Salt Lake Arts Academy
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2026, 5:30 pm
844 S 200 E, Salt Lake City
Room 201

Board Members in Attendance
Amy Fehlberg, Kelly Goff, Greg Ostrander (Board Chair), Reid Prentice, Shantel Stoff (Board Treasurer), Amy Yuda, Nick Vienneau

Board Members Excused
Diana Cabrales (Board Secretary), Claudia Geist, Catherine Palmer, Whitney Provo, Kimberly Venable

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

Others in Attendance
None

Quorum: 7 of 12 board members present

Welcome and Introductions
Greg Ostrander welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order.

Review and Approval of Minutes – January 26, 2026
An adjustment was noted to reflect the updated number of board members following the resignation of Nick Steffens

Motion: Reid Prentice moved to approve the January 26, 2026 minutes with the amendment noted above.
Second: Kelly Goff
Vote: Unanimously approved

Principal's Report (Deborah Candler)
Land Trust Final Report
Deborah Candler reviewed the 2023–2024 Land Trust final report. A discrepancy related to funding for the Dean of Students position was identified, as certain Land Trust funds cannot be used for administrative salaries. The report has been updated to clarify that those funds were used to support behavior-related programming. With recent leadership structure changes, funds will be reallocated to ensure appropriate use going forward.

Deborah also reviewed student engagement data, which showed overall positive results. Work will begin soon on the next Land Trust plan, with a continued focus on strengthening the math department.

Finance Report (Nicole Laird)

Monthly Financial Update
Nicole Laird reported that the school's finances remain on track, with no unexpected expenses this month. Financial reporting is current and accurate.
Additional updates included:
• Installation of the new light board
• Plans to re-key the control room so only trained personnel have access

Nicole also reported that Tetons pricing for next year is projected to decrease by approximately 3%, which is notable given that costs typically increase about 10% annually. Prepaying for three years would lock in the cost at approximately $108,000. Board members discussed the option and indicated general support for exploring the potential savings for families. No formal vote was taken.

School Report Card Update (Dan Rose)
Dan Rose reviewed the school's state report card data, which is publicly available on the state website. He highlighted performance in English Language Arts, Math, and Science. Overall results were positive, with several commendable outcomes.

Requests to Speak
None.

Adjournment
Motion: Shantel Stoff moved to adjourn the meeting.
Second: Kelly Goff
Vote: Unanimously approved

Certification
Submitted by:
Diana Cabrales
Board Secretary
Salt Lake Arts Academy

Approved by the Governing Board on: March 16, 2026