# Orenda Charter Schools
# Board of Directors
# Meeting Minutes Monday, April 13, 2026 at 5:30 PM

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

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| **Board Members in Attendance:** | **Andrew Cottrill, President**<br>**Travis Graves, Vice President**<br>**Tory Gant, Board Member**<br>**Jennifer Carter, Board Member**<br>**Richard N. Rickey, Ex Officio** |
| **Attended via Video Conference** | **Mick Swope, Secretary** |
| **Administrative Attendees:** | **Carla Silber, Superintendent**<br>**Margina Escobar, Chief Financial Officer**<br>**Teresa Moreno, Director of Human Resources**<br>**Adam Price, Director of Community Relations & Development**<br>**Shelley Williams, Director of Operations**<br>**Albert Rodriguez, Director of Technology**<br>**Tonya Lambert, Executive Assistant** |
| **Board Member nominee:** | **Armando Enriquez** |

I. Welcome/Determination of Quorum/Call to Order/Introduction of Invited Guests
Andrew Cottrill, Board President, called the meeting to order on Monday April 13, 2026 at 5:31 PM with the determination of a quorum.

II. Hearing of Citizens Who Desire to Come Before the Board
Several citizens addressed the Board regarding Action Item V.D, Non-Expansion Amendment, including Melissa Mulsow (Nolan Creek School Parent), Sarah Robison (Nolan Creek School Parent) , and Jenny Thomas. Jeremy Mulsow (Nolan Creek School Parent) addressed the Board regarding Item VI.A, Board Nominating Committee Recommendation for Board Member and Board Officers.

III. ***Action*** on January 19, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
Travis Graves motioned to approve the January 19, 2026 board meeting minutes. Tory Gant seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Financial Reports
- A. ***Action*** on OCS YTD Ending February 28, 2026 Financial Report
- B. ***Action*** on OCS Cash & Investment Summary Report for YTD ending February 28, 2026
- C. ***Action*** on OCS 2025-26 OCS Budget Amendments
- D. Report on Financial Key Targets

Margina Escobar, Chief Financial Officer, presented the financial reports for YTD ending February 28, 2026, OCS Cash & Investment Summary Report for YTD ending February 28, 2026, OCS 2025-26

Budget Amendments and Financial Key Targets. Tory Gant motioned to approve, Travis Graves seconded the motion, and board unanimously approved.

E. Donations & Fund Raising Report for YTD ending February 28, 2026

Adam Price, Director of Community Relations & Development, reported on Donations & Fund Raising for YTD ending February 28, 2026.

V. Academic and Instruction Reports

A. ***Action*** on 2026-27 School Year Calendars and Staff Development Waiver B. ***Action*** on Missed School Day Waiver

C. ***Action*** on IMA and TEKS Certification

D. ***Action*** on Non-Expansion Amendment for Virtual Learning Program and Gateway School of Arts & Sciences

E. ***Action*** on HB 2 Annual Board Certification

Carla Silber, Superintendent, reported on the Academic and Instructional Reports. Travis Gravis motioned to approve the 2026-2027 School Year Calendars, Missed School Day Waiver, IMA and TEKS Certification, Non-Expansion Amendment for Virtual Learning Program and Gateway School of Arts & Sciences. The motion was seconded by Tory Gant. The motion passed unanimously.

F. ***Action*** and Report on SB 546 School Bus Seat Belt Costs

Carla Silber, Superintendent, reported on the current Orenda Charter School buses. Two buses are equipped with three-point seat belts. Three buses do not have passenger three-point seat belts. The estimate to replace the three buses without three-point seat belts is $468,246.

Travis Gravis made the motion that the Orenda Charter School budget does not permit the district to purchase or contract buses that are equipped with three-point seat belts to replace the three current buses without three-point seat belts. Tory Gant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Carla Silber reported on the estimated cost to retrofit the three buses with three-point seat belts and will be reporting this to the Texas Education Agency.

G. Report on Academic Key Targets

Carla Silber, Superintendent, reported on the Academic Key Targets. There were no changes from the January report due to data and accountability timelines.

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VI. New Business

A. ***Action*** on Board Nominating Committee Recommendation for Board Member and Board Officers

Travis Graves, Vice President, introduced Armando Enriquez as a potential new board member. The Board President, Andrew Cottrill, resigned from the Board effective 04/14/2026. A recommendation was made for the following board officer positions: President - Travis Graves; Vice President - Mick Swope; Secretary - Tory Gant. Jennifer Carter motioned to approve Armando Enriquez as a new board and the Board Officer Nominations. Andrew Cottrill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 P.M.

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**Board Secretary**