Board Minutes-Approved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
October 1, 2026

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

Board Members Absent: Tammy Stanton, Glenda Silva Pantoja, Josh Stokes.

Also present: Kristy Mack Fett, Ayanthy Peiris and Ms. Kristen.

A quorum was present.

1. **The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm**

2. **Open Forum**
   Kristen Curran brought up two issues that face working or single parents and caregivers. One is the way we rely on parent drivers for field trips and the other is the way enrichment activities are rolled out (Tuesday at 10:00 am). Ideas include a lottery, a guaranteed waitlist for the next.

   Laura Stoland mentioned that the assumption is that you are coming to the meeting. If you will not be able to attend, the protocol is to email Maya Rao (the Board Secretary) and cc. Laura and Kristy.

3. **Finance**
   a. The Board reviewed the August 2026 financial report and check register. Enrollment at the end of Month 1 was 542. The ADA rate was 97.6% and Average ADA was 525.37. Forecast enrollment was updated to 550, 6 below budget. Projected Average ADA is 520.56, 4.87 ADA below budget. Forecast includes $219K of restricted one-time funds. An additional $338K remains available to spend through FY27/28. Projected Operating Net Income is $409K, $22K below budget. Total revenues are lower than budget by $33K mostly due to decreased LCFF revenue resulting from decreased enrollment. Increased AFG and Aftercare enrichment revenue by $15K. Total expenses are higher than budget by $2K mostly due to increased classified salaries resulting from rate/hours adjustments. EBITDA is $591K ~ Debt service coverage ratio is 1.27. Cash at the end of August was $3.2M, Operating cash was $2.93M while restricted Site cash was $317K. The Operating cash reserve is 28%.

MOTION: Jennifer Jacobus moved to approve the August 2026 financial report and check register. Aisha Maas 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				Glenda Silva				x
Aisha Maas	x				Jennifer Jacobus	x			

b. Kristy Mack Fett discussed the fact that demographics are definitely changing. There are less school-aged children in Los Angeles. Decrease is small for Ocean Charter School, but she and the admin team are taking it seriously. The team is working daily to fill any available spots. The biggest gap is in 6th grade, where they are 22 students below optimal enrollment. There will be conversations about possibly collapsing the 3 sections into two. This would have impacts on the overall budget since it would mean there would be one less class than before.
c. Maintenance was discussed as it relates to the budget. There are concerns about leaks, HVAC. The facility is aging and will require more maintenance (and more money) going forward. Kristy would like to have a position at the school whose role is to take stock of the repairs and maintenance and formulate a 2, 3, 5, long-term plan. The school's umbrella insurance could cover some unforeseen occurrences.
d. The Board discussed Special Education as it relates to the budget. It is likely that the Option 1 program that Ocean Charter enrolls in will have an increased cost.
e. The Board heard an update on Fundraising at Ocean Charter. There are economic realities that are making it harder for families to give at the same level as in the past. The team is working on building relationships, rethinking messaging, and continuing to work hard. Fundraising is going well. The skating fundraiser brought in $900. The Gala has a date, and Aisha is actively working on securing the venue. There is a new AFG thermometer that will track giving in a very tangible way. Laura suggested using the term "fun raising" or "friend raising" The first fundraiser is going to be a party on a boat.

4. **Director's Report**

The Board heard a report from Kristy Mack Fett about the festival of courage, which was well received by the school. They chanted for the Dragon and the dragon appeared. The Japanese program is looking forward to the visit by the Japanese School coming up. Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation renewal process will take place this year - it will be the full process. This will tie into the strategic plan.

5. **Governance**

a. The Board reviewed the Donation and Gift Giving Policy to be included in the Employee Handbook and the Parent/Student Handbook.

MOTION: Sue Ingles moved to approve the Donation and Gift Giving Policy to be

included in the Employee Handbook and the Parent/Student Handbook as amended. Jenny Karrer 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				Glenda Silva				x
Aisha Maas	x				Jennifer Jacobus	x			

b. The Board reviewed the Public Records Act policy.

MOTION: Ed Eadon moved to approve the Public Records Act policy. Aisha Maas 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				Glenda Silva				x
Aisha Maas	x				Jennifer Jacobus	x			

6. **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging**
   a. Discussion of updates to the Administrative/Leadership goals in the OCS Equity Plan. There was a desire to include language like "The Board will reflect DEIB in all decisions moving forward." The Board would also like to include "time" as a form of equity.
   b. Maya Rao updated the Board on the details of the dress code discussion. It was noted that although the school carefully crafted the policy to keep it gender neutral, there is no denying that girls' experience has been fraught for a whole host of reasons. The admin asked for trust from the community with the understanding that there will be a thorough review at the end of the year in collaboration with the DEIB Committee.
   c. Maya Rao discussed the composition of the DEIB Committee and the need to recruit new members. We have a substantial number of classroom reps who attend and who may be interested in joining the committee

7. **Approval of Minutes**
   The Board reviewed the Board meeting minutes from:

a. May 7, 2026, regular meeting

MOTION: Ed Eadon moved to approve the Board meeting minutes from May 7, 2026, regular meeting. 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				Glenda Silva				x
Aisha Maas	x				Jennifer Jacobus	x			

b. June 1, 2026, regular meeting

MOTION: Jennie Karrer moved to approve the Board meeting minutes from June 1, 2026 regular meeting. Maya Rao seconded, Ed Eadon abstained. All others 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				Glenda Silva				x
Aisha Maas	x				Jennifer Jacobus	x			

c. June 25, 2026, regular meeting

MOTION: Aisha Maas moved to approve the Board meeting minutes from June 25, 2026 regular meeting. Ed Eadon seconded, Jennie Karrer and Jennifer Jacobus abstained. All others 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				Glenda Silva				x

Aisha Maas	x				Jennifer Jacobus			x	

d. August 6, 2026, regular meeting

MOTION: Jennifer Jacobus moved to approve the Board meeting minutes from June 25, 2026, regular meeting. Maya Rao seconded, Jennie Karrer and Ed Eadon abstained. All others 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				Glenda Silva				x
Aisha Maas	x				Jennifer Jacobus	x			

8. **Strategic Plan, Mission and Vision**
   There is still a desire to have a dedicated meeting although scheduling is really difficult. We could work on the small things and use those to work on the big things, or work on the umbrella and have that be the guide for the small things (like Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), Alliance Self Study, Charter, Mission, Vision, Equity Plan, Annual oversight). The community should be a part of the discussion. Parents, teachers etc. Laura Stoland, Aisha Maas, and Ed Eadon will reach out to possible facilitators.

9. **The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2026.