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Palisades Charter High School

Minutes

Special Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday February 9, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Location
Library
Palisades Charter High School
15777 Bowdoin Street
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

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Notice is hereby given that the order of consideration of matters on this agenda may be changed without prior notice. All items may be heard in a different order than listed on the agenda.

Trustees Present

Amir Ebtehadj (remote), Fati Adeli (remote), Lisa Cahill, Maggie Nance, Martha Monahan, Minh Ha Ngo, Negeen Ben-Cohen (remote), Nicholas Albonico

Trustees Absent
Andrew Paris, Jane Davis, Jessica Recinos

Ex Officio Members Present
Dr. Pam Magee

Guests Present
Josh Wilson (remote), Owen Fisher, Rafael Negroe (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Maggie Nance called a meeting of the board of trustees of Palisades Charter High School to order on Monday Feb 9, 2026 at 5:04 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

C. Public Comment

Michael Friedman - online submission
"Why is facilities being asked to clean the tennis courts? How many people benefit from that? Do we have PE Tennis classes? Why isn't facilities being asked to clean the dirt throughout the J Area? This should not need to be requested by staff it should be recognized by facilities and admin yet it is being totally ignored. It has already led to dirt getting into people's eyes as well as tracked into the classrooms. Please hold the next TV interview back there since it seems acceptable to leave messes around. Should'nt we show off our lack of diligence or care?

Communication-numerous important items have not been addressed to the faculty. At present, if an alarm goes off or the school has a "lockdown" situation, staff do not know where to bring students as the football field is not cleared for use. There is no announced "safe or sanctuary spot" to rally at off campus as the church on El Medio burnt down. There has been a year to make these decisions and disseminate the information and the best answer I have heard is that we don't need to do a drill yet. What if it's not a drill? Who is able to guarantee that something won't happen.

It's supposed to rain tomorrow. Are classrooms going to get doormats? Has anything been communicated to staff about how and whom to request these items?

The key oversight is excessive and problematic. The locking of restrooms in the J area is inconsistent and wastes “manpower”. It is causing students to seek restrooms on the opposite side of campus thus maximizing the amount of time they are out of class. Shouldn’t we be expecting and setting up our operations to do the opposite? This attempt at safety is actually weakening the overall safety on campus by giving security the tedious and unnecessary task of unlocking and re-locking bathroom doors in some places up to 6 times each day? Rumor has it that the whole key management is the result of theft from classrooms. That might be so, but no one was concerned about it at Sears as there were no doors. Unless the person who unlocks the door also inventories the room there can and will still be theft. What is taking place also should have an official protocol stated and communicated to staff. This should not come from HR, an entity that is supposed to make sure there is compliance as opposed to being a decision maker.

Admin is supposed to work with department chairs to create the schedule for each department. The department chairs are much more aware of the abilities and needs within each department than new or newish administrators. This not only goes against what exists in writing here at PALI it also is over-empowering people who are yet to have learned and proven themselves competent before given such a crucial assignment. Just the other week the Dean’s office and security could not find a student and spent between 4-5 hours of staff time looking in the wrong classroom because the change of classrooms was never made on infinite campus although it was requested. This means that less than 5 minutes of work by an administrator was not done yet wasted multiple hours of staff time as a result. Figure that a fully generated teaching schedule by administration would result in countless hours of problems, corrections, complaints by students, staff and parents. This is pretty much going to be a tremendously poor decision that is avoidable.

There is no secured fenced in “Boneyard” anymore. Some places in the parking lot and loading dock are tapped off, why not next to the field along the building that used to be where the tech office was? No signs, no barriers, no supervision and only so far no issues. There have been several students hanging around there both during class time and nutrition/lunch. Many items are stacked and can fall. This is a safety issue that is being ignored. Is anyone going to act responsible for this?"

II. Demolition Contract Approval

A. Demolition Contract Approval

Rafael Negroe -
We have 3 quotes for the classroom demolition at Sears - to the level agreed with Seritage owner at Sears. Our lease called for us to demo back to original conditon but included a clause for them to leave some items in place. They decided to keep some electrical, data circuits, etc. They want us to remove the wall, flooring and sound insulation. Original quote was over $600k, coming down now since the scope has been reduced.
Miller $511,000. They are not committing for a timely completion. Could be July.

Raymond $439,752 - They are the ones who actually installed the walls at Sears for us. Their demo cost is usually about 40% of the install cost. They also will not commit to finish within 3-4 weeks. Just saying before July 1.
13Zero3 - affiliated with Corovan moving company. $296,709.40 and say they can complete before end of February. This will help us get everything out of Sears before March so we avoid any further charges. No guaranty of completion, no provision in the agreement.

Maggie Nance made a motion to Accept the 13Zero3 Demolition Proposal.
Amir Ebtehadj seconded the motion.
Owen Fisher - asked how there is such a large range of bids
Minh Ha - is there a credit to us from the landlord for the improvements we made that they choose to keep? No, the lease provides for them to elect what they want to keep

Students voiced support
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Jessica Recinos	Absent
Maggie Nance	Aye
Negeen Ben-Cohen	Aye
Amir Ebtehadj	Aye
Jane Davis	Absent
Lisa Cahill	Aye
Andrew Paris	Absent
Minh Ha Ngo	Aye
Fati Adeli	Aye
Martha Monahan	Aye
Nicholas Albonico	Aye

III. Approval of Athletics Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

A. Approval of Athletics MOU

Josh Wilson -

- Agreement for game facility for baseball team for the next 4-5 years until we have the Pali baseball field back. Agreement is between Pali, the baseball team parents organization 501c3 and the Cheviot Hills Pony Baseball Association.
- They were looking to upgrade their facility. The parent org that represents the team came to an agreement with the Association to upgrade the facility for $150,000, with the cost to be split between the association and the school. We will pay $75,000 which will be split $37,500 to the parent org and 37,500 from the school.
- We have to handle maintenance during the season just as we would have at our home field.

- Practices will be at Pali rec center park for this year. This agreement is only for games
- Lisa - what portion of the cost will the city pick up? None. They allow the association to make these changes to the facility and it's a public park area so we pay rent to the City.
- The association would not be able to do this upgrade without our financing. This will not just be some updates, it's a full overhaul of the facility.
- Regular maintenance will be their responsibility, we will just do it during our season to ensure it's at the level we expect for our team.
- The challenge will be that we have to maintain two fields during the season since separate practice and game facilities.
- Lisa - what is the difference in maintenance costs between our own field at Pali and what we will have to do now. Josh says we don't fully know. It will be higher this year because we had to do some work on Pali rec center field to get it ready too. That was under $30k.
- Lisa - why are we paying to rent and upgrade and maintain. Did this go to the cheviot hills park advisory board? Josh says yes, they directed us to the pony association. A lot of this was handled by the baseball parent association. The pony association has the rights over this facility and if we wanted consistently guarantied rights to control this facility, we had to make this agreement. Otherwise we would be fighting with groups that already have rental agreements and rights to the facilities around the city.

Martha Monahan made a motion to Approve the MOU For the Cheviot Hills Baseball Field.
Minh Ha Ngo seconded the motion.
Students voice support
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Martha Monahan	Aye
Andrew Paris	Absent
Maggie Nance	Abstain
Negeen Ben-Cohen	Aye
Lisa Cahill	Aye
Jane Davis	Absent
Amir Ebtehadj	Aye
Jessica Recinos	Absent
Fati Adeli	Aye
Minh Ha Ngo	Aye
Nicholas Albonico	Aye

IV. Consent Agenda

A.

Finance Items: School Organized Conferences/Trips

Maggie Nance made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda and the Two Conferences.
Minh Ha Ngo seconded the motion.
students voice support
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Amir Ebtehadj	Aye
Minh Ha Ngo	Aye
Jane Davis	Absent
Lisa Cahill	Aye
Martha Monahan	Aye
Maggie Nance	Aye
Negeen Ben-Cohen	Aye
Fati Adeli	Aye
Andrew Paris	Absent
Jessica Recinos	Absent
Nicholas Albonico	Aye

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Negeen Ben-Cohen