

Oakland Tech PTSA General Meeting Minutes



Date: 8-20-2026

Location: Lower Level Multipurpose Room, Oakland, CA

Time - Meeting started 6:15 PM

Chaired By: Ranjeet Moorthy (President)

Minutes Recorded By: Keta Brown (Recording Secretary)

Attendance: 31 Attendees (Members, Staff, and Guests)

Time - Meeting Adjourned: 8:01 PM

Board Members (2026–2027)

BOARD MEMBERS:	ATTENDANCE:
President: Ranjeet Moorthy	PRESENT
Treasurer: Derek McDonald-Juresa	PRESENT
Recording Secretary: Keta Brown	PRESENT
Financial Secretary: Amy Hood	PRESENT
VP Development: Becky Chaplin-Kramer	ABSENT (EXCUSED)
VP Events: Rachel Smith	ABSENT (EXCUSED)
VP Communications: Anne Mawdsley	PRESENT
VP Membership: My Huynh	PRESENT
Campus Beautification: Mark Martin	PRESENT
Sports Liaison: Khadija Robinson	PRESENT
Historian: Paul Carp	PRESENT
Parliamentarian: Josh Kahn	PRESENT

1. Welcome & Introductions

- **Introductions:** ~30 attendees introduced themselves with their name, student's grade/academy, and a word of inspiration. Multiple 9th-grade families attended for the first time.

- **Special Recognition:** Jack Nelson was introduced as a donor
 - \$1,500 raised plus a \$1,500 anonymous matching pledge, totaling \$3,000, plus an additional \$250 Vanguard employer match.
 - Funds are directed to leadership and activities programs.

2. Administration & Guest Updates

Principal's Report (Mr. Martel Price)

- **Staffing & Master Schedule:** Entering 19th year at Tech (5th as Principal). Master schedule concerns are resolved. A new computer academy counselor starts Monday. An art teacher resigned after two days; a sub is in place, and the position is being posted immediately. ~40% of staff has been replaced over the past few years; pillar values were reintroduced at kickoff.
- **Academic Performance (2024–2025 Data):**
 - **Graduation Rate:** 91% cohort rate (cited from 24–25 data; previously 94%). District Black and Brown focal population cohort rate: 92.9% overall; African-American focal population: 95.2%.
 - **A-G Completion Rate:** Up 5.3% (from 65.8% to 75.5%).
 - **Testing:** SBAC English proficiency dropped to 59%. Math scores remain very low. Science scores are trending up, with 90–93%+ tested (highest ever).
 - **Attendance:** 95% chronic absenteeism target rate.
- **Campus Operations & Discipline:**
 - **Yonder Pouches (Phone-Free Policy):** Rolling out to 1,800 students. Going reasonably well but labor-intensive. Dummy phones, smartwatches, and headphones flagged as workarounds. Grade-level assemblies scheduled for tomorrow to reinforce policy.
 - **Bathroom Supervision:** Constrained by staffing. Budgeted for 6 culture keepers, but only 3 are active on the main campus. Open bathrooms risk vaping (which triggers fire alarms) and disrupted instruction. Actively pushing district leadership to post a dedicated culture keeper role specifically for Oakland Tech.
 - **Attendance Policy:** 3 tardies/absences trigger a detention assignment.

Volunteer Clearance Process (Christina Burden)

- **Clearance Requirements:** Required for direct student contact (field trips, classroom visits, sports coaching, team parents; more than twice on campus). Online registration via [Oakland Public Education Fund. LiveScan fingerprinting. background check](#), references, and 50-minute interview/training. Clearance lasts ~7 years (check status with Ed Fund). Saturday workdays do not require clearance.
- **Mobile LiveScan Service:** Christina Burden offered mobile LiveScan fingerprinting services (\$40 flat fee per person; minimum 10 people for standalone events, or no minimum if held during a regular meeting). Board to consider whether to subsidize the fee. Contact info: Christina Burden (510) 485-9552 Email: Christina@EssentialConsult.com

3. Executive Board Officer Reports

VP of Communications (Anne Mawdsley)

- **Channels:** Weekly Bullhorn newsletter (sent Tuesday nights/Wednesday mornings), Instagram, Alumni Network, and street billboard (Pamela Waxman). Website maintained by Steve and Peter.
- **Groups.io Listserv:** Informal community Q&A/resource channel moderated by Justin Horner. Members were reminded to reply directly to senders rather than "reply all" to reduce the moderation queue.

VP of Membership (My Huynh)

- **Dues Allocation:** Membership dues go entirely to the California State PTA, not retained locally by Tech PTSA.
- **Incentive:** First 100 members entered into a raffle for \$50 Grocery Outlet gift cards.
- **Voting:** PTSA membership is required to vote on budget and meeting motions.

4. Financial & Budget Report (Derek McDonald-Juresa)

- **Treasurer Transition:** Derek introduced himself as the new treasurer (took over ~6 days prior).
- **Current Financial Position:**

Treasurer's Report - Snapshot of current bank account balances:

- Cash on hand
 - Checking 1774: **\$214,272.90**
 - CD 5 Months: **\$140,942.83** CD rolls over in November. California state tax-exempt status has been fully restored by the FTB, re-enabling PayPal Giving Fund eligibility.

OFOD-RHF (sponsored project):

- Checking 6558: **\$24,497.19**

Reports provided:

[Tech PTSA Balance Sheet 08-19-2026.pdf](#)

[Tech PTSA Profit & Loss 08-19-2026.pdf](#)

[Draft Tech PTSA Budget FY 2026-27. as approved May 21, 2026](#)

- **Early-Year Budget Variances:** 9th Grade Summer Bridge
- (\$331 over 1,000 *budget*) and *Welcome Barbecue* (; \$280.33 over budget). Reimbursements processed via RAMP (requires 2-level approval).
- **Budget Breakdown (FY 2026–2027):**
 - **Projected Income:** ~290,800 (*Auction & Annual Fund ~50% each; Individual Contributions ~87,000; Business Sponsorships ~\$15,000.*)
 - **Projected Expenditures:** 316,979 (85% *directly supports students*; ~45,000 administrative/management). Gap covered by rolling over ~\$26,000 in reserves (primarily theater funds).
 - **Area Allocations:** School Admin & Culture (72,000), *Core Academics* (69,750), Electives (50,500), *Athletics* (36,250), Student Services/Testing (Remainder).

- **Library Budget Discussion:** A substitute motion to increase library funding by \$2,102.26 (restoring to \$10,000 from \$3,000) was raised and discussed. The motion was ultimately withdrawn with consensus to advocate for the full \$10,000 restoration during next year's spring budget process.

Official Financial Motions

Motion #1: Adoption of DRAFT Budget FY 2026–2027

- Motion to adopt the preliminary PTSA General Fund Budget for FY 2026–2027 as presented.
- **Made by:** Derek McDonald-Juresa | **Seconded by:** Mark Martin | **Thirded by:** Deliah
- **Vote:** All in favor / 1 Abstention — [**Motion Carried**]

Motion #2: Ratification of Expenditures

- Motion to ratify all PTSA expenditures and bills paid from May 21, 2026 through August 19, 2026.
- **Made by:** Derek McDonald-Juresa | **Seconded by:** Josh Kahn
- **Vote:** All in favor / 0 Abstentions — [**Motion Carried**]

Motion #3: Calendar Adjustment for Final PTSA Meeting

- Motion to move the final General Meeting date of the school year from Thursday, May 20, 2027 to Thursday, May 13, 2027 (moving off finals week).
- **Made by:** Mark Martin | **Seconded by:** Marie Fox
- **Vote:** All in favor / 0 Abstentions — [**Motion Carried**]

5. Committee & Project Updates

Campus Beautification & Facilities (Steve Wisma & Mark Martin)

- **Summer Completed Projects:**
 - Sourced 100 lightly used desks for free (PTSA paid shipping only).
 - Main lobby branding: Bulldog statue, reception desk build, stairwell/2nd-floor graphics.
 - Installed 21 large musician graphics around the music building perimeter.
 - Repaired auditorium lift for \$400 (saved 15k–20k replacement cost).
- **Projects In Progress:**
 - 2nd-floor mezzanine therapy/group space above library (Target: Aug 29).
 - Library shelving arriving next month (wall-mounted and freestanding; increases capacity ~72–75%).
 - Bulldog Closet relocating from library to Wellness Center (~200–300 cost; Target: October).

- **Long-Term Vision (Mark Martin):** Volunteer skills survey QR code circulated link: <https://forms.gle/MEeLdeXt6tv99Jb79>. Saturday work days planned for fall/spring (10 AM – 2 PM). Mapping medium/long-term facility needs (using McClymonds' \$100M facilities campaign as a benchmark).

Development & Fundraising (Paul Carp)

- **Current Status:** ~500 families and 30 businesses support Tech PTSA. Individual contributions are declining as families graduate. Corporate/business sponsorships (~\$30k) are an expansion focus.
- **Opportunities:** Labor union grants, corporate matching, community outreach, and auction party purchases. Setup help needed for Senior Sunrise on Sept 18 (PD day).

6. Action Items & Next Steps

- **Principal Martel Price:**
 - Post culture keeper job listing specific to Oakland Tech to attract targeted candidates.
 - Send campus communication regarding morning opening procedures and Yonder pouch policy updates.
 - Hold grade-level assemblies regarding phone/electronics policies.
- **Treasurer Derek McDonald-Juresa:**
 - Close July books and complete second half of the fiscal year FY26 internal audit.
 - Contract new tax preparer for Nov/Dec filing (extension likely).
 - Go to the bank in November to ensure 5-month CD rolls over properly.
 - Add historical budget-to-actual reports back to shared Google Drive.
 - Clarify academy channel fundraising mechanisms and reimbursement flows with Danny.
- **Campus Improvement Lead Mark Martin:**
 - Finalize and publish fall campus workday dates (Saturdays, 10 AM – 2 PM) via Bullhorn/Groups.io.
 - Complete 2nd-floor therapy space (Aug 29), library shelving install (Sept), and Bulldog Closet relocation (Oct).
- **Executive Board:**
 - Evaluate proposal to subsidize \$40 mobile LiveScan fee for parent volunteers.
 - Plan parent socials to foster community among new 9th-grade families.
 - Revisit library funding restoration (\$10,000 target) during the spring budget cycle.

7. Adjournment

- **Meeting Adjourned at:** 8:01 PM
- **Next Meeting:** October 15, 2026

Words to lead our meeting: Inspiration, motivation, information, learning, dedication, money, sports, each one teach one, education matters, opportunity, hope, community, yonder, bulldogs, literacy, possibility, teamwork, launching, volunteer, connection, focus, resilience, inspire chatterbox, this moment, be the change, and history