

**WSUCA Board of Directors  
Meeting  
Minutes Draft  
Friday, November 11, 2022 9:00-10:30am  
Public Zoom Webinar Link\*:**

<https://weber.zoom.us/j/92751518697?pwd=NmN0bEplUTQyLzRPRTITazNKenorUT09>

Passcode: 938761

\*Panelists and Moderator have a separate link

**Board Members**

Dr. Teri Henke, Associate Professor, Child and Family Studies, Chair  
Dr. Wei Qiu, Chair and Professor of Child and Family Studies, Vice Chair  
Dr. Stephanie Speicher, Assistant Professor of Child and Family Studies, Treasurer  
Angela Page, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Faculty WSU College of Nursing, Community Member  
Parent member - open due to departure of previous director in past month

**Welcome (10 minutes)**

- **Board Member in attendance: Teri Henke, Wei Qiu, Stephanie Speicher, Angela Page**
- **Charter Administration in attendance: Camie Bearden, Jeneille Larsen, David Jones attorney, Crystal as mediator for the Public section.**
- **Public in attendance: Hannah Stedje, Janelle Lynch, Cynthia Jones, Jen Sufita-Coon,**
- **Jessica Stoker, Kimberly Freebairn, Kristin Hadley, Laura Stott, Letitia Teneau-Sword, Lorraine Cragun, Story Mack, Tiffanie Haun, Vincent Catanzaro, Marybeth Willard, Amber Fritz, Gavin Roberts, Jeremy Shinoda**
- **Teri asked the Board to introduce themselves to all the Public attending**
- Review and approve Board meeting minutes
  - [Aug. 24, 2022](#)
    - **Asked if anything that needs to be changed**
    - **Wei motions, Stephanie seconds, approved**
  - [Oct. 3, 2022](#) (called meeting)
    - **Asked if anything to be discussed or changed**
    - **Angela motions, Wei seconds, approve**

**Open for Public Comment (15 minutes)**

*Please limit comments to 2 minutes. The board may comment on issues raised during this period, but State law does not allow the board to take final action on issues raised during this time unless they are already on the agenda for a vote (USC-52-4-202 (6)(b) and (c)).*

- **Teri explains how the Public portion of the meeting will go ahead.**
- **Jessica: Thank the board about letting this meeting happen. Express on behalf of her son last year and hopes it is not a knee jerk reaction. Hopes that there was plenty of data was looked at. She said as a parent of a hard child that this was a phenomenal experience after having her older child in an all-day kindergarten having a horrible experience.....**
- **Hannah: Thanks for having the meeting. She has had a child and was looking forward to her future children attending. She loves the way that Letitia taught her daughter who was not excited at all about learning at the beginning of the year last year. She loves the aspect of the whole child learning and not just the testing aspect.**
- **Story: Has had 2 children attend and anticipated her youngest attending this coming school year. She states how supportive the Charter has been along with the child care. She loved that there was extended care where she could drop off and know that her**

children could walk down to the Charter and be safe while she was going to school and now working for Weber State. She talked about the small class and now that they are in classes of 28 and up. Talked about how they look at the whole child and not just a problem child if there are problems at home etc.

- Kimberly: She is a current parent and was a student here at Weber State when the Charter was started..... She feels it would be a detrimental to the community to suspend the Charter and letting Letitia go. She brought up some other options that she is not sure the Board thought of.....
- Jen: I have a child in currently, and had heard amazing things about the Charter even though her older child did not come with us. They chose to send him to learn to succeed in the classroom and whole child experience as they were not sure he was even ready for kindergarten to begin with. She stated he was not ready for full day, but would love to be able to work into a full day.
- Jake Laura's husband: Their daughter attended last year. He feels test scores are not important at this point and is not the reason why enrollment was low. They did not know about the school until someone mentioned it and he has some suggestions about how to get the school out there as far as marketing.
- Tiffanie: She has had past children and one that she was hoping for next year. She did say she was forced to go elsewhere when Covid closed down and was very disappoint.
- Alexis Holden: She says her son was low, and is still low, but he is a confident child and she says it was because of the Charter and Letitia are the reason he is confidence in himself. Her second son is very anxious and he is seeing a counselor for this, but he feels good in the classroom with Letitia and is thriving on the whole child learning...
- Jeremy Shinoda: Parent of former student and was on the Board as the Parent Representative. He thinks losing the Charter for 2 years will hold the program back and will then make many of the Faculty and Staff take their children elsewhere.
- Teri got on and explained why the decision is being made and it is .....
- Questions will be addressed at a later date as it was not part of the meeting agenda per David Jones

#### Principal Report (15 minutes)

- Camie asked if there are any questions?
- Moved on to the first slide about enrollment and Special ed.
- Camie goes over the Assessment data.
- Teri came in and said yes, she knows that parents are not looking at scores, but because we are governed by USBE we have to and keep up on scores. These are state mandated assessments.
- Math Acadience is not mandated for kindergarten, but we have chosen to do this so that we can meet the needs of the kids in the classroom.
- Progress monitoring is going on in the classroom and observation.
- Volunteer hours will be updated as some parents forget so an email went out as a reminder.
- We have 1 Student Teacher....see slide for other College student in the classroom.
- FIC has not met as we are having a hard time getting everyone together at the same time. However, meals were provided for Parent Teacher Conferences.
- School Land Trust met and voted on the Personnel change for the allotted monies set for the Para position.
- Stephanie talked about some of the .....watch recording

- Talked about hanging the paper Volunteer form back in the room.

**Board Business (50 minutes):**

- [Agreement between Charter Academy and WSU Board of Trustees](#)
  - Dave Jones talked about the Agreement.
  - He said that there is no need to amend, but the Charter does need to let the WSU Board of Trustees know when there is a change such as a suspense of the Charter for 2 years.
  - It went to someone last week and will be going to the Trustees next week.....
  - Teri asked if any of the Board has questions
  - Angela comments if we want to improve it takes time.
  - This is information only, not a voting item
- [Financial Report/Budget](#)
  - Stephanie goes over budget.
  - Stephanie states Charter finances are different from a public school for those parents who are still on the meeting.
  - Kindergarten gets the least amount of money of all students, so Stephanie recommends we use our voices on other things also.
  - Stephanie wants to make sure parents know how we receive our funds.
  - We have received new funding because of the Pandemic, and Health and mental health is a new fund we can utilize!
  - Land Trust funds as it is based off the public lands of Utah.
  - Goes over how much is spent over the school year. Camie as the Director over sees this.
  - Stephanie talked about the need for subs and funding them.
  - Continues going over the finances.
  - Angela asked what will happen with the funds while we are closed. Stephanie lets the Board know that they have been talking with Abel our accountant. Some more information will be had, after the Board of Trustees meet. We will then know what will happen with some of the funds.
  - Budget has not yet been adjusted based on the numbers we have this year. The budget for this year was based on the numbers from last year.
  - Angela motions, Wei seconds, approved.
- [LAND Trust Council Plan Amendment](#)
  - Camie talked about the school Land Trust funding a full-time para, and there was not a need for a full time para because of our numbers.
  - Goal 1 Will now support part-time Instructional Coach.
  - Goal 4 was brought up as there is funding left over since we do not have to pay a full-time para.
  - It was Voted on by the Land Trust Committee and passed.
  - Wei motioned, Angela seconds, Amended Plan approved.
- Board Mid-Year [Survey of Families](#) (link to [End-of-Year Survey](#))
  - This was worked on and has been updated.
  - During the suspense more survives will go out to past and future parents
  - Camie and Sally will work on getting it out in December.
- Strategic Planning
  - Strategic planning that will go forward will be on the business portions and the portion of the Instructional Coach.
  - Brian Carpenter out of Ca, Jeneille suggest Laura as Consultants

- **This will be on a fee basis.**
- **Working on marketing.**
- **More will come after the Trustees meet.**
- **[Board Vacancy](#)** (Article 3 p. 2-3)
  - **The former Parent Member said it was more than he had anticipated.**
  - **Suggest to the Board is to do a Google Form to send out to the current parents to fill vacancy.**
  - **1 question may be if they are willing to serve longer to help with the re planning during the suspension period, instead of the 1-year time period.**
  - **Stephanie feels this should come directly from the Board.**
  - **Teri will send out after the form is created.**
  - **Talked about past parents and future parents to serve on the Board.**
- **Closed Session**
  - **Vote to close public session Wei motions, Angela seconds, approved.**

*Closed session in accordance with Utah code 52-4-205; including but not limited to: (a) discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; (b) strategy sessions to discuss collective bargaining; (c) strategy sessions to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation; (d) strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property; (e) strategy sessions to discuss the sale of real property.*
- **Adjourn closed session**
  - **Stephanie motioned to end closed session of meeting, Angela seconded, approved**
- **Adjourn Meeting**
  - **Stephanie motioned to adjourn, Wei seconded, approved**