

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Yuma Private Industry Council, Administration Building

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January 14, 2026

8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Michael J. Sabath called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Michael J. Sabath led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

The roll was called, and those present and absent were:

<u>Members Present:</u>	<u>Members Absent:</u>
Jesus G. Figueroa (Virtually-7:58 a.m.), Michael J. Sabath (Virtually-8:00 a.m.), Antonio Zuniga (Virtually-8:06 a.m.)	Judith Castro (Excused) Tonya Tacker (Excused)

Thereby, a quorum was established.

Staff/Guest Present (Virtually):

Samuel G. Loveless, WDB Member

Melissa Long, YPIC

Elicia Page, YPIC

Alicia Huizar, Contracts Manager

Adriana McBride, Human Resource Manager

Steve Barba, Finance & Accounting Manager

Brian Grossenburg, Principal

Patrick Goetz, Operations Director

Nidia Herrera, Executive Director

Beatriz Aguilar, Clerk of the Board

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Michael J. Sabath asked for a motion to approve the December 10, 2025 meeting minutes.

Jesus G. Figueroa moved to approve the December 10, 2025 meeting minutes; seconded by Antonio Zuniga. The motion passed.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 3-0 at 8:08 a.m. (Yes-Jesus G. Figueroa, Michael J. Sabath & Antonio Zuniga)

VI. SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Brian Grossenburg reported the following:

A. Enrollment Summary

Principal Grossenburg provided the following information,

- Based on the 100th day of school, enrollment is at 80.175
- The Average Daily Membership (ADM) payment the school will receive for the remainder of the school year will be based on the current enrollment number

B. 5 Year Graduation Rate Update

Principal Grossenburg informed the Board, the school remains in federal School Improvement status based on the five-year graduation rate, with a required benchmark of 67% to exit School Improvement. At the beginning of the school year, the projected graduation rate was approximately 42%. The current projected rate has increased to 55.9% due to targeted, student-by-student interventions and intensive case management. The cohort consists of 59 students, including 18 students listed as withdrawals. It was noted that federal graduation rate calculations do not allow the school to count two students who earned credentials outside the standard reporting parameters, which negatively impacts the reported graduation rate. The school will continue focused interventions to support eligible students toward graduation by June 30th.

Michael J. Sabath asked if that posed any problem for the school from the standpoint of federal oversight? Principal Grossenburg replied, School Improvement status provides additional funding and state support and does not currently carry negative consequences such as mandated changes in school leadership. It was noted that such requirements existed under prior federal accountability systems but have not been indicated at this time. The school entered School Improvement during the COVID period, when graduation outcomes declined. Since then, the five-year graduation rate has shown consistent improvement, increasing from approximately 30% to a projected 55.9%.

C. Interval Review Update

Principal Grossenburg informed the Board, an on-site visit by the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools staff is scheduled to occur between February 9, 2026 and February 20, 2026. All requested documentation has been submitted and is currently under review. No additional information or clarification has been requested at this time.

D. Suspension and Discipline Report

Principal Grossenburg presented the summary of suspension for December 2025. The report is as follows:

Suspension Type	Disruption/ Defiance	Threat/ Intimidation	Aggressive Contact	Drugs/ Alcohol	Gang Identificati on/Activity	Other
Short-Term Suspension	0	0	0	0	0	0

Long-Term Suspension	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recommendation for Expulsion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Awaiting Disciplinary Hearings	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alternative Learning – Short Term	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alternative Learning – Long Term	0	0	0	0	0	0

E. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom.

VII. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

A. Student Activities Account for Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School for the period of December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$6,635.14.

Patrick Goetz recommended the Governing Board of the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School approve the December 31, 2025 balance of \$6,635.14.

Michael J. Sabath asked for the approval of the consent action item as presented. Jesus G. Figueroa moved to approve the consent action items as presented; seconded by Antonio Zuniga. The motion passed.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 3-0 at 8:22 a.m. (Yes-Jesus G. Figueroa, Michael J. Sabath & Antonio Zuniga)

VIII. DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS

A. Expenditures for the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School for the period ending December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$557,811

Patrick Goetz recommended the Governing Board of the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School approve the expenditures as presented for the year-to-date period ending December 31, 2025 in the amount of \$557,811.

Expenses are at 51%, at 53% of the school year.

Michael J. Sabath asked for a motion to approve the expenditures for the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School for the period ending December 31, 2025 in the amount of \$557,811.

Jesus G. Figueroa moved to approve the expenditures for the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School for the period ending December 31, 2025; seconded by Antonio Zuniga. The motion passed.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 3-0 at 8:24 a.m. (Yes-Jesus G. Figueroa, Michael J. Sabath & Antonio Zuniga)

B. 2024-2025 Audit prepared by the Firm Walker & Armstrong LLP

Patrick Goetz recommended the Governing Board of the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School approve the 2024-2025 Audit prepared by the firm Walker & Armstrong LLP.

Jesus G. Figueroa asked about a previously mentioned item from the audit that required amendment or clarification and asked whether the matter had been resolved. Steve Barba, Accounting & Finance Manager stated they were pending the Compliance Supplement from the Office of Management and Budget. Final reports were released and there were no changes to the audit from when it was last presented.

Michael J. Sabath asked for a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Audit prepared by the firm Walker & Armstrong LLP.

Jesus G. Figueroa moved to approve the 2024-2025 Audit prepared by the firm Walker & Armstrong LLP; seconded by Antonio Zuniga. The motion passed.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 3-0 at 8:27 a.m. (Yes-Jesus G. Figueroa, Michael J. Sabath & Antonio Zuniga)

IX. OTHER INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION ITEMS

There was no other information or discussion items.

X. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Principal Grossenburg provided the following information to the Board,

- Thanked Adriana McBride and the team for preparing a draft of the Continuity Plan, outlining how the school would sustain services and operations in the event of a prolonged school closure, the plan will be presented to the Board in February
- Noted that caffeine pouches have recently been observed in the school, prompting the need for a policy, a draft policy on caffeine pouches will be presented to the Board in February to address the use of strong caffeine-based drinks and pouches, which are not currently covered in the school handbook
- Thanked the Board for the \$100.00 donation to the student council

Michael J. Sabath expressed appreciation for Principal Grossenburg on pursuing Cognia accreditation, noting it as a significant achievement and highlighting its benefits for students, program credibility, and continuous improvement.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Michael J. Sabath asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Jesus G. Figueroa made the motion which was seconded by Antonio Zuniga. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 8:32 a.m.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 3-0 at 8:32 a.m. (Yes-Jesus G. Figueroa, Michael J. Sabath & Antonio Zuniga)

Respectfully submitted by; Beatriz Aguilar, Clerk of the Board.