Orenda Charter Schools
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Monday July 14, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Gateway College Prep School - Cafeteria
3360 Westinghouse Road, Georgetown, TX 78626

Board Members in Attendance:	**Andrew Cottrill, President** **Travis Graves, Vice President** **Mick Swope, Secretary** **Tory Gant, Board Member** **Richard N. Rickey, Ex Officio**
Administrative Attendees:	**Carla Silber, Superintendent/COO** **Margina Escobar, Chief Financial Officer** **Teresa Moreno, Director of Human Resources** **Adam Price, Director of Community Relations & Development** **Albert Rodrigquez, Director of Information Technology** **Shelley Williams, Director of Operations** **Tonya Lambert, Executive Assistant**

I. Welcome/Determination of Quorum/Call to Order/Introduction of Invited Guests
Andrew Cottrill, President, called the meeting to order on Monday July 14, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. at Gateway College Preparatory School.

II. Hearing of Citizens Who Desire to Come Before the Board
No citizens spoke before the board.

III. ***Action*** on April 14, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
Andrew Cottrill motioned to approve the April 15, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. Tory Gant seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Financial Reports
- A. House Bill 2 Overview
- B. ***Action*** on OCS YTD Ending May 31, 2025 Financial Report
- C. ***Action*** on OCS Cash & Investment Summary Report for YTD ending May 31, 2025
- D. ***Action*** on OCS 2024-25 OCS Budget Amendments
- E. Discussion on OCS Salary & Benefits Rates and Comparisons with Other Districts
- F. ***Action*** on OCS 2025-26 District Budget
- G. Report on Financial Key Targets

Carla Silber, Superintendent, provided an overview of House Bill 2 funding. Teresa Moreno, HR Director, presented on OCS Salary & Benefits Rates and Comparisons with other districts. Margina Escobar, CFO, presented the Financial Reports. Mick Swope motioned to accept the OCS YTD Ending May 31, 2025 Financial Report, OCS Cash & Investment Summary, OCS

2024-2025 OCS Budget Amendments, and OCS 2025-2026 District Budget. Motion was seconded by Travis Graves and passed unanimously. Margina Escobar, CFO, reported on the Financial Key Targets.

H. Donations & Fund Raising Report for YTD ending May 31, 2025

Adam Price reported on donations and fundraising.

V. Academic and Instruction Reports

A. ***Action*** Items

i. Student-Parent Handbook & Student Code of Conduct and Staff Handbook

ii. District Policies (Operations, Students, Personnel, Financial, and Local)

iii. Austin Community College, Temple College, and Central Temple College Approved Dual Enrollment Courses

B. ***Action*** on 2024-25 Low Attendance Days Waiver for Gateway Tech High School

C. Report on Academic Key Targets

D. Report on Preliminary 2025 STAAR Results

Carla Silber, Superintendent, reported on Student-Parent Handbook & Student Code of Conduct, Staff Handbook, District Policies (Operations, Students, Personnel, Financial, and Local), Austin Community College, Temple College, and Central Temple College Approved Dual Enrollment Courses, and 2024-25 Low Attendance Days Waiver for Gateway Tech High School. Tory Gant motioned to approve the action item, and Mick Swope seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Carla Silber, Superintendent, reported on the Academic Key Targets and Preliminary 2025 STAAR Results.

VI. Old Business

A. Gateway School of Arts and Sciences

The board discussed possible next steps related to building and opening the Gateway School of Arts and Sciences in August 2026. More information is needed and will be presented at the next board meeting.

VII. Executive Session (closed to public per Texas Law)

A. Parent Grievance

B. Review of District Safety and Security Audit

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:05 P.M.

Board Secretary