Salt Lake Arts Academy
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2026, 5:30 pm
844 S 200 E, Salt Lake City
Room 201

Board Members in Attendance
Diana Cabrales (Board Secretary), Amy Fehlberg, Claudia Geist (arrived at 7:00 PM), Kelly Goff, Greg Ostrander (Board Chair), Reid Prentice, Shantel Stoff (Board Treasurer), Nick Vienneau, Amy Yuda

Board Members Excused
Catherine Palmer, Whitney Provo, Kimberly Venable

Staff in Attendance
Deborah Candler, Whitney Childers, Jen Guillory, Dan Rose

Others in Attendance
Andrew Huffaker and Jessi Huffaker

Quorum: 8 of 12 board members were present at the start of the meeting. Claudia Geist arrived at 7:00 PM.

Welcome and Introductions
Greg Ostrander called the meeting to order.

Review and Approval of Minutes – April 20, 2026
Motion: Kelly Goff moved to approve the April 20, 2026 minutes as presented.
Second: Shantel Stoff
Vote: Unanimously approved

Blind Mule Presentation (Glen Dyke)
Glen Dyke presented a summary of findings related to student behavior and instructional practices during the school year. A handout was provided to Board members. Discussion followed.

Public Comment
Andrew and Jessi Huffaker provided public comment regarding the school's response to student protest activity that occurred in January.

Principal's Report (Deborah Candler)
TSS Compact: Deborah Candler reviewed proposed updates to the TSS Compact, including revisions related to school values, technology expectations, student behavior expectations, and potential consequences for policy violations.

Fifth Grade Enrollment Update: Fifth grade enrollment trends will be reviewed at the June Board meeting. Historical enrollment data will be provided for comparison.

Three-Year Plan: Discussion was postponed until the June Board meeting.

Hiring Update: Deborah Candler reported that two new Humanities teachers have been hired. Administration is also reviewing classroom space utilization and opportunities for shared use of instructional spaces.

Board members discussed academic rigor and enrichment opportunities for high-achieving students. Administration reported ongoing efforts to expand enrichment opportunities while maintaining high academic standards.

Finance Report
Deborah provided a brief update. Financial reporting remains current.

Fee Schedule: The Board discussed maintaining a minimal fee schedule and continuing to support arts programming through fundraising efforts. Action on the fee schedule was tabled and may be addressed electronically.

RFP Update: One company has been selected for the outdoor classroom project, scheduled for completion this summer, and another company has been selected for stage improvements planned for next year. HVAC work is scheduled to begin on June 8, 2026.

School Improvements: Staff reviewed the condition of carpeting in the stairways and hallways and presented replacement options. Board discussed bids received.

Motion: Amy Fehlberg moved to approve carpet replacement by Medfloor.
Second: Amy Yuda
Vote: Unanimously approved

Board Chair Discussion of June 15, 2026 Board Retreat
Motion: Amy Fehlberg moved to hold the Board retreat on June 15, 2026, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM at a location to be determined.
Second: Claudia Geist
Vote: Unanimously approved

Closed Session – Pending Litigation

The Chair took a roll-call vote on moving to a closed session to discuss pending litigation matters and each director present individually voted in favor of moving to such closed session."

Claudia Geist- Yes	Nick Vienneau- Yes	Shantel Stoff- Yes	Amy Fehlberg- Yes
Kelly Goff- Yes	Diana Cabrales- Yes	Amy Yuda-Yes	Reid Prentice- Yes

Kelly Goff and Amy Fehlberg departed at 7:40 pm prior to start of closed session.

Return to Open Session

Motion: Shantel Stoff moved to return to open session.
Second: Reid Prentice
Vote: Unanimously approved

Discussion of Engagement of Counsel

Upon returning from closed session:

Motion: Amy Yuda moved to engage counsel.
Second: Diana Cabrales
Vote: Unanimously approved

Adjournment

Motion: Reid Prentice moved to adjourn the meeting.
Second: Shantel Stoff
Vote: Unanimously approved

Certification

Submitted by:
Diana Cabrales
Board Secretary
Salt Lake Arts Academy
Approved by the Governing Board on: June 15, 2026