

Board Minutes - Approved  
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting  
May 1, 2025

Board Members Present: Laura Stoland, Jennie Karrer, Ed Eadon, Sue Ingles, Maya Rao.

A quorum was present

Also present: OCS Executive Director Kristy Mack Fett and Ayanthy Peiris from ExED.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm

**Open Forum**

Maya brought up renting school buses for field trips - is this a possibility?  
OCS Spring Gala is Saturday!

Josh Stokes arrived at 6:06 pm  
Tammy Stanton arrived at 6:13 pm

**Finance**

Ayanthy presented the finances for the month of March. Ocean's enrollment as of month 7 was 557, 1 student below budget. The attendance rate was 94.4% and the average attendance was 526.61. The P2 Average ADA is 527.52, 5 ADA above budget. Ocean's projected operating net income is \$411K, \$3K below budget. Total revenues are higher than budget by \$19K due to increased LCFF resulting from increased attendance and Other local revenue resulting from increased aftercare & enrichment revenue. Total expenses are higher than budget by \$24K mostly due to the increased Special Ed Fair Share expenses resulting from increased district encroachment fees. Forecast includes \$174K of restricted one-time funds. An additional \$99K remains available to spend through FY 27/28. Ocean's projected EBITDA is \$588K with a debt service coverage ratio of 1.26. Ocean's cash balance at the end of March was \$2.7M with \$317K as restricted site project cash. Projected operating cash balance at year-end is \$2.5M which represents a 33% cash reserve.

**MOTION: Maya Rao moved to approve the March 2025 Financial Report and Check Register. Ed Eadon seconded.** All present were in favor and the motion passed.

| Name          | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Name          | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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| Laura Stoland | x   |    |         |        | Joshua Stokes | x   |    |         |        |
| Ed Eadon      | x   |    |         |        | Jennie Karrer | x   |    |         |        |

| Name          | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Name     | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
|---------------|-----|----|---------|--------|----------|-----|----|---------|--------|
| Tammy Stanton | x   |    |         |        | Maya Rao | x   |    |         |        |
| Sue Ingles    | x   |    |         |        |          |     |    |         |        |

**MOTION: Josh Stokes moved to approve the 2023 990 tax return (2023-24 fiscal year). Laura Stoland seconded.** All present were in favor and the motion passed.

| Name          | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Name          | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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| Laura Stoland | x   |    |         |        | Joshua Stokes | x   |    |         |        |
| Ed Eadon      | x   |    |         |        | Jennie Karrer | x   |    |         |        |
| Tammy Stanton | x   |    |         |        | Maya Rao      | x   |    |         |        |
| Sue Ingles    | x   |    |         |        |               |     |    |         |        |

The 2025-26 draft budget was reviewed and discussed.

We don't have the funding for busses: could be around \$850 + insurance and fees  
 There is a \$150 maximum amount per year per class how much can be collected. There was discussion in Finance

**Solar Panels and Chargers**

The board heard an update on the possible solar panel project for OCS.

Josh reviewed the formal use agreement and Kristy followed up with the attorney. He confirmed that there is nothing in the lease requiring public access to the solar panels

Chargers, however, are funded through a grant from LADWP and would require access to the public.

Tim will take the alterations request form for the panels and submit it to TENCO to see how much they would do for free or how much they will charge. This will come before the board.

We currently have 2 bids, if we can get 3, we will.

**MOTION: Laura Stoland moved to approve a task force to move the solar panel project forward. The task force will consist of Josh Stokes, Ed Eadon, Kristy Mack**

**Fett, and Tim Garlick. Sue Ingles seconded.** All present were in favor and the motion passed.

| Name          | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Name          | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
|---------------|-----|----|---------|--------|---------------|-----|----|---------|--------|
| Laura Stoland | x   |    |         |        | Joshua Stokes | x   |    |         |        |
| Ed Eadon      | x   |    |         |        | Jennie Karrer | x   |    |         |        |
| Tammy Stanton | x   |    |         |        | Maya Rao      | x   |    |         |        |
| Sue Ingles    | x   |    |         |        |               |     |    |         |        |

**Discussion of Waldorf Teacher Training**

Ocean is interested in the next phase of the Building Bridges. Applied for a grant, which WISC is also a potential source of training. There is a commitment on the part of the board to raise the Waldorf stipend when possible.

**Director’s Report**

The Board heard a report from the Executive Director about hiring, school events, parent education, and TK/K programming.

Changes are coming to TK/K. Students are getting younger and class sizes must be smaller. This means separate TK and K classes. OCS has a rich lived experience in supporting this age group.

One Earth was founded and run by an OCS Parent. Their focus is the vast number of young children with Environmental anxiety. OCS is considering integrating this into the curriculum.

Hiring update - there have been a lot of demo lessons already and more to come. Kristy is optimistic about the candidates. Currently looking to fill 3 classroom teacher positions.

The possibility of an exit interview for teachers was discussed. There is already an exit survey for families.

**Discussion of School Climate Survey**

The board reviewed the results of the school climate survey.

**Governance Committee Update**

The board discussed the OCS Visitation Guidelines Policy. This will be cleaned up and will go back to Governance to work out some of the nuance.

## **2025-26 Board and Committee Calendars**

The board reviewed the 2025-26 board and committee meeting calendars.

The following is the complete list of Board of Trustee meetings next academic year:

August: 08/07/25  
September: 09/04/25  
October: 10/09/25  
November: 11/06/25  
December: 12/04/25  
January: 01/08/26  
February: 02/05/26  
March: 03/05/26  
April: 04/09/26  
May: 05/07/26  
June: 06/01/26  
June: 06/25/26

### **Convene to Closed Session**

CLOSED SESSION began at 8:01pm

### **Reconvene to Open Session at 8:03pm**

Nothing to report out from Closed session

Meeting was Adjourned at 8:03pm

**The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday June 2, 2025.**