

Minutes of the Meeting
The Davidson Academy Governing Board
November 14, 2025

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Davidson Academy was called to order at 2:01 p.m. This public meeting was held by videoconference allowing members of the public to hear and observe the meeting. Members of the public were invited to provide comments by telephone, through videoconference, or by email.

A. Roll Call

Roll call was completed by Meeting Chair, Mark Herron. In attendance were Bob Davidson, Roger Davidson, Annette Whittemore, Lauralyn McCarthy-Sandoval, and Brian Krolicki. Also, present were Davidson Academy Director, Colleen Harsin; Legal Counsel, Ann Alexander; Vice President for Finance and Administration, Karin Dixon; Director of Accounting, Kevin Connelly; Governing Board Clerk, Aimee Fredericks; and IT Support, Ken Brouchard. Brian Sandoval, Richard Trachok, Victor Wakefield, and Joseph Ernst were not present. Following completion of roll call, a quorum of voting members was confirmed.

B. Welcome and Introduction

Mark Herron welcomed Board Members and members of the public in attendance.

C. Public Comment

Mark Herron provided instructions concerning public comment as stated under item C. of the meeting agenda.

Mark Herron stated that this meeting would be held without a physical location, but in compliance with Nevada legislation, was available for visual participation, and audio call-in for public comments. He referenced the public comment details provided in the agenda and confirmed that public comments, if made, would be received by email or by telephone. No comments were received.

D. Approval of Agenda

Mark Herron requested a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Motion was made and seconded for approval of the meeting agenda as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Approval of Minutes

Mark Herron requested approval of the minutes for the meeting of September 26, 2025, included in the board book for this meeting. Motion was made and seconded for approval of the minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Reports

1. Academy Director

a. General Program Updates

Colleen Harsin started her report by providing a summary of fall semester activities to date. She confirmed for the Board that the addition of Fall Break worked well for students and staff and will be included in future Davidson Academy academic calendars moving forward. Academy staff and instructors participated in a productive professional development day on October 13, 2025. As required, students were administered the PSAT/NMSTQ test. Respect Week was held and included activities led by the Academy's Peer Advising Liaisons promoting a respectful learning environment and well received by all students. The Junior/Senior trip was held at Six Flags Amusement Park. Fifty-five students attended and all went well. Office of Suicide Prevention sessions were held and coordinated through Life is Worth It and curriculum from Erica's Lighthouse. Monthly parent meetings continue and semester advising is underway. Cognia Surveys went out to all stakeholders with good participation. Students are organizing the annual Thanksgiving potluck, Spirit Week, and the Winter Dance, all scheduled for next week.

Board Member, Brian Krolicki referenced the new fall break addition to the Academy calendar and asked how the days were made up. Ms. Harsin confirmed that the Academy school year now starts a week earlier, and some slight changes were made to the daily schedule. She reported overall the calendar change was well received although students taking university classes were not able to fully participate. Mr. Krolicki also commented that it's been some time since the Board had an in-person meeting and that occasionally parents would attend. He asked for clarification on the parent attendance at the parent meetings. Ms. Harsin confirmed that two parent zoom meeting times per month are provided and there's also an increased opportunity for parent involvement and volunteering.

Ms. Harsin continued her report providing the Board with a 2026-2027 admissions summary. The application for the 2026-2027 school year opened in August 2025. Since that time, ten applicants were admitted, three were declined admission, and four were ineligible to continue with the application review process. Ten more applicants are confirmed for readiness assessment in November. Seventy applications are in progress, and the final application deadline is January 15, 2026.

Ms. Harsin referred Board members to Tab 2 of their board books for a copy of the Davidson Academy Budget Report for the first quarter for their review. The formatting is a bit different since changing to the Aptifund System. She referred Board members to Tab 3 for a copy of a report from a recent inspection from the Health Department. In their first inspection they asked that furniture that can't be easily disinfected be removed, which was done. Under Tab 4 Ms. Harsin referred to the state Accountability Report Card for the Davidson Academy including enrollment and graduation rate, noting there was a slight increase in the chronic absenteeism rate. The reported bullying incidence rate decreased.

Under Tabs 5 and 6 she referred to the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF). The Academy received a five-star rating. She confirmed that she and other staff members were following up with the state regarding this reporting as the information isn't necessarily

indicative of the Academy and is influenced by factors out of the Academy's control. SBAC scores put Davidson Academy students at the advanced growth level.

Under Tab 7 she referred the Board to the Q1-Q2 Pupil Enrollment and Attendance Audit for the 2024-2025 school year. The report indicated a small finding having to do with an attendance coding error that is being resolved. The Academy received notice of the Pupil Enrollment and Attendance Audit for the 2025-2026 school year, which has been moved to April 2026 due to the originally proposed date being during the Academy and UNR finals schedule.

Ms. Harsin confirmed that 40 Davidson Academy students were seeking graduation in Spring 2026, with 199 applications having been submitted to 91 colleges. This is the time of year when decisions are starting to be received, and she will share more information on Class of 2026 college applications at the next meeting.

2. Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Mark Herron confirmed there were no reports at this time.

3. Media and Outreach

Ms. Harsin referred to Tab 8 for a summary of media updates and notable website mentioned including recently available Niche rankings. The summary also reflects key performance indicators and website metrics.

G. General Business

1. The Governing Board will review, discuss, and possibly approve a list of candidates for graduation in May 2026, subject to each candidate's completion of requirements for graduation.

Ms. Harsin referred Board members to Tab 9 and requested Board approval of the proposed 2026 Davidson Academy graduates. Mark Herron asked for motion to approve proposed graduates subject to those students satisfactorily completing graduation requirements. Motion to approve was made and seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public at this time.

I. Adjournment

Mr. Herron referred the Board to proposed quarterly meeting dates for 2026.

Friday, March 6, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

Friday, May 29, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

Friday, September 25, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

Friday, November 20, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business coming before the Board in the public meeting, Mr. Herron asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously. The

meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Aimee Fredericks _____

Respectfully submitted by Aimee Fredericks, Governing Board Clerk