to legislation addressing safe learning environments, immigration enforcement activities on site and notification thereof, cardiac emergency response, and use of smartphones at school. She also noted that the OGCS Advisory Council had reviewed and approved the plan.

APPROVED by a vote of 5-0

Terry Dickinson (Y) Hank Gallina (Y) Jackie Heidt (Y) Ivette Martinez (Y) Deb Willems (Y)

B. Approval of the Olive Grove Charter Schools, Inc. School Calendars for 2026-2027 and 2027-2028

MOTION: Jackie Heidt moved to approve the OGCS, Inc. School Calendars for 2026-2027 and 2027-2028.

SECONDED: Terry Dickinson

DISCUSSION: Meg Rydman explained that the proposed 2026-27 and 2027-28 calendars include 175 student instructional days (the minimum number of required instructional days for charter schools), 185 teacher work days per school year, and 15 recognized holidays. These calendars are designed to conclude the first semester prior to winter break and to conclude the teachers' work year by the end of May, consistent with their 10-month (20 pay period) status. Calendars for the largest, local districts in the areas we serve were taken into consideration during the formulation of these calendars.

APPROVED by a vote of 5-0

Terry Dickinson (Y) Hank Gallina (Y) Jackie Heidt (Y) Ivette Martinez (Y) Deb Willems (Y)

8. DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Board Business

i. Form 700 -due by April 1

Meg provided notification/reminder of this annual requirement and indicated she would follow up with an email.

ii. Mandated Reporter Training

Meg Rydman explained that SB 848 expanded the definition of a mandated reporter to include charter school Board members. Therefore, by July 1, 2026, all Board members are required to complete mandated reporter training. A brief discussion was held considering options for the OGCS, Inc. Board to complete this training, and more details will be forthcoming.

B. New Business/Future Agenda Items

None

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

- March 5, 2026

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59pm.

Minutes submitted by Ivette Martinez, OGCS, Inc. Board Secretary

