YUBA ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CHARTER ACADEMY
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS
AGENDA

9841 Texas Hill Road
Oregon House, CA
In Person

October 29, 2026

Regular 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	**Constance Murtaugh**	
Director	**Yvette Rodriquez**	
Director	**Shelley Lehman**	
Director	**Steven Dambeck**	

Guests:

C. **Adopt Minutes from Previous Meeting September 29th 2026 For Action**

D. **Reading of Vision/Mission/Core Values:**

Mission: YES CHARTER ACADEMY educates K-11 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–11 students 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. Teacher Representative: **For Action**

D. Review Enrollment: **For Information**

E. Set Date for Roadmap meeting in October: **For Action**

F. Harvest Festival November 13: **For Information**

G. Consideration and Acceptance of Resignation of Deborah Hoerner: **For Action**

H. Consideration and Acceptance of Resignation of Louise Miller: **For Action**

I. November 19,2026 Next COD Meeting: **For Information**

III. REGULAR REVIEW OF COMMITTEES

- **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

IV. ADJOURNMENT

October 13, 2026

PO Box 284
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Pam Cook, President
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Yuba Environmental Science Charter Academy

Dear Pam,

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It has been a pleasure to serve on the Board and to have been a part of such a dynamic process.

I will miss all my fellow Board Members and wish YES the best of luck in the future My hope is to stay connected to YES's important contribution to our community by volunteering in classrooms.

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Topic	Discussion	Action Taken
CALL TO ORDER	COD Vice President Wendy underhill called a regular meeting of the YES Charter Academy to order at 3:16 pm on September 24, 2026, at 9841 Texas Hill Road, Oregon House, CA 95962.	CALLED TO ORDER: 3:16 pm
ATTENDANCE	Wendy Underhill, Paul McGovern, Lance Haliday and Shelley Lehman, are present. Attending on Google Meet: No attendees were present on Google Meet. Staff: Debbie Campbell, Louise Miller Guests: None Present	A QUORUM of 5 Board members was not PRESENT. Wendy Underhill, Paul McGovern, Lance Halliday and Shelley Lehman: 4 Board members present.
ADJOURNMENT	Due to lack of a Quorum, the meeting will need to be adjourned and rescheduled to Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at 3:15.	Wendy moved to adjourn the meeting. Shelley seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 PM to the rescheduled meeting at 3:15 PM on September 29, 2026 at 9841 Texas Hill Road Oregon House, CA

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES	President Cook asked if COD members had the opportunity to review the minutes from the previous meeting of August 27, 2026 and the Special Meeting of Sept. 10, 2026. Wendy moved to approve the minutes of the Sept. 10th 2026 Special meeting and the Aug. 27, 2026 regular meeting. Lance seconded the motion. Principal Miller suggested an edit to the section "New Teaching staff for Approval" to clarify that Justin Drumm has applied for his credential.	Pam Cook made a motion to approve the minutes as edited Paul seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
II. PUBLIC SESSION		

Superintendent Report	Superintendent Louise Miller and several COD members represented YES Academy at the YCOE Board meeting on September 9, 2026 as part of the Instructional Materials Review Process.	
PUBLIC COMMENT:	No public comment	
Teacher Representative Selection	Lance introduced Constance Murtaugh as the Teacher selected by the staff to serve as their representative on the COD.	The COD welcomed Constance Murtaugh to the Council as a Director.
Board Resolution of Sufficiency of Approved Instructional Materials:	President Cook asked if everyone had the chance to review the documents. Members affirmed they had.	Pam moved to approve the Resolution of Sufficiency of Approved Instructional Materials. Wendy Seconded. A roll call vote was held. Shelley AYE Lance AYE Wendy AYE Paul AYE Pam AYE Motion carried at 100%
Review Enrollment	Current enrollment was reviewed and strategies to increase same were discussed	
Set Date for Roadmap meeting	Previous Road Map meetings have been held in December and scheduled in October.	Pam recommended that this item be deferred until October. COD voiced agreement. The item will be placed on the October agenda.
III.REGULAR REVIEW OF COMMITTEES		
Facilities/Safety/Transportation:	The Williams visit for facilities was done earlier in 2026. (FIT report) The dishwasher is up and running in the kitchen. Inspection is scheduled for next week and the kitchen should be fully open and functioning in 2 weeks. Water use in garden is limited. Buses have room for additional passengers	
Academic	Shelley will serve as an additional member of the academic committee. Members are asked to review the IXL reports prior to the October Meeting.	

	These reports are used to set the goals for students. 95% of students need to be tested.	
Finance:	Paul reports that the August books are not yet closed. They must be reconciled with the drop in enrollment. A new Federal grant and the Community schools grant are currently in process. Debbie will look into AB2016 to see if it can be helpful financially.	
ADJOURNMENT		Wendy moved to adjourn the meeting. Pam seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 pm.