

APPROVED



Elevate School

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday May 11, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Elevate School - Middle School Campus, Fireside Room
8404 Phyllis Place
San Diego, CA 92123

The public comment portion of the meeting is set aside for members of the audience to make comments or raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda or those items that are on the agenda. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes per person and the total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Individuals wishing to speak please complete a [Public Comment Request Form](#) by 10:00am on the day of the meeting.

Directors Present

Chancellor Brown, Cheryl Gorman, Jane Levenson

Directors Absent

Becky Madeja, Sophie Karagianes

Guests Present

Ryan Elliott

I. Opening Items

A.

Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Cheryl Gorman called a meeting of the board of directors of Elevate School to order on Monday May 11, 2026 at 3:56 PM.

C. Approve Agenda

Jane Levenson made a motion to Approve the Agenda.

Cheryl Gorman seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Sophie Karagianes Absent

Cheryl Gorman Aye

Chancellor Brown Aye

Becky Madeja Absent

Jane Levenson Aye

D. Approve Minutes from March 9 Board Meeting

Chancellor Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 03-09-26.

Jane Levenson seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Cheryl Gorman Aye

Chancellor Brown Aye

Sophie Karagianes Absent

Jane Levenson Aye

Becky Madeja Absent

E. Core Values and Board Meeting Protocol

F. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Guests:

- Rochelle Carroll - retired educator - worked in Chula Vista district for 38 years.
- Johnathan Mitchell - Business owner, developer and builder who is passionate about giving back

II. Agenda Items

A. Executive Director Report

Enrollment is maintaining at 487

Year to date ADA 95.67%

School is incentivizing attendance for students who display attendance concerns.

26-27 enrollment is strong - 2 open spots one in grade 6 and one in grade 7

Charter Renewal is progressing

26-27 staffing reviewed

- 96% teacher retention for next school year

- 70 total positions

Business and Finance updates

Calendar (Important Dates)Reviewed

B. Fiscal Update

Janine Lui from ExEd reviewed financial dashboard.

March financials reviewed.

- There has been an increase in revenue due to ADA and reduction in operating expenses.
- 170 days of cash on hand.

Balance sheets and check registered were reviewed.

C. 26-27 Draft Budget

Draft Budget for 26-27 was reviewed by Janine.

Enrollment, State and Federal Revenue, Salary Expenses, Operating Expenses, COLA and ending cash balance and Net Income were reviewed.

D. 26-27 LCAP Public Hearing

Mr. Elliot reviewed the LCAP, explaining what the LCAP is and the process that Elevate goes through.

Chronic Absenteeism is an area of focus in the LCAP.

Strengths and demonstrated growth in the area of attendance were reviewed. Looking at the multi- tiered approach.

Goals and metrics reviewed.

Governing Board Discussion Topics:

What is the school doing to support ethical AI use?

Look at academic data of students who are Chronically Absent.

Lunch program - options

Afterschool Programming

E. Approve 26-27 Declaration of Need

Jane Levenson made a motion to approve the Declaration of Need for 26/27 school year.

Chancellor Brown seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Cheryl Gorman Aye

Sophie Karagianes Absent

Becky Madeja Absent

Chancellor Brown Aye

Jane Levenson Aye

F. 25-26 Board Goal Updates

Board goals were reviewed.

III. 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 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Gorman