

Uwharrie Charter Academy

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: May 8, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Central Board Room

Board Members Present

Becca Mead, Ryan Terry, Chelsey Butler, Greg Zephir, Jonathan Thill, Regina Rush, Meredith Arbaiza

Board Members Absent

None officially listed

Administration Present

Michelle Barfield, Chris Wheat, Ryan Nelson, Sharon Castelli, Cody Fracheur

Teachers Present

JT Trogdon (High School), Colleen Stanley (Elementary School)

Call to Order

Chairperson Chelsey Butler called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

Public Comment

- No public comments were made.
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E3 Awards

- The Board acknowledged Teacher Appreciation Week and thanked teacher representatives who regularly attend board meetings.
- **Student Honoree:** Jazmin Palma – graduating Summa Cum Laude with honors from UCA and RCC, recognized for academic, athletic, and FFA leadership achievements.
- **Staff Honoree:** Mrs. Hargett – recognized for her exceptional work and leadership in the EC department since 2015.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Becca Mead, seconded by Jonathan Thill to approve the Superintendent's Report, Assistant Superintendent's Report, Treasurer's Report, CFO Report, April 10, 2025 Minutes.

Vote taken by Voice. All in Favor. None Opposed. Motion Carried.

Academic Excellence

- Dr. Castelli highlighted end-of-year events including EOG celebrations, testing, and Teacher Appreciation Week.
 - Ms. Stanley reported on recent 4th-grade beach trip, grade-level planning, and awards week preparations.
 - Mr. Trogdon noted athletic success, academic boot camps, student performances, and attendance policy proposals.
 - **Lottery & Family Engagement:** Ms. Hammer shared updates on enrollment via Lotterease, priority status processes, and family engagement efforts including a new Ambassador model and pre-lottery campus events.
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Finance/Facilities

Finance Report:

- No BVA this month due to a reporting discrepancy in LINQ. Updated reports will be presented in June.

Supplement Release – \$247,701.76

A motion was made to approve the Supplement Release of \$247,701.76 by Meredith Arbaiza, seconded by Becca Mead.

Vote taken by Voice. All in Favor. None Opposed. Motion Carried.

Audit Update:

- Auditor site visit completed. Full audit presentation expected at June board meeting.

Shelco Roundabout Change Order Final Payout – \$77,960.68

A motion was made to approve the Roundabout Change Order Final Payout of \$77,960.68 by Greg Zephir, seconded by Regina Rush.

Vote taken by Voice. All in Favor. None Opposed. Motion Carried.

Shelco GMP Reconciliation Sign-Off

A motion was made to approve the Shelco GMP Reconciliation Sign-Off by Regina Rush, seconded by Ryan Terry.

Vote taken by Voice. All in Favor. None Opposed. Motion Carried.

Governance

- Ms. Mead shared that Governance reviewed three key items during their meeting.

Finance Committee Charter (Update)

- Charter revised from its 2018 version to guide future recruitment.

A motion was made to approve the Finance Committee Charter by Becca Mead, seconded by Meredith Arbaiza.

Vote taken by Voice. All in Favor. None Opposed. Motion Carried.

Nepotism Policy Change

- Update ensures disclosures are addressed in open session.

A motion was made to approve the Nepotism Policy Change by Jonathan Thill, seconded by Ryan Terry.

Vote taken by Voice. All in Favor. None Opposed. Motion Carried.

New Board Member Recruitment

- Three applications received. Interviews scheduled for June 7 with potential vote at the June board meeting.
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Other Business/New Business

- **Football Update:** Middle School football team to launch next year, following rec league success and fundraising efforts.
 - **Board Meeting Time Change (June):** Due to a heavy agenda, Dr. Castelli requested moving the June meeting to 5:00 PM.
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Closed Session – Personnel GS143-318.11

A motion to move to closed session by Becca Mead, seconded by Ryan Terry at 7:38 PM.

Vote taken by Voice. All in Favor. None Opposed. Motion Carried.

Motion to move out of closed session by Dr. Thill and seconded by Ms. Arbaiza at 8:39pm

Motion to close at 8:39 by Dr. Thill and seconded by Ms. Arbaiza