

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Yuma Private Industry Council, Administration Building

3834 W. 16th Street, Yuma, AZ 85364

Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82973959380>

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April 8, 2026

8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Michael J. Sabath called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Brian Grossenburg 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-7:56 a.m.), Salvador Machado (Virtually-7:59 a.m.), Sandra Navarrete (Virtually-8:01 a.m.), Michael J. Sabath (Virtually-7:58 a.m.), Antonio Zuniga (Virtually-7:56 a.m.)	

Thereby, a quorum was established.

Staff/Guest Present (Virtually):

Samuel G. Loveless, WDB Chair
Melissa Long, 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.

Board member, Sandra Navarrete joined the meeting at 8:01

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Michael J. Sabath asked for a motion to approve the March 11, 2026 meeting minutes.

Sandra Navarrete moved to approve the March 11, 2026 meeting minutes; seconded by Salvador Machado. The motion passed.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 at 8:02 a.m. (Yes-Jesus G. Figueroa, Salvador Machado, Sandra Navarrete, Michael J. Sabath & Antonio Zuniga)

VI. SCHOOL PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Principal Brian Grossenburg reported the following:

A. Enrollment Summary

- Enrollment is at 77 students
- Five new students enrolled after spring break

B. FY2026 Interval Review Summary

Principal Grossenburg shared the FY2026 Interval Review Summary. Summary is attached.

Michael J. Sabath asked, is the contractual compliance review part of a larger Academic System Review, and is there an additional report associated with it? Principal Grossenburg replied, this is the only formal written report issued from the review process, on a five-year cycle unless a consent agreement requires more frequent reporting.

C. Suspension and Discipline Report

Principal Grossenburg presented the summary of suspension for March 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

D. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 13, 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 March 31, 2026, in the amount of \$6,664.07.

Patrick Goetz recommended the Governing Board of the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School approve the March 31, 2026 balance of \$6,664.07.

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

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 at 8:10 a.m. (Yes-Jesus G. Figueroa, Salvador Machado, Sandra Navarrete, Michael J. Sabath & Antonio Zuniga)

VIII. DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS

A. Expenditures for the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School for the period ending March 31, 2026, in the amount of \$782,784

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 March 31, 2026 in the amount of \$782,784.

Expenses are at 72%, at 76% 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 March 31, 2026 in the amount of \$782,784.

Sandra Navarrete moved to approve the expenditures for the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School for the period ending March 31, 2026; seconded by Salvador Machado. The motion passed.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 at 8:11 a.m. (Yes-Jesus G. Figueroa, Salvador Machado, Sandra Navarrete, 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 informed the Board that outreach efforts are ongoing, including distributing flyers to public agencies and at the fair. Michael J. Sabath asked if outreach is regularly done at the fair. Principal Grossenburg replied this is the first year flyers were distributed at the fair.

Sandra Navarrete asked if the school has any type of social media? Principal Grossenburg replied the school has Facebook and Instagram. He will share a QR code with the Board members.

Principal Grossenburg shared the following,

- Graduation is scheduled for May 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Theater
- Appreciation was expressed to Sandra Navarrete and Salvador Machado for joining the board and contributing their time, feedback, and support

Michael J. Sabath shared the following,

- Echoed appreciation for Sandra Navarrete and Salvador Machado presence
- Shared positive remarks about the school and Principal Grossenburg

- Was recognized for modernizing the school and leading key initiatives
- Special appreciation was given for securing Cognia accreditation, noted as important for school credibility and student benefit

Nidia Herrera share the following,

- A Pre-Summer Job & Resource Rally event is being held on campus near the Career Center from approximately 3:00–6:00 p.m., featuring employers, community resources, and participation from the Charter High School to support outreach and recruitment
- Patrick Goetz’s last day is April 30, 2026, and Adriana McBride has been selected to fill his position

Michael J. Sabath informed the Board, the Social Work Program, in partnership with Arizona Courts, is hosting a reentry simulation on April 21, 2026. Participants are encouraged to register by notifying organizers in advance to ensure sufficient materials are available. The simulation provides an experiential learning opportunity related to reentry challenges faced by individuals returning to the community after incarceration.

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 8:18 a.m.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 at 8:18 a.m. (Yes-Jesus G. Figueroa, Salvador Machado, Sandra Navarrete, Michael J. Sabath & Antonio Zuniga)

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

Fifteen Year Interval Review Compliance Report

CHARTER INFORMATION			
Charter Holder Name	Yuma Private Industry Council, Inc.	School Name	Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School
Charter Holder Entity ID	4509	Virtual Review Date	February 12, 2026
Academic Systems Review due to:	Fifteen Year Review	Report Date	March 11, 2026

In accordance with A.R.S. §15-183(l)(3), all charter authorizers are required to review charters at five-year intervals. As part of the Board’s statutory requirement to provide general supervision over the charter schools it sponsors (A.R.S. § 15-182(E)(1)), Board staff conducted an Academic Systems Review (“ASR”), which includes a contractual compliance review. After reviewing the submitted documents, Board staff met virtually with Brian Grossenburg, School Principal; Alicia Huizar, Contract Manager and School Rep; and Patrick Goetz, Operations Director and Superintendent.

School Background

School Name	Month/ Year Open	Location	ADM*	Grade Levels Served
Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School	August 1996	Yuma	76.9841	9-12

*ADM as of February 15, 2026

Contractual Compliance Review

Specific areas of the charter contract are reviewed to ensure the Charter Holder is in compliance. If Board staff identified contractual or legal non-compliance issues at the site visit, each issue is reflected on the Charter Holder’s Operational Performance Dashboard, with required submissions to come into compliance due on **April 10, 2026**. The table below identifies the contractual or legal compliance components that are out of compliance. In the case of operational non-compliance issues, the table specifies what the Charter Holder is required to submit by **April 10, 2026**.

Failure to provide required follow-up, as described below, by April 10, 2026, will be recorded in Measure 2.e. of the Charter Holder’s operational performance dashboard.



Additionally, failure to submit timely may result in the remaining issues being placed on a subsequent Board meeting agenda for possible disciplinary action pursuant to R7-5-505(G), in which the Board may take action, including withholding up to ten percent of the monthly state aid apportionment, issuing a notice of intent to revoke the charter, or other remedial actions.

In accordance with R7-5-501(H), if the specified deadline has not passed, Board staff may grant a charter holder an extension to the specified deadline. In order to request an extension, please send an email to charterschoolboard@asbcs.az.gov.

Compliance Item	Findings	Required Submission
Mission Statement	The mission statement on school materials aligns with the mission on file in the contract, as amended and reflected in ASBCS Online, and the mission statement reported to the Arizona Department of Education. The school is in compliance.	NO FOLLOW-UP REQUIRED
School Calendar	The school’s calendar was reviewed. The number of instructional days on the school calendar is consistent with the minimum number of instructional days on file in the contract, as amended and reflected in ASBCS Online. The school is in compliance.	NO FOLLOW-UP REQUIRED
Instructional Hours	The minimum required instructional hours are met for all grade levels, per A.R.S. § 15-901. The school is in compliance.	NO FOLLOW-UP REQUIRED
Fingerprint Clearance Cards and Fingerprint Checks	Fingerprint information was reviewed by Board staff. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-183(C)(5) and specified in A.R.S. § 15-106, all instructional staff members must have a valid identity verified fingerprint (IVP) clearance card. Non-instructional staff must have a valid fingerprint clearance card or have been fingerprint checked through the Arizona Department of Public Safety pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-512. The school is in compliance.	NO FOLLOW-UP REQUIRED
Open Meeting Law	Governing body notifications, minutes, and agendas from the last 12 months were reviewed for compliance with Open Meeting Law requirements, pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 38-431.01-09. Compliance with the requirement of online posting was verified. The school is in compliance.	NO FOLLOW-UP REQUIRED



Alignment of Officers, Directors, Members, and/or Partners of the Corporation	Officers, Directors, Members, and/or Partners of the corporation were reviewed for alignment between the contract, as amended and reflected in ASBCS Online and the Arizona Corporation Commission. The school is in compliance.	NO FOLLOW-UP REQUIRED
School Governing Body Alignment	School Governing Body membership was reviewed for alignment between the contract, as amended and reflected in ASBCS Online and the School Governing Body listed in the minutes provided at the visit. The school is in compliance.	NO FOLLOW-UP REQUIRED
Enrollment Policies	<p>Although the practices used by the school may be in compliance, the documentation was found to be in conflict with A.R.S. § 15-901(A)(1) and the Arizona Department of Education’s (ADE’s) School Finance Manual “Defining Excused Absences” G-1.</p> <p>On page 10 of the EOC Charter High School Student Handbook that is publicly posted on the school’s website, it states, “15-901.The Department of Education defines an excused absence as being an absence due to illness, doctor appointment, bereavement, family emergencies and out-of-school suspensions.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is in conflict with ADE’s “Defining Excused Absences” G-1, which states “Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-901(A)(1), excused absences are identified by the Department of Education. The Department of Education defines an excused absence as an absence due to illness, doctor appointment, mental or behavioral health, homelessness, bereavement, family emergencies, time necessary to process for the armed forces, and out-of-school suspensions.” <p>Recorded in Measure 2.b.: Enrollment Processes</p>	<p>Submit to Board staff an updated copy of the EOC Charter High School Student Handbook that demonstrates compliance with A.R.S. § 15-901(A)(1) and “Defining Excused Absences” G-1.</p> <p>The updated documentation must be emailed to ryan.lang@asbcs.az.gov.</p>
Facility Documentation	Facility documentation was reviewed to ensure that the school has a valid Certificate of Occupancy and Fire Marshal’s Inspection Report. The school is in compliance.	NO FOLLOW-UP REQUIRED



Website	The school's website was reviewed for compliance with all applicable statute, rules, and policies. The school is in compliance.	NO FOLLOW-UP REQUIRED
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