

Uwharrie Charter Academy Board of Directors Meeting Summary

Date: November 13, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Central Board Room

Board Members Present:

Becca Mead, Paige Fish, Regina Rush, Meredith Arbaiza, Elisha Savchak-Trogdon, Jennifer Mabe, Chelsey Butler, Maria Hayes, Tony Cugino

Absent: Ryan Terry, Valerie Dambreville, Jonathan Thill,

Administration Present:

Sharon Castelli, Chris Wheat, Ryan Nelson, Beth Kearns

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 BY Becca Mead, Chairperson

Public Comment

There were no public comments made during the meeting

E3 Awards –

• **Staff Award:** Jordan Brock

It's always a bit uncertain when someone new joins the team—especially after a valued colleague moves on—but we could not have asked for a better addition than **Jordan Brock**. From day one, Jordan has blended seamlessly into the UCA family and quickly earned the respect and trust of our staff. His professionalism, positive attitude, and technical expertise have already made a strong impact on our IT department and our school as a whole.

We are truly grateful that Rick found Jordan—or perhaps that Jordan found us! Either way, UCA is better for it. And for the record, if you ever find yourself in a game of laser tag with Jordan, be prepared—he plays a *mean* game!

Consent Agenda

The board reviewed the Superintendent's Report, Deputy Superintendent's Report, Treasurer's Report, CFO Report, and the October 9, 2025, meeting minutes.

Motion made by **Elisha Savchak-Trogdon**, seconded by Chelsey **Butler** to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

Academic Excellence

Academic Excellence Committee Report – Meeting held 11/4/25 Dr. Trogdon went over the highlights from each school, and Dr. Wheat updated the board on the Golden Leaf grant. Mrs. Kearns summarized the work the curriculum team has done on creating an advanced course pathway in the middle school. We will also ensure that parents and students receive information about all the opportunities and pathways the high school has to offer.

OCS Visit Update- Dr. Castelli referred the board to the OCS feedback form that was in each board members resource folder. She went over the areas of strength, possible areas of growth, and our school improvement plan. Dr. Castelli also let the board know that we are actively working on improving the data from our virtual program and looking for new ways to provide a strong online program for the 150 students served.

Finance and Facilities

- **Finance Committee Report:** Reviewed the BVA sheet ending on 9/30/2025.
- **Audit Update** – The accounting company completing the audit will be onsite December 4th. The finance department continues to provide any requested documents.
- **Roundabout Update** – Dr. Wheat received information that the reimbursement for the roundabout will be released in the next few months. The full amount for the reimbursement to Uwharrie Charter will be released later.
- **Superintendent Search Contract** – Approval needed to amend the budgeted amount of \$20,000 to \$25,000.

Motion made by **Tony Cugino**, seconded by **Chelsey Butler** to approve the budgeted amount for the superintendent search as presented.

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

Governance

•**Superintendent Search Contract-** Presented information to the board from Summit Search. The information was in the board folders, and included information about the project fee, additional expenses, administrative fees, guarantee, and payment structure. The Summit Search group is recommended by the NC School Board Association. A vote was needed to approve.

Motion made by **Meredith Arbazia**, seconded by **Maria Hayes** to approve Summit Search for the superintendent search as presented.

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

Other Business/New - NONE

Motion made by **Chelsey Butler**, seconded by **Jennifer Mabe**, to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing Personnel per GS143-318.11.

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

Time: 6:53

Closed Session began at 6: 53 PM to discuss personnel.

Paige Fish made motion to come out of closed session and **Regina Rush** seconded at 8:31 PM

Meredith Arbazia, made motion to adjourn and was seconded by **Chelsey Butler** at 8:32 PM