



OLIVE GROVE CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, June 4, 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 4:06pm.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Deb Willems, Board Chair	absent
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. **PUBLIC HEARING**

Opened Public Hearing at 4:08pm.

Meg Rydman provided an overview of the requirements for Charter Schools to complete the LCAP on or before July 1 of each year using the LCAP template adapted by the State Board of Education. OGCS, Inc. is required to prepare a separate LCAP for each school. Meg reviewed and discussed the drafts of the 2026-2027 LCAP for each Olive Grove school, which is year 3 in the 3-year LCAP cycle. Meg described the kinds of actions that are required to be included. There are required actions based on Dashboard performance, which OGCS has previously incorporated into the LCAPs. There is a newly applicable requirement to incorporate actions addressing the use of Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant funds based on a needs assessment. OGCS, Inc. worked to develop these LCAP goals based on educational partner engagement and input including data, and minimal changes were made to goals or actions for 2026-27. The complete LCAP package will be presented to the Board at their next meeting, on June 11, for approval. The drafts are up for Public Hearing in order to gain any public feedback for adoption of the plan before it is finalized, approved, and submitted to the Charter Authorizer.

No public comment was made.

Closed Public Hearing at 4:16pm.

## 6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION:** Jackie Heidt moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, which included the minutes from the Board meeting on May 7, 2026 and the check register for the month of April.

**SECONDED:** Terry Dickinson

**DISCUSSION:** None

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

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

## 7. REPORTS/ TRAININGS/ PRESENTATIONS

### A. Reports

#### i. Superintendent's Report

Meg Rydman indicated she would give a brief report this week, since the primary focus of this meeting was on the public hearing.

Olive Grove wrapped up the school year with a lovely graduation ceremony. Meg thanked Hank and Ivette for participating.

She reported that staffing is pretty much secured for 2026-27. She reminded the Board that they settled on a shared leadership model for the special education department, rather than a single director position.. She mentioned there are four new hires, three of whom have already completed their at-will agreements. She reviewed which positions those new hires will fill. She spoke about vacancies that are likely to come up in summer, so they are posting a teacher position for a 26-27 candidate pool, just in case.

As of 6/4/26, there are 336 pre-enrolled students with an additional 75 who have been accepted and/or are ready to import.

#### ii. Board Members' Reports

None

#### iii. Financial Report - *through April*

Dennis Nguyen provided financial information through April 30, 2026. He reported actual expenses and revenue as of April 30 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 are coming in approximately 1% over budget, and expenditures are approximately 2.6% under budget. The ending position has flipped to a surplus, as expected.

### B. Presentations

None

### C. Trainings

None

## 8. ACTION ITEMS

### A. Approval of Certificate of Amendment of the Article of Incorporation for compliance with CalSTRS Form 0765 and Directive

**MOTION:** Jackie Heidt moved to approve the Certificate of Amendment of the Article of Incorporation.

**SECONDED:** Terry Dickinson

**DISCUSSION:** Meg Rydman explained that this action is necessary to allow Olive Grove Charter Schools, Inc. to complete the CalSTRS Form 0765 certification due June 30, 2026. The Board needs to approve, and the Corporation needs to file with the California Secretary of State, a Certificate of Amendment to Article VI, Section

E of the Articles of Incorporation. The current Article VI.E currently permits dissolution assets to be distributed to any 501(c)(3) educational nonprofit, which CalSTRS will not accept; Form 0765 § 2(f) requires the governing documents to direct net assets, on dissolution or final liquidation, to a public school that meets Section III.A of IRS Notice 2015-07 or to the State of California, a political subdivision, or an agency or instrumentality of the State. The Bylaws contain no independent dissolution clause and the charter renewal documents expressly defer to the Articles on this point, so amending the Articles cures all three documents.

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

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

**B. Approval of the pursuit of the application for title funding for all four Olive Grove Charter Schools: Title I, Title II, and Title IV, and Title V funding for OGCS Buellton**

**MOTION:** Jackie Heidt moved to approve the pursuit of the application for title funding for all four Olive Grove Charter Schools.

**SECONDED:** Terry Dickinson

**DISCUSSION:** Meg Rydman explained that this action will allow the Olive Grove schools to apply for these Federal funds.

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

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

**C. Approval of 2026-27 CharterSafe Membership Proposal**

**MOTION:** Jackie Heidt moved to approve the 2026-27 CharterSafe Membership Proposal.

**SECONDED:** Terry Dickinson

**DISCUSSION:** Meg Rydman explained that this action will renew the organization's contract with CharterSafe to provide insurance and risk management services for one school year, and it represents an annual cost of \$157,944 for their services.

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

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

**D. Approval of i-Ready Quote 2026-27**

**MOTION:** Jackie Heidt moved to approve the i-Ready quote for 2026-27.

**SECONDED:** Terry Dickinson

**DISCUSSION:** Meg Rydman explained that this action will allow for the purchase of an internal benchmark assessment and intervention platform for the 2026-27 school year. She reminded the Board that 25-26 was the first year of implementation of the i-Ready platform, and that Lea Lippincott provided a presentation on it at the last meeting.

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

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

**E. Review and acceptance of Olive Grove Charter Schools, Inc. Mid-Cycle Report May 2026**

**MOTION:** Jackie Heidt moved to accept the Olive Grove Charter Schools, Inc. Mid-Cycle Report.

**SECONDED:** Terry Dickinson

**DISCUSSION:** Meg Rydman explained that the schools participated in a full self study for accreditation three years ago, receiving a six-year accreditation status with a required mid-cycle report. The mid-cycle report was submitted to WASC last week and has already been accepted by WASC, and accreditation is affirmed for another three years. WASC's Accrediting Commission for Schools requires that the report be presented to the Board for formal review and acceptance.

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

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

## 9. CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered closed session at 4:35pm.

- Conference with Labor Negotiator  
Agency Designated Representative: Board Chair  
Unrepresented Employee: Superintendent

## RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 4:46pm.

## ROLL CALL

Terry Dickinson	present
Hank Gallina	present
Jackie Heidt	present
Ivette Marinez	present

## 10. REPORT ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

There was no action to report.

## 11. DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### A. Board Business

- Meg reminded the continuing Board members of the required Mandated Reporter Training module, which must be completed by July 1, 2026.
- Meg also mentioned to the Board members who plan to depart that they must complete another Form 700. She will email it to them.
- Meg mentioned that there is an interested new Board member, and the Board will vote on her membership next week. Elections for Board/corporation officers will also be held to replace the departing office holders.

### B. New Business/Future Agenda Items

- Local Indicators, LCAPs, and 2026-27 Budgets
- 2026-27 Board Meeting Dates

## 12. NEXT MEETING DATES

- June 11, 2026, 4:00pm

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49pm.

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

*Ivette Martinez*

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