



Under the Canopy School

Board Retreat

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Date and Time

Saturday May 16, 2026 at 10:00 AM CDT

Location

Gradient: Tulsa's Hub for Innovation
12 N. Cheyenne
Tulsa, OK 74103

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			10:00 AM
A. Record Attendance			1 m
B. Call the Meeting to Order			
II. Welcome, Introductions & Retreat Goals. 10 - 10:15 AM			10:01 AM
A. Opening remarks from the Board President	FYI		
B. Introductions from each board member	FYI		

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C. Overview of retreat objectives and desired outcomes	Discuss		
III. Mission, Vision & Strategic Direction. 10:15 - 11 AM			
A. Revisit Under the Canopy’s mission and Waldorf-inspired model grounded in nature, art, and music	Discuss		
B. Review our first year of school operation: key successes and lessons learned	Discuss		
C. Discuss long-term vision for curriculum, enrollment, and community impact	Discuss		
D. Identify 2–3 strategic priorities for 2026/27 and beyond	Discuss		
IV. Governance Roles, Responsibilities & Compliance 11 - 11:30 AM			
A. Clarify board roles, committee expectations, and bylaws	FYI		
B. Review charter requirements, oversight obligations, and open meeting laws	Discuss		
C. Confirm annual board goals (training hours, compliance, committee structure, recruitment needs)	Discuss		
V. Lunch Break. 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM			
VI. Financial Health Discussion. 12:15 - 1:15 PM			
A. Review of institutional financial health with external treasurer (availability permitting)	Discuss		
B. Current-year budget review and fiscal forecast	FYI		
C. Revenue streams: state aid, federal funds, grants, philanthropy	Discuss		

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D. Identify financial risk areas and mitigation strategies	Discuss		
E. Align on financial priorities for the next 12 months	Discuss		
F. Overview of the new Foundation Board and its fundraising direction	FYI		
VII. Academic and Operational Performance. 1:15 - 2:15 PM			
A. Enrollment, attendance, and student support trends	Discuss		
B. Early academic indicators and program implementation	Discuss		
C. Staff capacity, leadership updates, and operational needs	Discuss		
D. Identify immediate opportunities for improvement	Discuss		
VIII. Strategic Workshopping & Planning Session. 2:15 - 3:45 PM			10:01 AM
A. Deep dive into 2–3 chosen strategic priorities enrollment strategy, facilities planning, partnerships, fundraising, or board recruitment	Discuss		5 m
B. Set measurable goals and ownership for each	Discuss		5 m
IX. Closing, Commitments & Next Steps. 3:15 - 4 PM			10:11 AM
A. Each board member shares one personal commitment for the upcoming year	Discuss		5 m
B. Confirm action items, future voting items, timelines, and responsible parties	Discuss		5 m
C. Set dates for follow-up and progress check-ins	Discuss		5 m
D. Formal board member invitation	Discuss		5 m
E. Room layout and reservation options at Gradient	Discuss		5 m
F. Backup venue recommendations	Discuss		5 m

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G. Slide deck outline for the retreat	Discuss		5 m
X. Executive Session. 4 - 4:20 PM			10:46 AM
A. Discuss specific personnel matters, confidential legal advice, or real estate negotiations	Discuss		5 m
XI. Closing Items			10:51 AM
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote		