MINUTES
of the meeting of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES of JOHN ADAMS ACADEMY OF CALIFORNIA
August 6, 2026

The Board of Trustees of John Adams Academy of California held a public meeting on August 6, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Lincoln Campus Lecture Hall, 1797 Bella Breeze Drive, Lincoln, California 95648, with teleconference locations at the Roseville Campus and El Dorado Hills Campus as stated in the public notice.

I. PRELEMINARY

(A) CALL TO ORDER (B) PLEDGE (C) ROLL CALL

Chairman Dean Forman called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m., with a quorum present. In attendance were Dean Forman, Roy Braatz, and Jean Pagnone. Kevin Brandon was absent.

Also present were Superintendent Dr. Troy Henke, Deputy Superintendents Bob Billings and Emily Devers, Principals Danielle Boldt and Carrie Gulliford, Enrichment Coordinator Tammy Scott, Ms. Erin McCoy, PSO President Ron Klemmer, and Academica Representatives Kimberly Martin, Karen Hansen, Trevor Goodsell, Nachum Golodner, Alex Saba, Steven Ward, Sean Dewan and Brandi Reinert.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no public comments.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. THOUGHT OF THE DAY - DEAN FORMAN

Chairman Forman reflected on the Academy's sixteenth year and Benjamin Franklin's description of the rising sun on George Washington's chair at the Constitutional Convention. He referenced Alexander Hamilton's contrast between reflection and choice and accident and force, Leonard Sax's discussion of declining reading for pleasure, and Dorothy Sayers's warning about literacy without disciplined thought. The importance of reading, reasoning, and critical engagement in preparing scholars for public life was emphasized.

B. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. RECOGNITION OF YEARS OF SERVICE - BOARD TRUSTEE ERIN MCCOY

Former Board Trustee Erin McCoy was recognized by Chairman Forman for her years of service and was presented with the John Adams Academy honor coin. Appreciation was expressed to Ms. McCoy and her family, and it was noted that she would continue serving the Academy community as a substitute at the El Dorado Hills Campus.

C. Leadership Updates

Superintendent Troy Henke reported on professional development and back-to-school activities for administrators, new staff, and campus teams. Campus principals were participating in additional preparation for the return of scholars. The year's professional development theme, "We Hold These Truths," will include Socratic study of the Declaration of Independence and align with the America 250 commemoration. A representative of the Lincoln Campus Parent Support Organization was also introduced.

D. **Facilities Update**

Mr. Gary McClain provided an update regarding campus preparation, furniture moves, painting, cleaning, and minor repairs. Asphalt repairs at the El Dorado Hills Campus were expected to be completed by August 12, and a solar-monitoring account was expected to be established within approximately 24 hours. He reported that the solar breakers had been repaired. Follow-up regarding warranty responsibility was requested by Chairman Forman.

E. **Finance Update**

Mr. Trevor Goodsell presented a preliminary year-end finance update. Revenue of approximately $66 million and expenditures of approximately $71.6 million were reported, reflecting an operating deficit of approximately $5 million. An additional $1 million expense associated with a Private Attorneys General Act settlement was reported, resulting in an anticipated total loss of approximately $6 million and negative year-end equity. Approximately $4.8 million of the loss was described as non-cash, including approximately $3.3 million in depreciation and approximately $1.5 million in solar-asset impairment. Audit preparation, a required going-concern memorandum, account reclassifications, and monthly grant monitoring were discussed. Mr. Goodsell noted that enrollment was expected to be at its highest level across the three campuses, and current projections indicated a positive result for the coming fiscal year.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA (2 minutes)

A. **Approval of Warrants & Credit Card Expenditures**
B. **Approval of Resignations & Terminations**
C. **Approval of New Hires**
D. **Approval & Ratification of Contracts**
E. **Approval of Previous Minutes - July 9, 2026**
F. **Approval of Board Policy Updates**
   1. **Board Policy on Section 504**
   2. **Board Policy on Special Education Procedures**
   3. **Board Policy on Administering Medication**
   4. **Board Policy on Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting**
G. **Insurance Renewal Update**
H. **Approval of Employee Handbook Updates**
I. **Approval of Parent/Scholar Handbook Updates**

Item IV.I was pulled from the consent agenda for separate discussion.

MEMBER BRAATZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, EXCLUDING ITEM IV.I. MEMBER PAGNONE SECONDED THE MOTION, AND THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE.

The Board discussed proposed Parent/Scholar Handbook language addressing valedictorian and salutatorian eligibility, including the length of Academy attendance, completion of Academy humanities requirements, reliance on Academy coursework, and how it would effect scholars who enroll after ninth grade. Additional information was requested regarding later-enrolling scholars, and the valedictorian and salutatorian paragraph was held for the next meeting. The remaining handbook updates included a requirement that an enrolled scholar take an Academy mathematics course during at least three of the four high-school years.

MEMBER PAGNONE MOVED TO APPROVE THE PARENT/SCHOLAR HANDBOOK UPDATES, EXCEPT FOR THE VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN PARAGRAPH, WHICH WILL BE BROUGHT BACK AT THE NEXT MEETING. MEMBER BRAATZ SECONDED THE MOTION, AND THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE.

V. DISCUSSION & ACTION AGENDA

A. **NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT TO VACANT BOARD MEMBER POSITION - LAUREN JOOS**

1. OATH OF OFFICE

Chairman Forman reported that the Nomination Committee recommended Lauren Joos. He explained that three candidates were considered; one withdrew, and the remaining two were interviewed on multiple occasions and had their references contacted. Ms. Joos was an El Dorado Hills parent, long-term Academy volunteer, and candidate recommended by campus leadership. The oath of office would be administered in the coming days at the El Dorado Hills Campus during a morning opening ceremony, with the Board to be notified when arrangements were finalized.

MEMBER BRAATZ MOVED TO APPOINT LAUREN JOOS TO THE VACANT BOARD TRUSTEE POSITION. MEMBER PAGNONE SECONDED THE MOTION, AND THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE.

B. **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF DRAMA PRODUCTIONS - EL DORADO HILLS CAMPUS**

1. HONK JR.
2. OLIVER! JR.
3. THE WAR OF THE WORLDS: THE 1938 RADIO SCRIPT
4. CRAZY FOR YOU

The proposed productions were presented; auditions will be open for elementary, middle-school, and high-school scholars.

MEMBER PAGNONE MOVED TO APPROVE THE DRAMA PRODUCTIONS FOR THE EL DORADO HILLS CAMPUS AS PRESENTED. MEMBER BRAATZ SECONDED THE MOTION, AND THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE.

C. **Discussion and Approval of Expanded Learning Enrichment Programs**

1. Life Academy
2. Lyceum Learning

Life Academy was presented as an after-school program focused on practical life skills, and Lyceum Learning was presented as a supervised program offering reading, homework, games, and other enrichment activities during the gap between elementary and secondary dismissal times. The Board discussed program cost, available Expanded Learning Opportunity Program funding, voluntary family contributions, staffing ratios, scholar supervision, dismissal schedules, and the effect on traffic flow. The discussion established that participation would not be conditioned on mandatory family payment, while voluntary contributions could be requested to support the programs. Staff committed to refine implementation and communicate clearly with families regarding program participation and arrival times intended to reduce driveline congestion.

Member Braatz moved to approve the Life Academy and Lyceum Learning expanded learning enrichment programs. Member Pagnone seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

VI. BOARD INITIATED BUSINESS

Annual Board training was discussed. Brandi Reinert was directed to distribute training links, provide reminders approximately every two weeks, and support completion within the next 30 to 60 days.

VII. NEXT MEETING: Regular Board Meeting | September 3, 2026 4:00 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting was scheduled for September 3, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY**

There were no public comments on the closed session items.

IX. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

A. **Public Employment Performance Evaluations [Gov. Code § 54957(b)(1)]**

1. **Superintendent**
2. **Deputy Superintendents**
3. **Principals**

The Board adjourned to the closed session at 12:05 p.m. to discuss items per the titles and codes referenced on the agenda.

X. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 1:28 p.m. Chairman Forman reported that no action was taken in closed session.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MEMBER BRAATZ MOVED TO ADJOURN. MEMBER PAGNONE SECONDED THE MOTION, AND THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

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Kevin Brandon (Sep 10, 2026 12:32:57 PDT)

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