

Board of Directors Open Meeting Minutes
Pine Lake Preparatory, Inc.
Wednesday, April 22nd 2026 at 6:30 PM

Attendees: Sarah Phillips, Dorothy Gorman, Chris Cody, Bryan Thurtle-Schmidt, Matthew Belmont, Steve Buege, Bill Aull, Ashton Watson

Absent: Matt Dellinger

School Leadership Present: Andrew Mocerri, Sherri Fletcher, Brant Hyatt, Dr. Timothy Hoffman, Shelly Sims

1. Call to Order and Conflict of Interest Reminder (6:30pm)
per NCGS 138A-15(e)

In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, 138A-15(e), it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict. Does any Board member have any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Board today? If so, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict and refrain from any undue participation in the particular matter involved.

No conflicts.

2. Mission, Vision and Values (6:32pm)

Mission - Pine Lake Preparatory prepares students for college, career and a purposeful life.

Statement of Affirmation - At Pine Lake Preparatory, we recognize our collective responsibility to model growth and acceptance as we build a community of trust and courage.

Each day, we strive to practice empathy through meaningful experiences and appreciation for each student, staff member, and family to create a sense of belonging for everyone in the PLP community

Community Values - Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Drive to Excellence, and Empathy

3. Public Comment (6:33pm)

No public comment

4. Board Business (6:34pm)

a.) Approval of Meeting Minutes: 03.25.26 (For Approval)

- a. Move to motion made by: Sarah Phillips
- b. Second: Brian Thurtle-Schmidt
- c. Motion Passed: Yes
- d. Anyone abstained: Bill Aull (not present at 03.25.26 meeting)

b.) Approval of Meeting Minutes: 04.15.26 (For Approval)

- a. Move to motion made by: Sarah Phillips

- b. Second: Matthew Belmont
 - c. Motion Passed: Yes
 - d. Anyone abstained: Bill Aull (not present for 04.15.26 meeting)
- c.) Committee Update(s)
 - a. The Governance Committee met to prepare for Board Interviews & Election. The recommendation for Board Appointment will be presented this evening.
 - b. The Finance Committee met and reviewed the March 2026 financial dashboard.
 - c. The Academic Excellence Committee met and discussed hiring and professional development and the Spanish Immersion Program.
 - d. The Fundraising Committee met and is preparing for the School Auction in the coming weeks.
- d.) Board Elections and Nominations Process and Timeline
 - a. Appointment Recommendation (For Approval)
 - i. Move to Motion to Appoint Dr. Vivek Trivedi made by: Sarah Phillips
 - ii. Second: Dorothy Gorman
 - iii. Motion Passed: Yes
 - iv. Anyone abstained: Bill Aull (not present for 04.15.2026 meeting)
 - b. The Governance Committee will lead communication to Dr. Vivek and other candidates.
- e.) Board Retreat: May 20th 2026
 - a. The group discussed the upcoming Board Retreat.
- f.) Charter Renewal Update
 - a. Mr. Mocerì shared the virtual invite at 9:00am, Thursday, September 30, 2026 for Board Members to attend.

5. Financial Matters (6:50pm)

- a.) March 2026 Financial Dashboard
 - a. The Finance Committee met on Thursday, April 16th.
 - i. Matt Belmont and Bobby Peterson will support review of mid-year options for upcoming bond fund maturities.
- b.) March 2026 Fundraising Dashboard
 - a. The group reviewed the prepared materials.
- c.) Approval of Rebekah Barr, CPA, PC to perform the July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 Audit and to prepare the 990 (For Approval)
 - a. Move to Motion Made by: Sarah Phillips
 - b. Second: Steve Buege
 - c. Motion Passed: Yes
 - d. Anyone abstained: No

Motion to move into Executive Session b. § 143-318.11(a)(3&6) *To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee; or to consult with an attorney by the PLP Board of Directors in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the Board, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.*

No executive session needed for this meeting.

6. Meeting Adjourn (7:00pm)

- a.) Move to Motion Made by: Sarah Phillips
- b.) Second: Steve Buege
- c.) Motion Passed: Yes
- d.) Anyone abstained: No