



Explorations Charter School

Minutes

Governing Board Regular Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday August 18, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Directors Present

Ginni Block (remote), Greg Skinner (remote), Hilary Paden (remote), Kali Blakeslee (remote), Lori Noto (remote), Robert Peterson (remote), Sarah Annis Haynes (remote)

Directors Absent

Bryan Raydenbow, Julie Luby, Marc Pruchnicki

Guests Present

Bill Hallam (remote), Joe White (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Robert Peterson called a meeting of the board of directors of Explorations Charter School to order on Tuesday Aug 18, 2026 at 5:07 PM.

C. Opening Statement - Robert's Ramble

D. Approve Minutes - 06/16/26

Robert Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes from Governing Board Regular Meeting on 06-16-26.

Lori Noto seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Marc Pruchnicki	Absent
Sarah Annis Haynes	Aye
Julie Luby	Absent
Hilary Paden	Aye
Ginni Block	Absent
Greg Skinner	Aye
Kali Blakeslee	Absent
Bryan Raydenbow	Absent
Robert Peterson	Aye
Lori Noto	Aye

E. Approve Minutes - Special July Meeting

Robert Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Meeting on 07-22-26.

Lori Noto seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Ginni Block	Absent
Robert Peterson	Aye
Sarah Annis Haynes	Aye
Greg Skinner	Aye
Kali Blakeslee	Absent
Lori Noto	Aye
Marc Pruchnicki	Absent
Julie Luby	Absent
Bryan Raydenbow	Absent
Hilary Paden	Aye

II. Financial

A. Monthly Report

Susan discussed that the Budget. Finance committee to meet this week to finalize then board to vote electronically on it.

III. Action Items

A. 2026-2027 Explorations Charter School Budget

Discussion held. Vote to happen after final revisions this week.

B. Policy - 5145.12 Search and Seizure

Ginni Block made a motion to Approve policy with edits made at the meeting.

Lori Noto seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Robert Peterson	Aye
Bryan Raydenbow	Absent
Hilary Paden	Aye
Lori Noto	Aye
Kali Blakeslee	Aye
Marc Pruchnicki	Absent
Ginni Block	Aye
Greg Skinner	Aye
Sarah Annis Haynes	Aye
Julie Luby	Absent

IV. Committee Reports

A. Policy Committee

More policies to be updated in the near future.

B. CEO Support & Evaluation Committee

Lori to look up an Exit Interview to be completed for Jill.

Bill and Joe to come up with some goals to help with future evaluations.

Lori to send some samples/examples

C. Personnel Committee

Employee Handbook to be distributed to the staff next week via Joe and Bill's instruction.

D. Finance Committee

To meet this Thursday.

E. Staff Appreciation

- Board expressed a desire to honor and support the staff.
- Beginning of the year celebration.
- Board to supply breakfast to the staff on 8/25.

V. School News

A. General Updates

Bill reported.

- Enrollment currently 85 students.
- 2 potential students interviewing this week.
- Interest in hiring a paraprofessional for the upcoming school year to help with Special Ed. case load and push-ins to classrooms.

B. Teacher Report

Kali Blakeslee reported on Jill's going away party and expressed the collective teachers' confidence in new leadership and excitement for upcoming school year.

Greg Skinner reported update on Adventure handbook and desire to formalize it especially re: insurance approval for activities.

Greg Skinner reported on summer school.

Joseph White reported on credit recovery.

C. Board Retreat

- Saturday, September 12 at LARC
- 9:00 - 1:00

Monthly Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 5:00 - 6:30 pm

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Lori expressed gratitude to Joe and Bill for putting the document together.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Peterson

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