



# **The Governing Board of Freedom Preparatory Academy**

HELD A PUBLIC MEETING

IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

1761 WEST 820 NORTH, PROVO, UTAH

**June 23, 2026, 9:05AM-1:45PM**

*In attendance via zoom: Austin Anderson, CAO, Lindsay Owen, CFO, and board members Paul Baltes, Rex Galbraith and Keith Powers, plus Executive Director Grayson Wolf and Director of Operations Buddy Ivie. Principals Cherlynn Imes, Matt Fullmer, and Brandon Winn as well as assistant principal Lilly Pyper, also Steven Finley, Owner of Red Apple Financial. Executive Secretary Tracey Noonan participated at the anchor location.*

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. Approval of minutes from April 23, 2026, Governing Board Meeting

Keith Powers moved to approve minutes from April 23, 2026, Governing Board Meeting. Lindsay Owen seconded the motion. 5-0 passed unanimously.

2. Executive Director and principal's end of year updates

Paul Baltes thanked and recognized administration for student data focus of updates.

Grayson Wolf highlighted graduation and stellar teachers plus mentioned some administrative changes and projected increased enrollment for fall.

Keith Powers emphasized the annual teacher awards, while Lindsay Owen expressed appreciation for the outstanding contributions of our teachers.

Cherlynn Imes, Matt Fullmer and Brandon Winn all briefly discussed highlights from their individual campuses.

Rex Galbraith suggested exploring the use of standardized templates across all campuses to promote consistency.

### 3. Approval of final FY26 budget

Steve Finley from Red Apple Finance reviewed the final FY26 budget.

Lindsay Owen moved to approve the final FY26 budget.

Rex Galbraith seconded the motion. 5-0 passed unanimously.

### 4. Approval of initial FY27 budget

Steve Finley from Red Apple Finance reviewed the initial FY27 budget.

Rex Galbraith moved to approve the initial FY27 budget.

Lindsay Owen seconded the motion. 5-0 passed unanimously.

### 5. Review of Fraud Risk Assessment

Steve Finley explained that this self-assessment is required by the State Auditor's Office and then provided an overview of the assessment.

### 6. Select audit firm for FY26 financial audit

Steve Finley led a discussion regarding the selection of an auditing firm. The Board reviewed two proposals, one from Squire and one from Eide Bailly.

Buddy Ivie noted that, in accordance with Board policy, the Board may select a vendor based on the overall quality of services provided and is not required to choose the lowest-priced bid.

Lindsay Owen moved to select Eide Bailly as the FY26 financial audit firm.

Keith Powers seconded the motion. 5-0 passed unanimously.

### 7. Approve updates to Bullying Policy

Buddy Ivie explained the proposed changes to this existing policy.

Keith Powers approved the updates to the Bullying Policy including discussed edits.

Paul Baltes seconded the motion. 5-0 passed unanimously.

### 8. Approve edits to Employee Handbook

Buddy Ivie led a discussion regarding proposed revisions to the Employee Handbook for the 2026–2027 school year. The Board reviewed the proposed changes, and Board members provided input and feedback for consideration.

Keith Powers approved the 2026-2027 Employee Handbook with all proposed edits and changes.

Rex Galbraith seconded the motion. 5-0 passed unanimously.

9. Review and Approve changes to Elementary Handbook

Cherlynn Imes, principal of the Provo Elementary Campus, explained the minor changes to the elementary handbook.

Paul Baltes moved to approve the Elementary Parent/Student Handbook including edits.  
Lindsay Owen seconded the motion. 5-0 passed unanimously.

10. Review and Approve changes to Secondary Handbook

Matt Fullmer, principal of the Secondary Campus, explained the minor changes to the secondary handbook.

Rex Galbraith moved to approve the Secondary Parent/Student Handbook including edits.  
Lindsay Owen seconded the motion. 5-0 passed unanimously.

11. Review and Approve changes to Elementary Fee Schedule

Buddy Ivie reviewed the minor changes.

Paul Baltes moved to approve the Elementary Fee Schedule with discussed edits.  
Keith Powers seconded the motion. 5-0 passed unanimously.

12. Review and Approve changes to Secondary Fee Schedule

Buddy Ivie reviewed the minor changes.

Keith Powers moved to approve the Secondary Fee Schedule with discussed edits.  
Paul Baltes seconded the motion. 5-0 passed unanimously.

13. Oath of Office for board members

Tracey Noonan, a commissioned notary public, administered the Oath of Office to all Governing Board members.

14. Executive Director yearly evaluation (Closed session) \*

Continued to a future meeting.

15. Adjourn

Keith Powers moved to adjourn @1:45PM.  
The motion passed with a vote of 4-1, with Paul Baltes voting against the motion.

\*The Freedom Preparatory Academy Governing Board may consider a motion to close the meeting to hold a strategy session to discuss the purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of real property, and/or the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual or individuals or discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation in conformance with § 52-4-204 and 52-4-205 et. Seq., Utah Code Ann.

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