

# **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL**

Yuma Private Industry Council, Administration Building

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March 11, 2026

8:00 a.m.

## **MINUTES**

### **I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Michael J. Sabath called the meeting to order at 8:04 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:

<b><u>Members Present:</u></b>	<b><u>Members Absent:</u></b>
Salvador Machado (Virtually-8:01 a.m.), Sandra Navarrete (Virtually-8:04 a.m.), Michael J. Sabath (Virtually-7:58 a.m.)	Jesus G. Figueroa (Excused), Antonio Zuniga (Excused)

**Thereby, a quorum was established.**

#### **Staff/Guest Present (Virtually):**

Melissa Long, YPIC

Alicia Huizar, Contracts Manager

Adriana McBride, Human Resource Manager

Steve Barba, Finance & Accounting Manager

Samuel G. Loveless, WDB Chair

Brian Grossenburg, Principal

Patrick Goetz, Operations 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 February 18, 2026 meeting minutes.

Sandra Navarrete moved to approve the February 18, 2026 meeting minutes; seconded by Salvador Machado. The motion passed.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 3-0 at 8:06 a.m. (Yes-Salvador Machado, Sandra Navarrete & Michael J. Sabath)

### **VI. SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Principal Brian Grossenburg reported the following:

#### **A. Enrollment Summary**

- Enrollment is at 77 students
- Staff are increasing enrollment and outreach by attending networking and community events and distributing informational materials
- Due to expected graduates this year, approximately 60 new students will need to be enrolled next year

**B. Review of Changes to Caffeinated, Stimulant and Nicotine Products Policy**

Principal Grossenburg informed the Board, the policy was updated based on feedback from last month's meeting. While revisions have been made, there are still several items that may require further discussion to determine if additional changes or additions are needed. Updates were made to include energy drinks specifically marketed to increase energy, such as Monster, Red Bull, and similar products. Items not included in the policy, such as regular sodas (Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Mountain Dew) and coffee products were noted for further discussion. The Board and audience were invited to provide feedback on these inclusions and exclusions to guide any additional revisions.

Michael J. Sabath asked how will the policy be enforced given the difficulty in detecting use, including the various forms it comes in, such as pouches? Principal Grossenburg replied it will be a challenge to enforce the policy, noting that many nicotine products are subtle and can be used covertly. Daily backpack checks are conducted by security, but metal detectors are ineffective since most containers do not contain metal. Staff may identify use through visible signs, such as bulging cheeks or gum use, or through symptoms like agitation, rapid heartbeat, or sweating. Students showing symptoms will undergo medical screening. For items like energy drinks, staff can monitor quantity and notify parents if needed. Overall, enforcement of the policy is expected to be challenging due to the subtle nature of these products.

Michael J. Sabath asked, has there been any issues with caffeinated pouches so far? Principal Grossenburg replied, there was one case that occurred back in January, which prompted discussion and review of the current policy. Michael J. Sabath asked, is the proposed policy ready for approval? Principal Grossenburg replied yes, it is considered comprehensive enough to move forward and protect the school and agency from risks. Further adjustments may be needed in the future for items like coffee or sodas.

Principal Grossenburg shared a video regarding the use of caffeinated pouches.

▶ Caffeine pouch use by young people raises new concerns

**C. Questions and Answers Regarding the Continuity of Operations Plan**

Principal Grossenburg shared a one-page readability handout. Handout is attached.

Michael J. Sabath commended that he reviewed the plan and found it detailed and well-prepared, relying on FEMA and educational resources. He noted the plan includes provisions for the recording of training, tracking changes, and reviewing it at least every two years, which helps ensure it remains current. He emphasized the

importance of implementing staff training after approval to make everyone aware of their roles and responsibilities.

**D. Suspension and Discipline Report**

Principal Grossenburg presented the summary of suspension for February 2026.

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, April 8, 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 February 28, 2026, in the amount of \$6,575.46.**

Patrick Goetz recommended the Governing Board of the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School approve the February 28, 2026 balance of \$6,575.46.

Michael J. Sabath asked for the approval of the consent action item as presented. Salvador Machado moved to approve the consent action items as presented; seconded by Sandra Navarrete. The motion passed.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 3-0 at 8:32 a.m. (Yes-Salvador Machado, Sandra Navarrete & Michael J. Sabath)

**VIII. DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Expenditures for the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School for the period ending February 28, 2026, in the amount of \$735,271**

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 February 28, 2026 in the amount of \$735,271.

Expenses are at 68%, at 68% 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 February 28, 2026 in the amount of \$735,271.

Sandra Navarrete moved to approve the expenditures for the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School for the period ending February 28, 2026; seconded by Salvador Machado. The motion passed.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 3-0 at 8:33 a.m. (Yes-Salvador Machado, Sandra Navarrete & Michael J. Sabath)

**B. Caffeinated, Stimulant and Nicotine Products Policy**

Patrick Goetz recommended the Governing Board of the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School to approve the Caffeinated, Stimulant and Nicotine Products Policy.

Michael J. Sabath asked for a motion to approve the Caffeinated, Stimulant and Nicotine Products Policy.

Sandra Navarrete moved to approve the Caffeinated, Stimulant and Nicotine Products Policy; seconded by Salvador Machado. The motion passed.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 3-0 at 8:34 a.m. (Yes-Salvador Machado, Sandra Navarrete & Michael J. Sabath)

**C. Continuity of Operations Plan**

Patrick Goetz recommended the Governing Board of the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School to approve the Continuity of Operations Plan.

Michael J. Sabath asked for a motion to approve the Continuity of Operations Plan.

Sandra Navarrete moved to approve the Continuity of Operations Plan; seconded by Salvador Machado. The motion passed.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 3-0 at 8:35 a.m. (Yes-Salvador Machado, Sandra Navarrete & Michael J. Sabath)

**IX. OTHER INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There was no other information or discussion items.

**X. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Patrick Goetz informed the Board that he and Antonio Zuniga went to the bank to add Mr. Zuniga as an authorized signer on the Student Activities bank account. One additional authorized signature is pending, after which the process will be complete.

Principal Grossenburg informed the Board that the school recently completed its interval review with the Arizona State Board of Charter Schools, and the review went very well. The official report has not yet been received; however, it is expected to note that the Board should review the excused absence policy. A request for guidance was sent to the Charter Board, and once the official report is received, it will be placed on a future Board agenda for full review. Additionally, the Arizona Department of Education's Department of Exceptional Student Services completed its annual monitoring of the school's special education files, and no findings were reported.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Sandra Navarrete made the motion which was seconded by Salvador Machado. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 8:42 a.m.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 3-0 at 8:42 a.m. (Yes-Salvador Machado, Sandra Navarrete & Michael J. Sabath)

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

## Components

Instruction, Student  
services, Facilities,  
Technology, Business  
HR

## COOP Supports

ITM, SIP, BIA, Essential  
Function Tracker, Training  
and Exercise Plan, Business  
and Tech Contingency Plans

## Communications

Email, Telecommunications,  
Phone Apps, Text Messages

# COOP Safety, Operations, Recovery

## Personnel

Essential Staff,  
Leadership Continuity,  
Devolution

## Reconstruction

Planning, Logistics, Facility  
rebuild, Staff return,  
Operation transitions