

YUBA ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CHARTER ACADEMY
MEETING
COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES

9841 Texas Hill Road
Oregon House, CA
In Person

August 27, 2026

Meeting start time is 3:15PM

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

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Topic	Discussion	Action Taken
I. <u>PRELIMINARY</u>		
CALL TO ORDER	COD President Cook called a regular meeting of the YES Charter Academy to order at 3:15 pm on August 27, 2026, at 9841 Texas Hill Road, Oregon House, CA 95962.	CALLED TO ORDER: 3:15 pm
ATTENDANCE	Pam Cook, Wendy Underhill, Paul McGovern, Deborah Hoerner, Lance Haliday and Shelley Lehman, are present. Attending on Google Meet: Yvette Rodriguez Staff: Debbie Campbell, Louise Miller and Jessica Koplos Guests: Steven Dambeck	QUORUM PRESENT- Pam Cook, Wendy Underhill, Paul McGovern, Deborah Hoerner, Lance Halliday and Shelley Lehman
ADOPTION OF July 30, 2026, MINUTES	COD President Cook directed COD members to the July 30, 2026, Minutes for their review and approval.	FOR ACTION: To approve meeting minutes MOTION: Wendy Underhill SECOND: Pam Cook ROLL CALL VOTE: Pamela Cook - Aye Wendy Underhill - Aye Paul McGovern - Aye Deborah Hoerner - Aye Lance Haliday - Aye Shelley Lehman – Aye MOTION APPROVED (6/0)
II. PUBLIC SESSION Agenda items:		

The COD will consider for approval Steven Dambeck as a new COD member	There was discussion of Steven Dambeck's background in sustainable agriculture and community engagement.	FOR ACTION: Accept Steven Dambeck as new COD member. MOTION: Pam Cook SECOND: Paul McGovern ROLL CALL VOTE: Pamela Cook - Aye Wendy Underhill - Aye Paul McGovern - Aye Deborah Hoerner - Aye Lance Haliday - Aye Shelley Lehman – Aye MOTION APPROVED (6/0)
Superintendent Report	8/12 was the first day of school and Ms Miller reported a successful Back to School Night with great attendance. Calendars with school events documented through the year were given to every COD member.	FOR INFORMATION ONLY
Public Comment	Jessica Koplos shared her journey from volunteer to media arts teacher, expressing pride in the school community.	FOR INFORMATION ONLY
Teacher Representative Selection	Lance read letters from teachers in support of Louise Miller's leadership. Selection of a new teacher representative was deferred until the next COD meeting; teachers will discuss interest at upcoming PLC meeting.	FOR INFORMATION ONLY
26/27 Election of Officers	President – Pam Cook Vice President – Wendy Underhill CFO – Paul McGovern Secretary – Deborah Hoerner	FOR ACTION: To elect officers of the COD for 26/27. MOTION: Deborah Hoerner SECOND: Shelley Lehman ROLL CALL VOTE: Pamela Cook - Aye Wendy Underhill - Aye Paul McGovern - Aye Deborah Hoerner - Aye Lance Haliday - Aye Shelley Lehman – Aye Steven Dambeck – Aye MOTION APPROVED (7/0)

Unaudited Actuals Report: COD to consider for Approval at Special Meeting on 9/10/26 at 3:15 pm.	It was decided to meet on 9/10/26 a 3:15 pm to approve the Unaudited Actuals Report.	FOR ACTION: COD to approve Unaudited Actuals Report FY 25-26 at a Special Meeting on 9/10/26 at 3:15 pm. MOTION: Wendy Underhill SECOND: Pam Cook ROLL CALL VOTE: Pamela Cook - Aye Wendy Underhill - Aye Paul McGovern - Aye Deborah Hoerner - Aye Lance Haliday - Aye Shelley Lehman – Aye Steven Dambeck - Aye MOTION APPROVED (7/0)
The COD will review and consider for approval EPA Resolution.	Annual compliance document approved.	FOR ACTION: COD to approve EPA Resolution. MOTION: Pam Cook SECOND: Deborah Hoerner ROLL CALL VOTE: Pamela Cook - Aye Wendy Underhill - Aye Paul McGovern - Aye Deborah Hoerner - Aye Lance Haliday - Aye Shelley Lehman – Aye Steven Dambeck - Aye MOTION APPROVED (7/0)
The COD will consider for approval YES Charter Academy Bylaws.	COD accepted with clarified teleconferencing/voting rules.	FOR ACTION: COD to approve YES By-laws. MOTION: Wendy Underhill SECOND: Lance Haliday ROLL CALL VOTE: Pamela Cook - Aye Wendy Underhill - Aye Paul McGovern - Aye Deborah Hoerner - Aye Lance Haliday - Aye Shelley Lehman – Aye Steven Dambeck - Aye MOTION APPROVED (7/0)
The COD will consider for approval the YES Annual Calendar of Events for 2026/27	2026-27 Annual Calendar of Events for approval.	FOR ACTION: COD to approve the Annual Calendar of Events for 2026/27. MOTION: Deborah Hoerner SECOND: Pam Cook ROLL CALL VOTE: Pamela Cook - Aye Wendy Underhill - Aye Paul McGovern - Aye Deborah Hoerner - Aye Lance Haliday - Aye Shelley Lehman – Aye Steven Dambeck - Aye

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The COD will consider for approval the YES Annual Council of Directors Meeting Dates Calendar	Annual Council of Directors Meeting Dates Calendar for approval	FOR ACTION: Approved with meetings now held via Google Meet. MOTION: Pam Cook SECOND: Shelley Lehman ROLL CALL VOTE: Pamela Cook - Aye Wendy Underhill - Aye Paul McGovern - Aye Deborah Hoerner - Aye Lance Haliday - Aye Shelley Lehman – Aye Steven Dambeck - Aye MOTION APPROVED (7/0)
Annual Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials – Public Hearing	Public Hearing Open: 3:55 pm Public Hearing Closed: 4:02 pm TK-6: Savvas (ELA), Illustrative Math. 7-12: Career Technical Education (CTE) focus—English through entrepreneurship, Green Ninja (science), integrated math with business/finance emphasis, History Alive (history), and custom science curriculum linked to forestry/natural resources, including dual enrollment with Yuba College. Electives: Expanded media arts program (now a department), computer literacy, personal finance, health, and Spanish (now taught by a credentialed teacher via Subject). Staff Input: Teachers have some input on curriculum choices, especially during new adoptions. Media Arts: Highlighted as a unique, hands-on program with professional equipment and field trips (e.g., Skywalker Ranch, public TV stations).	FOR INFORMATION
COD will consider for approval 2026-27 Parent-Student Handbook.	2026-27 Parent-Student Handbook for approval	FOR ACTION: COD to approve 2026-27 Parent-Student Handbook MOTION: Pam Cook SECOND: Wendy Underhill ROLL CALL VOTE: Pamela Cook - Aye Wendy Underhill - Aye Paul McGovern - Aye Deborah Hoerner - Aye Lance Haliday - Aye Shelley Lehman – Aye Steven Dambeck - Aye MOTION APPROVED (7/0)
COD will consider for approval 2026-27 Workplace Violence Prevention Plan.	2026-27 Workplace Violence Prevention Plan for approval.	FOR ACTION: To approve 2026-27 Workplace Violence Prevention Plan MOTION: Deborah Hoerner SECOND: Pam Cook ROLL CALL VOTE:

		Pamela Cook - Aye Wendy Underhill - Aye Paul McGovern - Aye Deborah Hoerner - Aye Lance Haliday - Aye Shelley Lehman – Aye Steven Dambeck - Aye MOTION APPROVED (7/0)
Report from staff about enrollment	Current enrollment is 154, up from 140 last week. Efforts underway to contract with companies to boost enrollment.	FOR INFORMATION
New Teaching Staff for Approval	Justin Drumm, 6 th grade, at YES Charter Academy with PIP credential. Close tracking with YCOE; emphasis on moving teachers forward toward full credentials.	FOR ACTION: To approve Justin Drumm, 6 th grade, with PIP credential MOTION: Pam Cook SECOND: Deborah Hoerner ROLL CALL VOTE: Pamela Cook - Aye Wendy Underhill - Aye Paul McGovern - Aye Deborah Hoerner - Aye Lance Haliday - Aye Shelley Lehman – Aye Steven Dambeck - Aye MOTION APPROVED (7/0)

III REGULAR REVIEW OF COMMITTEES

Facilities, Safety, Transportation – Wendy Underhill

Irrigation Well: Currently used only for the garden due to drought conditions.

Debbie Campbell reported on the Kitchen Renovation: New kitchen floor and dishwasher installation to be completed by September 4.

Academic Committee – Louise Miller

Emphasis on relationship-building, less screen time, more outdoor activities, and growth mindset. Baseline IXL assessments to be used for tracking academic progress. Discussion of piloting individualized AI-based learning tools (e.g., MathAcademy) using ELOP funds for after-school tutoring.

Finance Committee – Paul McGovern

Drop in enrollment caused a 25% revenue loss—school survival depends on quickly increasing enrollment. Need to prioritize enrollment growth over budget cuts and focus on partnerships with specialized enrollment firms.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm to visit the new media arts classroom.