



# Menlo Park Academy Governing Board

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

Annual Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Thursday April 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM

#### Location

Menlo Park Academy  
2149 West 53rd St.  
Cleveland, OH 44102

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The regular meeting of MPA's governing board will be held on April 17, 2025 at Menlo Park Academy, 2149 W. 53rd Street, Cleveland, OH 44102. Meeting dates and times are posted in several places in building as well as online. We will endeavor to enable virtual attendance, when possible, at this meeting link – <https://meet.google.com/bqx-niry-mqu>.

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#### Directors Present

Jeffrey Sugalski, Sam Sherwood, Shruti Aring, Teri Harrison, Tiffany Randle, Twana Rogers

#### Directors Absent

*None*

#### Guests Present

Allison Lentz, Deborah Zeffren, Jessica Esway, Rita Nelson

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#### I. Opening Items

**A. Record Attendance**

**B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Tiffany Randle called a meeting of the board of directors of Menlo Park Academy Governing Board to order on Thursday Apr 17, 2025 at 6:01 PM.

**C. Public Comments**

None for the record.

**D. Approve Minutes - March 2025**

Motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 03-13-25.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**II. Sponsor Report**

**A. Sponsor Report**

Ohio School Safety Summit scheduled for June 2025,  
Parents Bill of Rights took effect on April 9, 2025.

**III. Financial Report**

**A. March Financials**

Jeffrey Sugalski made a motion to Acknowledge the March financials as presented.  
Teri Harrison seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**IV. Board Committees**

**A. Audit & Finance**

Met twice since our last board meeting. Reviewed the February 2025 and March 2025 financials.

**B. Development**

**C. Enrollment Task Force**

**D. Program Excellence**

**E. School Culture**

**V. Resolutions for Consideration: Academic**

**A. Club Stipends**

Teri Harrison made a motion to Table to approve club stipends in \$166.66 for M. Dolar, S. Tagliarina, K. Sacco, L. Mindala, S. Coulson, and M. Hudak.

Jeffrey Sugalski seconded the motion.

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

**B. Overnight Stipend**

Teri Harrison made a motion to Approve the overnigh thet stipends in amount of \$200 for the Pittsburgh trip for C. Evans, S. Coulson, J.Gross, K. Sacco, A. Henderson, and M.Dolar.

Jeffrey Sugalski seconded the motion.

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

**C. Testing Stipend**

Teri Harrison made a motion to Approve testing stipend for March testing for C. Gessner, S. Tagliarina, M. Dolar, and K. Sacco.

Jeffrey Sugalski seconded the motion.

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

**D. NWEA**

Shruti Aring made a motion to Motion to approve J. Esway to execute the agreement with NWEA in the amount of \$5,712.50 as presented.

Teri Harrison seconded the motion.

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

**E. Title VI**

Teri Harrison made a motion to Authorize T. Randle to sign a compliance letter to the United States Department of Education (In Cover Sheet).

Jeffrey Sugalski seconded the motion.

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

**VI. Resolution for Consideration: Admissions**

**A. Sections on Floors**

Teri Harrison made a motion to Open another section on the second floor.

Sam Sherwood seconded the motion.

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

Teri Harrison made a motion to Open another section on the first floor.

Sam Sherwood seconded the motion.

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

## **VII. Resolutions for Consideration: Operations**

### **A. Firewall Renewal**

Jeffrey Sugalski made a motion to Allow D. Zeffren to accept the 1-Year Protection option presented for firewall.

Sam Sherwood seconded the motion.

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

### **B. Financial Policy Manual**

Teri Harrison made a motion to For Menlo Park Academy to adopt the revised financial policy manual from Massa Financial Solutions as presented.

Shruti Aring seconded the motion.

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

### **C. Asset Inventory**

Jeffrey Sugalski made a motion to Motion to accept the annual asset inventory list as presented.

Sam Sherwood seconded the motion.

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

### **D. Title VI Compliance**

### **E. Consulting Agreement**

Tiffany Randle made a motion to Authorize D. Zeffren to sign the consulting contract with education services with Dr. Richard Hronek for the remainder of the student school year 2024-25 (Friendly amendment) retroactively to April 9, 2025.

Jeffrey Sugalski seconded the motion.

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

### **F. Board Software Contract Renewal**

Teri Harrison made a motion to Authorize D. Zeffren to sign the agreement for the renewal agreement with the Board on Track as presented.

Shruti Aring seconded the motion.

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

### **G. Budget FY 2026**

Teri Harrison made a motion to Approve the Fall Year 2026 budget.

Jeffrey Sugalski seconded the motion.

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

## **VIII. Executive Session**

**A. Motion to go into the Executive Session to discuss the compensation of a public employee.**

Teri Harrison made a motion to Motion to go into the Executive Session to discuss the compensation of a public employee.

Jeffrey Sugalski seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Twana Rogers Aye

Jeffrey Sugalski Aye

Shruti Aring Aye

Teri Harrison Aye

Sam Sherwood Aye

Tiffany Randle Aye

Roll Call:

T. Harrison

T. Randle

J. Sugalski

A. Shruti

T. Rodgers

S. Sherwood

Invitees:

J. Esway

A. Lentz

D. Zeffren

**IX. 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 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tiffany Randle

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