YUBA ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CHARTER ACADEMY
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS
AGENDA

9841 Texas Hill Road
Oregon House, CA
In Person
November 19, 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**: October 29, 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 Information**

D. Review Enrollment: **For Information**

E. Tentative Superintendent/Principal Hiring Process: **Discussion**

F. COD will vote to move December COD meeting to the December 10th: **For Action**

G. December 10, 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

V. CLOSED SESSION

A. Appoint the Interim Superintendent/Principal**: Discussion and Action**

VI. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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MEETING

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

9841 Texas Hill Road
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION TAKEN
I. PRELIMINARY		
CALL TO ORDER	COD President Pam Cook called a regular meeting of the YES Charter Academy to order at 3:18 pm on October 29, 2026, at 9841 Texas Hill Road, Oregon House, CA 95962.	CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:18
ATTENDANCE	Pam Cook, Paul McGovern, Deborah Hoerner, Constance Murtaugh, Shelley Lehman and Steven Dambeck were in attendance. Attending on Google Meet: No attendees were present on Google Meet. Staff: Debbie Campbell, Louise Miller and Lance Halliday Guests: None	A Quorum was reached with 6 Board Members present.
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	President Cook asked if COD could approve the Minutes of the meeting on September 24, 2026, where there was no quorum present, and the meeting on September 29, 2026, where there was a quorum present.	Pam Cook moved to approve the Minutes of September 24, 2026, Deborah Hoerner seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Next, Shelley Lehman moved to

		approve the Minutes of September 29, 2026, Pam Cook seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
II. PUBLIC SESSION		
Superintendent Report	Superintendent Louise Miller spoke about the Media Arts program that was featured on the front page of the Appeal Democrat and also featured by a Sacramento New Station. She said the annual Williams visit was successful and that Laura McAulliffe is the new Special Education Director. She also related many of the activities that took place in classrooms over the last month.	
PUBLIC COMMENT:	No public comment	
Resignation of Superintendent	Louise announced that she will retire at the end of the calendar year, after 30 years in education. She will remain involved in the community in the YES Foundation as a volunteer. Members regretfully accepted her resignation.	FOR ACTION: Deborah Hoerner moved to accept Louise Miller's resignation, Pam Cook seconded the motion and a roll call vote was held: Pam - Aye Paul – Aye Deborah – Aye Constance – Aye Shelley – Aye Steven – Aye Motion carried at 100%
Resignation of Board Member Deborah Hoerner	Due to pressing personal responsibilities, Deborah Hoerner submitted her resignation effective December 31, 2026. Members regretfully accepted her resignation	FOR ACTION: Pam Cook moved to accept Deborah Hoerner's resignation, Steven Dambeck seconded the motion and a roll car vote was

		held: Pam – Aye Paul – Aye Constance – Aye Shelley – Aye Steven – Aye Motion carried at 100%
Teacher Representative Report	Constance reported that staff requested upcoming conference dates and times to be added to the current school calendar and Debbie said this would be done right away. Constance also reported that staff requested ongoing information about the status of the high school. As a result, staff will coordinate a communication to high school families as well as the wider school community.	
Set Date for Roadmap meeting	After much discussion, it was determined that there wasn't enough input about the date and time to meet from the community to proceed so this item is postponed until the Meeting in November.	To be placed on the November agenda.
III.REGULAR REVIEW OF COMMITTEES		
Facilities/Safety/Transportation:	High School Site Permit – Two local tribal reservations have signed off but a reservation in Colusa County requested a review which will take place on November 11, 2026. When the review is completed and signed off, YES will proceed to a public hearing for the CUP. The modular classrooms planned for the hight school have not been	

	vacated by Nevada Union so other alternatives are being looked at. Staff are preparing 3 grant applications – 1 for career and technical education facilities and 2 for facility expansion. The electric bus returned to regular service. Harvest Festival is on November 13. Contact Amanda Brandt to help.	
Academic	Louise reported on PLC's, organization of cross-grade groups focused on Math, reading/English and writing across subjects, that state dashboard results are in orange in both reading and math. Strengthening the connection between teachers and the Board was also discussed.	
Finance:	The projected year-end position was described as an unofficial deficit. A community-service grant was discussed as well as marketing through TrustED to build up attendance. A communication group was formed to address concerns noted on social media which will hopefully create more confidence in the YES community.	
ADJOURNMENT		Deborah moved to adjourn the meeting, Shelly seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved at 5:21 pm.

I couldn’t figure out how to add boxes so this needs to be added, too:

Review Enrollment: Enrollment was reported at 155, up from 152 at last month’s meeting. A ninth grade enrollment was pending in the portal and a returning student was expected Monday.

Next Meeting will be on November 19, 2026.