

**Great Oaks Charter School
Board of Directors Meeting**

AUG 17 2026

Date: August 2026

Call to Order: 5:55 p.m.

Adjournment: 6:27 p.m.

Location: Great Oaks / Virtual Meeting

Call to Order

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 5:55 p.m.

Public Comment

The Board reviewed the procedures for addressing the Board of Directors. Members of the public wishing to address the Board must be added to the speaker list by the designated deadline. Public comments are limited to three minutes per speaker, and unused time may not be reassigned to another speaker. The Board does not hear comments concerning personnel matters and generally listens to public comments without responding.

No members of the public were present to address the Board.

Agenda

The Board discussed whether there were any requested changes to the submitted agenda.

The meeting initially proceeded under the understanding that quorum had not yet been established. After clarification of the current Board membership and attendance, quorum was established.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the submitted agenda. The motion carried following an affirmative vote.

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

The Board discussed the status of the previous meeting minutes. The most recent minutes had not yet been received from the individual responsible for providing them. The Board agreed that outstanding minutes would be presented for approval when available, potentially as a group.

The minutes from the current meeting will be considered for approval at a subsequent meeting.

Financial Report

The Board reviewed the July financial statements, representing the first month of the fiscal year.

Key financial information presented included:

- Preliminary state funding and enrollment-related revenue were reported to be on track.
- Approximately \$1.8 million of the \$4.7 million preliminary budget had been received in revenue, representing approximately 40% of the preliminary budget.

- Overall expenditures were reported to be consistent with expectations for the beginning of the fiscal year.
- Approximately 8% of the budget period had elapsed.
- Facilities and Maintenance expenditures were approximately 9% of budget.
- Instructional Support expenditures were approximately 5% of budget.
- Transportation expenditures were expected to increase later in the year as school-year transportation billings begin.
- July expenditures totaled approximately \$230,000.
- The organization reported an operating surplus of approximately \$1.5 million.
- Ending fund balance was approximately \$3.8 million.

The Board also discussed enrollment, which was reported at approximately 145 students, or approximately 97% of the 150-student capacity.

The Board expressed appreciation to Great Oaks staff for the organization's positive fiscal performance.

A motion was subsequently made and seconded to approve the financial/web reports. The motion carried following an affirmative vote.

School Updates

The Board received combined July and August school updates:

1. Enrollment

Enrollment was reported at 145 students out of 150, or approximately 97% capacity. School leadership reported that enrollment efforts have been successful, with continued enrollment growth and fewer student withdrawals than in prior years. Social media campaigns and community outreach were identified as contributing to increased enrollment.

2. Staffing

Most staff members returned for the new school year. A nurse position was filled. The school continues to seek a certified, qualified mathematics teacher. A mental health position also remained unfilled following the departure of the prior staff member.

3. School Improvement and Academic Data

School leadership reviewed school improvement data and discussed strategies for the upcoming school year.

4. Attendance

Attendance had been approximately 74%, below the prior goal of 82%. The school established a new attendance goal of 76% for the upcoming year. Leadership noted that the attendance goal is based on school data and growth expectations rather than a specific policy requirement.

The Board was also informed that the school continues to serve a significant special education population, including several students with complex needs.

5. SAT and Academic Performance

The school continues to meet state expectations for participation in statewide testing in English language arts and mathematics but has experienced challenges with the SAT essay/writing component.

To address this, the school has incorporated writing across the curriculum into its school improvement efforts. Strategies will focus on writing stamina, test-taking skills, student support, and encouraging students to complete the essay portion of the assessment.

ELA performance has fluctuated, and school leadership reported plans to strengthen instruction and growth strategies.

Mathematics proficiency showed improvement compared with the prior three years. Leadership recognized the efforts of the mathematics staff, particularly given prior staffing challenges.

School leadership reported that staff reviewed attendance, discipline, SAT performance, and other data and developed strategies for the upcoming school year. Leadership expressed confidence in staff commitment and the school's improvement plan.

Executive Session

The Board entered executive session. The recording was paused during the executive session.

The Board subsequently returned to regular session. No additional business was reported for consideration.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Fisher
Board Chair