



OLIVE GROVE CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, May 7, 2026, 4:00 pm (Pacific Time)

## MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Deb Willems called the meeting of the Olive Grove Charter Schools, Inc. Board of Directors to order at 4:01pm.
  
2. **ROLL CALL**

Deb Willems, Board Chair	present
Terry Dickinson	present
Hank Gallina	present
Jackie Heidt	present
Ivette Martinez	absent - <i>Terry Dickinson will act as Secretary in Ivette's absence.</i>
  
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Deb Willems moved to approve the agenda as presented.  
**SECONDED:** Jackie Heidt  
**DISCUSSION:** None  
**APPROVED** by a vote of 4-0  
Deb Willems (Y) Terry Dickinson (Y) Hank Gallina (Y) Jackie Heidt (Y)
  
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None
  
5. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Deb Willems moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, which included: the minutes from the regular Board meeting on March 5, 2026; the check register for the months of February and March; and the revised policy *OGCS, Inc. Fiscal Policies and Procedures*.  
**SECONDED:** Jackie Heidt  
**DISCUSSION:** None  
**APPROVED** by a vote of 4-0  
Deb Willems (Y) Terry Dickinson (Y) Hank Gallina (Y) Jackie Heidt (Y)
  
6. **REPORTS/ TRAININGS/ PRESENTATIONS**
  - A. **Reports**
    - i. **Superintendent's Report**

Meg Rydman reported that it is staff appreciation week, so she took a moment to express her sincere gratitude for each and every team member at Olive Grove.  
ELPAC testing is complete, and CAASPP testing is almost complete. They are finishing testing a few stragglers at a couple of the centers.

The third i-Ready benchmark assessment is being administered this week  
The centers are conducting English and math finals in person over the next two weeks for the first time.  
The end of the school year is upon us! There are just 2.5 weeks of school left, which will be filled with celebrations, including open houses/award ceremonies and graduation.

Meg provided an update on a developing situation involving CalSTRS.

She provided a personnel update, indicating that the schools are actively seeking candidates for several positions.

She provided an update regarding the Scout pilot.

Total enrollment as of 5/7/26: 448 students.

- 44 are elementary (TK-5)
- 74 are middle school (6-8)
- 330 are high school (9-12)
- 82 sped
- 34 EL students
- Expect 83 to graduate, in addition to 24 mid years already graduated

The schools are now actively enrolling for 26-27. The lottery was held March 25, invitations to register have gone out, after that will begin enrolling on a first come, first served basis as space allows but currently operating on a waitlist for all elementary grades and LCs except Buellton.

ii. Board Members' Reports  
None

iii. Financial Report - *through March*  
Dennis Nguyen provided financial information through March 31, 2026. He reported actual expenses and revenue as of March 31 compared against the second interim budget. He reviewed the financial health of the organization, the cash balance over time, and the balance sheet showing assets and liabilities. Revenues and expenditures are both just slightly under budget.

## B. Presentations

- i. i-Ready Implementation -*Presented by Lea Lippincott, Teaching & Learning Support Coordinator*  
Lea Lippincott presented information about this first year of implementation of the i-Ready platform for assessment and intervention.

## C. Trainings

None

## 7. ACTION ITEMS

### A. Approval of CSMC Service Agreement Proposal 2026-2029

**MOTION:** Deb Willems moved to approve the 2026-2029 CSMC Service Agreement Proposal.

**SECONDED:** Jackie Heidt

**DISCUSSION:** Meg Rydman explained that this proposed service agreement renews our contract with CSMC for the next three school years, and it represents a minimum annual cost of \$170,000 for their services.

**APPROVED** by a vote of 4-0

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

### B. Approval of 5th Amendment to lease for Buellton facility

**MOTION:** Deb Willems moved to approve the 5th Amendment to lease for the Buellton facility.

**SECONDED:** Jackie Heidt

**DISCUSSION:** Meg Rydman explained that the term of the current lease expires on June 30, 2026. This amendment extends the lease for the Buellton learning center until June 30, 2031, to match the term of the charter. Beginning August 1, 2026, the monthly base rent will be \$4,252, and it will increase on August 1 of each year thereafter. The amount of each increase will be calculated as defined in the amendment document, based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

**APPROVED** by a vote of 4-0

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

**C. Approval of 4th Amendment to lease for Lompoc facility**

**MOTION:** Deb Willems moved to approve the 4th Amendment to lease for the Lompoc facility.

**SECONDED:** Terry Dickinson

**DISCUSSION:** Meg Rydman explained that the term of the current lease expires on July 31, 2026. This amendment extends the lease for the Lompoc learning center until July 31, 2031, to match the term of the charter. Monthly base rent for the first year will be \$5,412, and it will increase by 4% on August 1 of each year thereafter.

**APPROVED** by a vote of 4-0

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

**D. Approval to move forward with lease renewal for leases at the Bradley building, including the Orcutt/Santa Maria Learning Center and the OGCS, Inc. Central Office**

**MOTION:** Deb Willems moved to approve moving forward with lease renewal for leases at the Bradley building.

**SECONDED:** Terry Dickinson

**DISCUSSION:** Meg Rydman explained that the terms of the current leases for the Orcutt/Santa Maria Learning Center and the Central Office expire on July 31, 2026. She is negotiating to extend the leases until July 31, 2031, to match the terms of all four charters. The base rents for the first year of the new leases are listed below. Thereafter, the rent is to be adjusted annually per CPI or 3% whichever is greater.

- OGCS, Inc. Central Office, Suites 115 & 119 - New base rent will be \$2,892/month for the first year.
- Orcutt/Santa Maria Learning Center, Suites 221 & 234 - New base rent will be \$10,434/month for the first year.

**APPROVED** by a vote of 4-0

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

**E. Approval of Accelerate Quote 2026-27**

**MOTION:** Deb Willems moved to approve the Accelerate Quote for 2026-27.

**SECONDED:** Jackie Heidt

**DISCUSSION:** Meg Rydman explained that approval of this purchase will secure the selected curriculum for Olive Grove students in grades TK-5 for the 2026-27 school year. Accelerate is the current elementary curriculum provider. This quote includes the online curriculum (\$19,740.00), workbooks (\$10,200), and platform support and on-demand training for staff (\$625), for a grand total of \$30,565. The per student cost and workbook pricing did not change from 2025-26.

**APPROVED** by a vote of 4-0

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

**F. Approval of FlexPoint Quote 2026-27**

**MOTION:** Deb Willems moved to approve the FlexPoint Quote for 2026-27.

**SECONDED:** Terry Dickinson

**DISCUSSION:** Meg Rydman explained that approval of this purchase will secure the selected curriculum for Olive Grove students in grades 6-12 for the 2026-27 school year. FlexPoint is the current curriculum. This quote includes the primary online curriculum (\$86,827.50) and the addition of our own courses in the Buzz platform for English Language Development (ELD) and an orientation course (\$1,500), for a grand total of \$88,327.50. The per student cost did not change from 2025-26.

**APPROVED** by a vote of 4-0

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

**G. Approval of Parsec Quote for 2026-27**

**MOTION:** Deb Willems moved to approve the Parsec Quote for 2026-27.

**SECONDED:** Jackie Heidt

**DISCUSSION:** Meg Rydman explained that approval of this purchase will secure the ongoing use of Parsec's data analytics platform and support (\$20,000) and Parsec Real, a platform for collecting and analyzing educational partner feedback (\$10,000). Depending on length of the selected term, discounts will total \$4,000-\$5,500, therefore the total will not exceed \$26,000. This represents a maximum increase of \$4,000 from 2025-26.

**APPROVED** by a vote of 4-0

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

**H. Approval of Quotes for School Pathways Services for the period 7/1/2026-6/30/2027**

- i. School Pathways Quote -Buellton
- ii. School Pathways Quote -Lompoc
- iii. School Pathways Quote -Orcutt/Santa Maria
- iv. School Pathways Quote -Santa Barbara

**MOTION:** Deb Willems moved to approve the School Pathways Quotes for all four schools for 2026-27.

**SECONDED:** Terry Dickinson

**DISCUSSION:** Meg Rydman explained that approval renews the schools' agreements with School Pathways, the schools' student information system (SIS). The estimated fiscal impact is \$57,648. However, Meg may renegotiate the length of the term of the renewal, depending on the outcome of the Scout pilot.

**APPROVED** by a vote of 4-0

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

4:53 pm - Hank Gallina left the meeting.

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board entered closed session at 4:53pm.

- Confidential Student Enrollment Matter – Consideration of potential enrollment of a student expelled from another school district or charter school  
Case No.: 030-5726
- Conference with Labor Negotiator  
Agency Designated Representative: Board Chair  
Unrepresented Employee: Superintendent

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to open session at 5:14pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Deb Willems, Board Chair present

Terry Dickinson	present
Hank Gallina	absent
Jackie Heidt	present

## 9. REPORT ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

Regarding Confidential Student Enrollment Matter – Consideration of potential enrollment of a student expelled from another school district or charter school, Case No.: 030-5726, the Board approved the Superintendent’s Recommendation to enroll the previously expelled student. The vote was unanimous. There was no other action to report.

## 10. DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### A. Board Business

- i. Mandated Reporter Training -*must be completed by Board members by July 1, 2026*

### B. New Business/Future Agenda Items

- i. Two meetings in June
  - a. #1 Public hearing for LCAP, plus a few additional action items
  - b. #2 Local indicators, LCAP, initial 2026-27 budget, and more

## 11. NEXT MEETING DATES

- June 4, 2026 - Public Hearing for LCAPs
- June 11, 2026

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.

Minutes submitted by Terry Dickinson, in the absence of Ivette Martinez, OGCS, Inc. Board Secretary

*Terry Dickinson*

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