

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Yuma Private Industry Council, Administration Building
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February 18, 2026
8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Michael J. Sabath called the meeting to order at 8:00 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-7:55 a.m.), Salvador Machado (Virtually-8:01 a.m.), Michael J. Sabath (Virtually-7:57 a.m.), Antonio Zuniga (Virtually-7:57 a.m.)	Sandra Navarrete (Excused)

Thereby, a quorum was established.

Staff/Guest Present (Virtually):

Samuel G. Loveless, WDB Chair
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 January 14, 2026 meeting minutes.

Jesus G. Figueroa moved to approve the January meeting minutes; seconded by Antonio Zuniga. The motion passed.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 4-0 at 8:03 a.m. (Yes-Jesus G. Figueroa, Salvador Machado, Michael J. Sabath & Antonio Zuniga)

VI. SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Brian Grossenburg reported the following:

A. Enrollment Summary

- Enrollment is at 78 students

B. Overview of Stimulant Pouches and Nicotine Policy

Principal Grossenburg shared an overview of the stimulant pouches and nicotine policy. Overview is attached.

Jesus G. Figueroa asked, how do these products compare to the energy drinks commonly consumed by students. Principal Grossenburg replied they appear to be more potent and potentially dangerous. Concerns include inconsistent caffeine levels in the pouches and a lack of clear regulation. Mr. Figueroa also asked, where are teenagers obtaining these products, and are there age restrictions for purchase. Principal Grossenburg replied it is believed they may be purchased at grocery stores or online, though the exact purchasing requirements are unclear.

Michael J. Sabath asked, are students allowed to bring and consume energy drinks on campus. Principal Grossenburg replied energy drinks cannot be purchased on campus; however, if students bring them from off campus, they are not currently prohibited. There is no existing legal basis or board policy that allows the school to confiscate these items. Schools may address this through a wellness policy that restricts the sale or distribution of such products on campus.

Samuel G. Loveless expressed appreciation for the concern regarding stimulant use among youth, acknowledging potential health impacts during development. However, he raised concerns about policy consistency, noting that energy drinks with high caffeine content are currently allowed while caffeine pouches may be restricted. He questioned how the Board would distinguish between different forms of caffeine, particularly if the product is legal for minors to purchase. While supporting the intent of protecting students, he cautioned against creating a potential double standard and emphasized the importance of ensuring that any policy is consistent and legally grounded. Adriana McBride stated that caffeine pouches are legally restricted to buyers aged 21 and over, though students may still access them. She noted that the Arizona Department of Education is developing an awareness program and suggested reviewing the policy to clearly prohibit possession by anyone under 21. Mr. Loveless acknowledged unfamiliarity with caffeine pouches but agreed that if there is a legal age restriction of 21, it supports prohibiting possession for students. Since most students are under 21, he fully supports enforcement and sees no reason to oppose it. Members discussed the possibility of revising the policy to include clearer age restrictions and legal guidance while also emphasizing the importance of keeping any policy simple and enforceable. Staff agreed to conduct additional research on applicable laws, age requirements, and policy considerations.

The Board reached consensus to table the item until the next meeting to allow time for further review and clarification.

C. Overview of Continuity of Operations Plan

Principal Grossenburg shared an overview of the continuity of operation plan. Overview is attached.

Michael J. Sabath commended the effort in preparing the report, noting that the scope was appropriate and all key areas were addressed. The member had reviewed the report and found it to be a respectable document for presentation, though additional time would be needed for a detailed review. A few minor typographical errors were noted for correction. Dr. Sabath specifically appreciated the provisions for recording policy changes and training related to the continuity plan, and highlighted that the report supports compliance with Cognia standards. Special recognition was given to Adriana for her leadership and significant contribution in preparing the documents.

D. Suspension and Discipline Report

Principal Grossenburg presented the summary of suspension for January 2026. The report is as follows:

Suspension Type	Disruption/Defiance	Threat/Intimidation	Aggressive Contact	Drugs/Alcohol	Gang Identification/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, March 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 January 31, 2026, in the amount of \$6,635.14.

Patrick Goetz recommended the Governing Board of the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School approve the January 31, 2026 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 4-0 at 8:42 a.m. (Yes-Jesus G. Figueroa, Salvador Machado, Michael J. Sabath & Antonio Zuniga)

VIII. DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS

A. Expenditures for the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School for the period ending January 31, 2026, in the amount of \$635,029

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 January 31, 2026 in the amount of \$635,029.

Expenses are at 58%, at 64% 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 January 31, 2026 in the amount of \$635,029.

Jesus G. Figueroa moved to approve the expenditures for the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School for the period ending January 31, 2026; seconded by Antonio Zuniga. The motion passed.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 4-0 at 8:43 a.m. (Yes-Jesus G. Figueroa, Salvador Machado, Michael J. Sabath & Antonio Zuniga)

B. Stimulant Pouches and Nicotine Policy

The Board reached consensus to table the item until the next meeting to allow time for further review and clarification.

Michael J. Sabath asked for a motion to table the item.

Jesus G. Figueroa moved to approve the Stimulant Pouches and Nicotine Policy; seconded by Antonio Zuniga. The motion passed.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 4-0 at 8:44 a.m. (Yes-Jesus G. Figueroa, Salvador Machado, Michael J. Sabath & Antonio Zuniga)

C. Approval to Add Antonio Zuniga as an Authorized Signer to the Student Activities Bank Account

Patrick Goetz recommended the Governing Board of the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School to approve the addition of Antonio Zuniga as an authorized signer to the Student Activities Bank Account.

Michael J. Sabath asked for a motion to approve the addition of Antonio Zuniga as an authorized signer to the Student Activities Bank Account.

Jesus G. Figueroa moved to approve the addition of Antonio Zuniga as an authorized signer to the Student Activities Bank Account; seconded by Salvador Machado. The motion passed.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 3-0 at 8:45 a.m. (Yes-Jesus G. Figueroa, Salvador Machado & Michael J. Sabath), Recusals 1 (Antonio Zuniga)

IX. OTHER INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION ITEMS

There was no other information or discussion items.

X. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Principal Grossenburg and Patrick Goetz provided the following information to the Board,

- Arizona State Board of Charter Schools conducted the interval review for charter renewal, including interviews on operations and instruction
 - The Board noted that our school had the fastest review process for operations and instruction
 - Board members were impressed with the minutes, board agenda, and notices; Beatriz Aguilar was specifically recognized for her outstanding work
 - Overall, the Board was impressed with the school's operations and tracking of instruction
 - One issue was identified: the student handbook is incomplete regarding excused absences
 - The Arizona State Board will provide exact wording for the handbook
 - Once updated, the board will review and approve the excused absence policy
- During the interval visit, the Arizona State Board of Charter Schools (ASBCS) noted that all required information was available on the school website
- Principal Grossenburg was also commended for his work during the call
- The school is pending the unannounced on-site visit
- All the amendments submitted to the Arizona State Board of Charter Schools have been approved

Nidia Herrera expressed her gratitude for the YPIC team and their collaborative efforts. Special recognition goes to Adriana McBride for stepping in to assist Principal Grossenburg and for her leadership on the continuity plan, which was time-consuming and required significant effort. Beatriz Aguilar was also commended for her excellent work on board minutes. Principal Grossenburg's dedication and work with students were acknowledged as outstanding. Overall, the team's commitment, collaboration, and accomplishments are greatly appreciated.

Principal Grossenburg appreciated Patrick Goetz's proactive efforts in monitoring amendment progress and maintaining regular communication with the charter board during the interval review period. His actions helped ensure alignment and avoid potential negative consequences. Overall, the strength and effectiveness of the agency's team were commended.

Michael J. Sabath thanked Salvador Machado for being part of the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School Governing Board.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

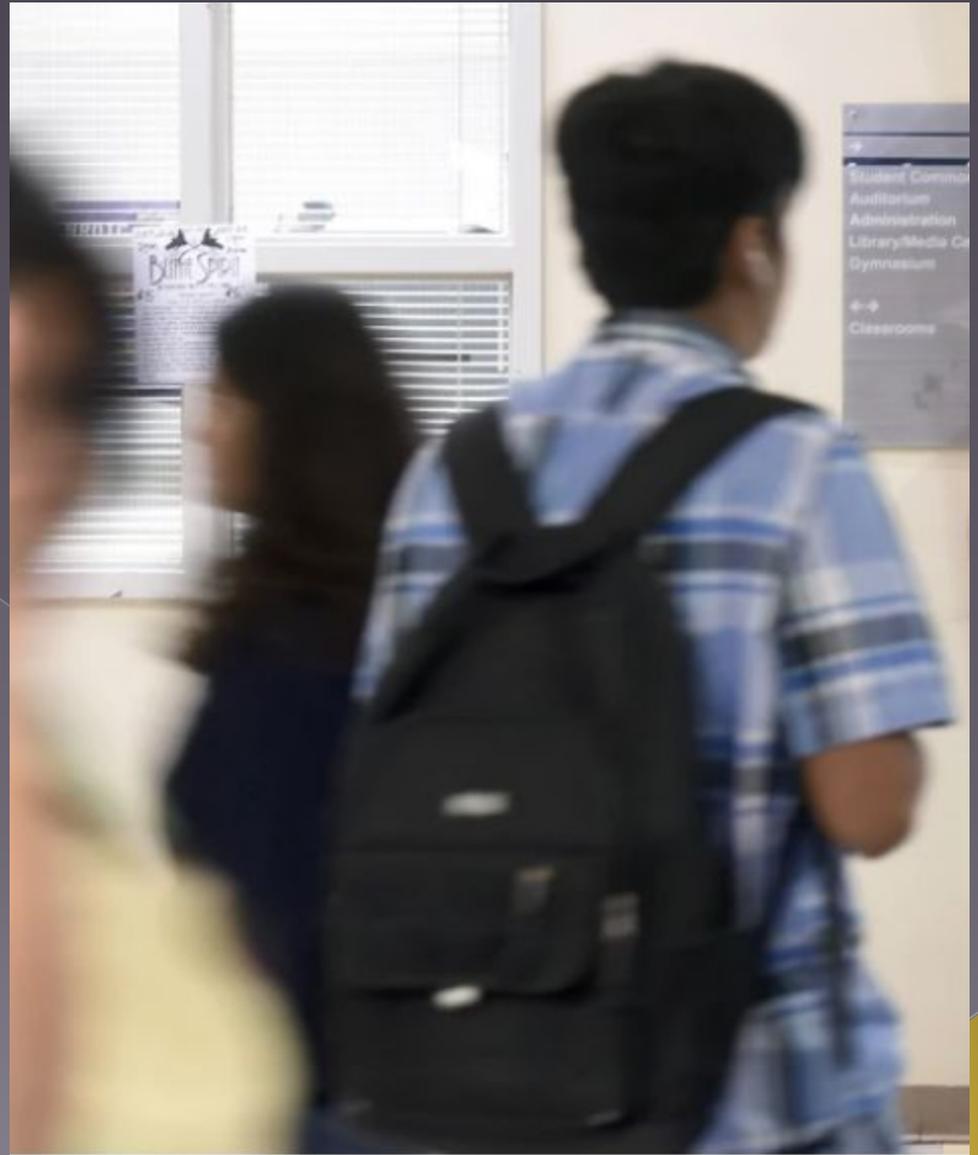
Jesus G. Figueroa made the motion which was seconded by Salvador Machado. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 4-0 at 8:52 a.m. (Yes-Jesus G. Figueroa, Salvador Machado, Michael J. Sabath & Antonio Zuniga)

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

Stimulant Based Products and Nicotine Product Policy

Brian Grossenburg
Principal
February 11, 2026



Purpose

- Inform and regulate presence and use of stimulant pouches and nicotine-based products.
 - Caffeine Pouches
 - Nicotine Products
 - Oral Pouches



Expectations

- Comply with searches
- Keep prohibited items off campus
- Report concerns



Staff Responsibilities

- ⦿ Confiscate item
- ⦿ Recognize possible health concern
- ⦿ Refer to administration
 - Health assessment
 - Monitor
 - Parent contact
 - Contact emergency responders

Consequences

- ⦿ Violations of this policy may result in:
 - Confiscation of the product
 - Parent/guardian notification (18 & Under)
 - Progressive discipline:
 - detentions, health related required tasks, short term suspensions, long term suspensions. Expulsion by the school board
 - Health and safety interventions when needed.
 - Refusal to comply will result in release from school with notification of emergency contact(s).





ANY
QUESTIONS



Quarterly Report on School Improvement Initiatives

Brian Grossenburg
Principal
February 11, 2026

Purpose

Quick response to:

- Keep students learning
- Allocate necessary business and technology tasks
- Ensure compliance
- Start rebuilding process
- Ensure safe return

Scope of the Plan

Ensures operations can continue in the face of:

- Facility damage
- IT outages
- Safety threats
- Community emergencies
- Utility failures

Components that Support the Plan

Documents that support the plan

- Instructional Time Model
- Continuous Improvement Plan & CNA
- Essential Functions Tracker & BIA
- Training and Exercise Plan
- Accounting Contingency Plan
- Technology Contingency Plan

Essential Elements of the COOP

Essential elements of the COOP:

- Essential functions
- Orders of succession
- Continuity personnel
- Alternate operations (telework, alternate sites, devolution)
- Communications
- Reconstitution procedures

Key Points to Conclude

COOP ensures:

- Fully integrated planning
- Clear leadership structure
- Strong IT & communication systems
- Flexible instructional models
- Data-driven decision making
- Compliance with ADE, ASBCS, Cognia

Next Steps

- Board approval
- Update essential function trackers
- Staff training
- Annual COOP review

Thank You

- Questions ?????????