

**YUBA ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CHARTER ACADEMY
SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS
AGENDA**

**9841 Texas Hill Road
Oregon House, CA
In Person**

April 30th, 2026

Meeting start time is 3:15pm

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/edt-ujnc-ika>

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO
THE COUNCIL BY PARENTS AND CITIZENS**

The Yuba Environmental Science Charter Academy (“YES Charter Academy”) welcomes your participation at the School’s Council meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Council of Directors (“Council”) is to conduct the affairs of the School in public. We are pleased that you are in attendance and hope that you will visit these meetings often. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our School. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided:

1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting.
2. Blue “Request to Speak” forms are available to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda items or under the general category of “Oral Communications.”
3. “Oral Communications” is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Council can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The Council may give direction to staff to respond to your concern or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen-requested item.
4. With regard to items that are on the agenda, you may specify that agenda item on your blue request form and you will be given an opportunity to speak for up to five (5) minutes when the Council discusses that item. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes, this body is committed to ensuring meaningful access to all its programs and activities for people with Limited English Proficiency (LEP). If a member of the public requires a language or any other type of interpreter to provide public comment, they will be allotted twice the standard time to account for the need for interpretation.
5. When addressing the Council, speakers are not required to state their name and/or other self identifying information.
6. Citizens may request that a topic related to school business be placed on a future agenda in accordance with the guidelines in the School’s Council BP. Once such an item is properly agendized and publicly noticed, the Council can respond, interact, and act upon the item.
7. Requests for disability-related modifications or accommodations to participate in this public meeting should be made 24 hours prior to the meeting by calling 530-692-2210 or lmiller@yescharteracademy.org. All efforts will be made for reasonable accommodations. The agenda and public documents can be modified upon request as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

President/Chair	Pam Cook	
Vice President	Wendy Underhill	
Chief Financial Officer	Paul McGovern	
Secretary	Deborah Hoerner	
Staff Representative	Lance Haliday	
Director	Yvette Rodriquez	
Director	Diahna De La Vara	
Director	Shelley Lehman	

Guests:

C. Adopt Minutes from Previous Meeting: March 26th, 2026.

D. Reading of Vision/Mission/Core Values:

Mission: YES CHARTER ACADEMY educates K-10 students in a school culture that values the scientific method and a curricular focus on environmental studies. The highest Common Core State Standards, as well as high standards of moral conduct, are emphasized.

The vision of the YES CHARTER ACADEMY is to educate K–10students of the Sierra Foothills through a self-motivating, individualized, and comprehensive curriculum that connects learners with learning via a program, teaching staff, and school culture that value scientific methods of inquiry.

YES Charter Academy Students Are: Environmental Stewards, Positive Team Members, Academic Masters, Resourceful, Responsible Citizens, Kind!

II. PUBLIC SESSION

A. Superintendent Report: FOR INFORMATION

B. Public Comment: FOR INFORMATION

C. The Staff Representative will address the COD: FOR INFORMATION

D. The COD to vote on adding a diesel bus to our transportation fleet up to the amount of \$35,000: FOR ACTON

REGULAR REVIEW OF COMMITTEE'S: FOR INFORMATION

- **Facilities/Safety/Transportation:** Wendy Underhill/Pam Cook/Deb Campbell/Dawn Kaundart/Sara Hedrick/Lance Haliday/ James Brandt
- **Academic:** Louise Miller/Paul McGovern
- **Finance:** Paul McGovern/Pam Cook

III. ADJOURNMENT

IV. CLOSED SESSION

- Employee Compensation for teachers: **FOR INFORMATION/ACTION**

V. ADJOURNMENT

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Topic	Discussion	Action Taken
I. <u>PRELIMINARY</u>		
CALL TO ORDER	COD President Cook called a special meeting of the YES Charter Academy to order at 3:19pm on March 26, 2026 at 9841 Texas Hill Road, Oregon House, CA 95962.	CALLED TO ORDER: 3:19 pm
ATTENDANCE	Pam Cook, Wendy Underhill, Lance Haliday, Yvette Rodriquez, Shelley Lehman, are present Attendees: Debbie Campbell, Michele Goldberg, Paul McGovern Guests: Kira Kuznetsov	QUORUM PRESENT-
ADOPTION OF FEBRUARY 26,2026 AND MARCH 12, 2026 MINUTES	COD President Cook directed COD members to the February 26, 2026 Minutes for their review and approval. Upon a motion by COD Underhill, duly seconded by COD Lehman, the Board unanimously approved the February 26, 2026 Minutes as presented. COD President Cook directed COD members to the March 12, 2026 Minutes for their review and approval. Upon a motion by COD Underhill, duly seconded by COD Lehman, the Board unanimously approved the March 12, 2026 Minutes as presented.	MOTION: To approve February meeting minutes and March Special meeting minutes as amended MOTION: Shelley Lehman SECOND: Wendy Underhill ROLL CALL VOTE: Pamela Cook – Aye Wendy Underhill-Aye Lance Haliday-Aye Yvette Rodriquez Shelley Lehman- Aye MOTION APPROVED (5/0)

<p>II. PUBLIC SESSION Agenda items:</p>		
<p>A. Principal Report by Louise Miller</p>	<p>Louise Miller reported out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3/13 teacher training on Conscious Discipline, Restorative Circles CAASP preparation training and library of books purchased ● 3/24 Official lock down drill went well with some minor feedback from the Deputies. ● 3/25 8th, 9th, 10th grader field trip to Quarry ● 3/26 10th grade went to Pixar Studios Field trip ● YCOE foundation fundraiser and submitting a dish made by students ● Educator of the year, our own staff were nominated 	<p>FOR INFORMATION ONLY</p>
<p>B. Public Comment</p>	<p>No public comment</p>	
<p>C. The Staff Representative will address the COD</p>	<p>Positive feedback from teachers on 3/13 training, and Lance shared his own personal growth and learned skills. Staff continue to request feedback on the new High School Staff would like more trash cans by port a potty</p>	<p>FOR INFORMATION ONLY</p>
<p>D. The COD will consider updates to the Employee Handbook.</p>	<p>Wendy Underhill requested some minor edits and formatting. Decision to remove 'Section 5 - The Employment Process; subsection 7 only and review the Employee Handbook at next COD meeting.</p>	<p>MOTION: To consider for approval to remove section 5 -subsection 7 from the Employee Handbook.</p> <p>MOTION: Shelley Lehman SECOND: Wendy Underhill</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE:</p> <p>Pamela Cook – Aye Wendy Underhill-Aye Lance Haliday-Aye Yvette Rodriquez Shelley Lehman- Aye</p> <p>MOTION APPROVED (5/0)</p>
<p>E. The COD will consider a three year contract with new auditing firm</p>	<p>Debbie Campbell presented a proposal from Christy White Law firm which is substantially lower than current audit firm Clifton Larson. Proposal has an opt out</p>	<p>MOTION: To consider a three year contract with a new auditing firm.</p>

		<p>MOTION: Pam Cook</p> <p>SECOND: Lance Haliday</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE:</p> <p>Pamela Cook – Aye Wendy Underhill-Aye Lance Haliday-Aye Yvette Rodriquez Shelley Lehman- Aye</p> <p>MOTION APPROVED (5/0)</p>
<p>F. The COD will vote on submitting notice to CharterSafe JPA that we are seeking quotes from other insurance companies</p>		<p>MOTION: To submit notice to CharterSafe JPA.</p> <p>MOTION: Pam Cook SECOND: Wendy Underhill</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE:</p> <p>Pamela Cook – Aye Wendy Underhill-Aye Lance Haliday-Aye Yvette Rodriquez Shelley Lehman- Aye</p> <p>MOTION APPROVED (5/0)</p>
<p>G. The COD will vote on the 2026-27 YES Charter Academy school calendar</p>	<p>Council member Shelley Lehman asked about input from parents and staff. Louise Miller, Principal aligns calendar with MJUSD as much as possible considering vacations, PLC’s. Council member Wendy Underhill asked about coordination with Yuba College</p>	<p>MOTION: To adopt the 2026-27 YES Charter Academy calendar as amended.</p> <p>MOTION:Pam Cook SECOND: Shelley Lehman</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE:</p> <p>Pamela Cook – Aye Wendy Underhill-Aye Lance Haliday-Aye Yvette Rodriquez Shelley Lehman- Aye</p> <p>MOTION APPROVED (5/0)</p>
<p>Committee Information:</p>	<p>1.Safety/Facilities/Transportation- Debbie Campbell reported out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 	

	<p>2. Academic- Kiera presented Academic Dashboard updates;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● target for goals not yet achieved for Math and ELA ● Incompletes including homeschoolers who don't do assessments ● 9/10th graders need to complete assessments ● Ms. Miller reported that CAASP text schedule is completed and explained reasoning for certain grades and test dates <p>3. Outreach- Earth Day April 25th, flyer complete looking for vendors.</p> <p>4. Bullying- no report</p> <p>5. Wellness- no report</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned.</p> <p>Upon a motion by President Pam Cook , duly seconded by Vice President Wendy Underhill, the Board unanimously adjourned the March 26,2026, YES Charter COD Meeting at 5:07 pm.</p>	