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

Gateway College Prep School - Cafetorium
Georgetown, TX 78626

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

I. Welcome/Determination of Quorum/Call to Order/Introduction of Invited Guests

Travis Graves, Board President, called the meeting to order on Monday July 13, 2026 at 5:30 PM 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 13, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Jennifer Carter, Board Member, motioned to approve the April 13, 2026 board meeting minutes. Tory Gant, Board Secretary, seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Financial Reports

A. ***Action*** on OCS YTD Ending May 31, 2026 Financial Report
B. ***Action*** on OCS Cash & Investment Summary Report for YTD ending May 31, 2026
C. ***Action*** on OCS 2025-26 OCS Budget Amendments

Margina Escobar, Chief Financial Officer, presented the financial reports for YTD ending May 31, 2026, OCS Cash & Investment Summary Report for YTD ending May 31, 2026, and OCS 2025-26 Budget Amendments. Tory Gant motioned to approve, Jennifer Carter seconded the motion, and board unanimously approved.

D. Discussion on OCS Salary & Benefits Rates and Comparisons with Other Districts

Teresa Moreno, Human Resource Director, presented on the OCS Salary & Benefits Rates and Comparisons with Other Districts.

E. ***Action*** on OCS 2026-27 District Budget

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Margina Escobar, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Orenda Charter School 2026-27 District Budget that includes the district salary and benefit recommendations presented in Item IV. D. Tory Gant motioned to approve, Jennifer Carter seconded the motion, and board unanimously approved.

F. ***Action*** on 2026-27 Cleaning, Grounds, and Maintenance Contract

Shelley Williams, Director of Operations, presented the chosen vendor from the sealed bid process for the 2026-27 Cleaning, Grounds, and Maintenance Contract for Gateway College Preparatory School. Jennifer Carter motioned to approve the contract items, and Tory Gant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Report on Capital Expenditure Requests

H. Report on Financial Key Targets

Margina Escobar, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Capital Expenditure Requests and Key Financial Targets.

I. Donations & Fund Raising Report for YTD ending May 31, 2026

Adam Price, Director of Community Relations & Development, reported on Donations & Fund Raising for YTD ending May 31, 2026, along with historical giving and current action steps.

V. Academic and Instruction Reports

A. ***Action*** Items

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

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

iii. Non-Expansion Amendment for Admission and Enrollment Policy Change

iv. Austin Community College and Central Texas College Approved Dual Enrollment Courses

v. 2025-26 Missed School Day Waiver for Gateway College Preparatory School

Carla Silber, Superintendent, presented the Student-Parent Handbook & Student Code of Conduct, Employee Handbook, District Policies, non-expansion charter amendment, dual credit courses, and missed school day waiver. Tory Gant motioned to approve the above action items, and Jennifer Carter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Report on Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) and ***Action*** on TIA Spending Plan

Carla Silber presented the Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) and TIA Spending Plan. Jennifer Carter motioned to approve the TIA Spending Plan, and Tory Gant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Report on Academic Key Targets

D. Report on Preliminary 2026 STAAR Results

Carla Silber reported on the Academic Key Targets and Preliminary 2026 STAAR Results and School.

E. Report on School Health Advisory Committee

Shelley Williams reported on the School Health Advisory Committee annual meetings, activities, and goals.

Open Session Adjourned at 7:11 P.M.

Executive Session called to order at 7:12 P.M

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

A. Parent Grievance

B. Review of Intruder Detection Audit

The board reviewed the Level 3 Parent Grievance and Intruder Detection Audit in Executive Session. The board left the Executive Session at 7:19 PM.

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VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

NEXT MEETING October 26, 2026 @ 5:30 PM

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