

AGENDA



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ARARAT CHARTER SCHOOL

May 15, 2025

6:30 pm

Regular Meeting Location:

*Ararat Charter School – Campus 1
6555 Sylmar Avenue
Van Nuys, CA 91401*

Teleconferencing is available at:

*Ararat Charter School – Campus 2
13400 Erwin Street
Van Nuys, CA 91401*

Instructions for Presentations to The Board by Parents and Citizens

The Ararat Charter School (“School”) welcomes your participation at the School’s Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Governing Board (“Board”) is to conduct the affairs of the School in public. We are pleased that you are in attendance and hope that you will visit these meetings often. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our School. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided.

1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting.
2. “Oral Communications” is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond, or take action. Members of the public who wish to comment during the Board meeting may use the "Request to Address the Governing Board" form" available on the School’s website. Individual comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. If an interpreter is needed for comments, they will be translated to English and the time limit shall be six (6) minutes. The Governing Board may limit the total time for public comment to a reasonable time.
3. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and address from the podium and adhere to the time limits set forth.
4. Citizens may request that a topic related to school business be placed on a future agenda. Once such an item is properly agendized and publicly noticed, the Board can respond, interact, and act upon the item.
5. The Board reserves the right to mute or remove a member of the public if comments or actions disrupts the Board meeting.
6. Access to Board Materials: A copy of the written materials which will be submitted to the School's Governing Board may be reviewed by any interested persons on Ararat Charter School's website along with this agenda following the posting of the agenda at least 72 hours in advance of this meeting.
7. Disability Access: Requests for disability-related modifications or accommodations to participate in this public meeting should be made 24 hours prior to the meeting by calling (818) 994-2904 or cmenjivar@araratcharterschool.com. All efforts will be made for reasonable accommodations. The agenda and public documents can be modified upon request as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

I. OPEN SESSION

- a. **Call to Order**
- b. **Roll Call**

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING(S)

- a. March 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes

III. APPROVAL OF CHECK AND CREDIT CARD REGISTERS

- a. February 2025

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

a. PUBLIC HEARING/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes, and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations, and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give directions to staff following a presentation.

b. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This is a presentation of information that has occurred since the previous Board meeting.

- **English Learner Instruction**
 - Summative English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) complete for 144 students
- **Special Education**
 - Behavior Intervention Implementationists (BIIs) will receive follow up behavior training during the Summer
 - Selected classified staff will be transitioned to (BIIs)
- **General Education**
 - NWEA MAP internal spring testing to commence May 26 – June 4, 2025
 - 5th Grade Physical Fitness Test (PFT) – complete
 - 5th Grade California Science Test (CAST) – complete
 - 3rd – 5th Grades California Assessments of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) to commence May 13 – May 23, 2025
 - Continuity of instruction as part of the comprehensive school safety plan
 - SB114 Dyslexia Screener for grades K to 2 – DIBELS
 - \$7,000 incentive for the TK classroom
 - Armenia Tree Project Fundraiser and Student Certificates
 - Shakey's Pizza Fundraiser
 - 4th and 5th Grade Movie Night
 - Notice of 2025-2026 Williams Monitoring School Sites

- **School Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)**
 - LCAP
 - The LCAP plan is reviewed routinely during every SLC and ELAC meeting. The LCAP will be Board approved by June 30, 2025.

c. OPERATIONS AND/OR COMPLIANCE MANAGERS' REPORTS

This is a presentation of information since the previous Board meeting. (Per attached report)

1. **Enrollment**
 - Latest student enrollment report by grade level
 - Annual Public Lottery held on April 27, 2025
2. **Attendance**
 - Report on the percentage of the Monthly Attendance
3. **State and Local Mandated Reports**
 - No Update
4. **Update on Legislation**
 - No Update
5. **Facilities and all Related Matters**
 - Facilities updates

d. FINANCIAL REPORT

This is an update on what has transpired since the last board meeting.

1. **March Financials**
2. **FY26 Preliminary Budget**

V. DISCUSSION, INFORMATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

After the presentations, the Board will consider which items will be removed from the list of "consent" items which will be adopted with a single vote without discussion. This is followed by the Board discussing and voting on the items removed from the list by the Board or where individuals have signed up to address the Board on the item.

- a. **Facilities and all Related Matters**
 - i. Prop 39 Alternative Agreement Fully Executed – Kindergarten Learning Academy and Erwin Elementary
 - ii. Affordability analysis through GROW Schools
 - iii. Existing cell tower conversations with the District
 - iv. Califa St. and Van Nuys Blvd. properties
 - v. Woodman property - lease
- b. **Employee Retention Credit (ERC)**
- c. **Legal and Extraordinary Cost Assistance Pool (LECAP) through Charter Operated Programs (COP)**
- d. **990 Filing**
- e. **2025-2026 PowerSchool Contract**
- f. **Compensation Committee findings and recommendations**
 - i. Salary Scale
 - ii. Health and Welfare
- g. **2025-2026 Sign-on Bonus**
- h. **2025-2026 Revised Annual School Calendar**

- i. 2025-2026 Ararat Programs for Extended Learning (APEX) Calendar**
 - i. Events/Fieldtrips
 - ii. Class Offerings
 - iii. Waitlist Numbers
- j. Questions from last board meeting**
 - i. Cross Country Education and Quest
 - ii. SHARP and Wilkinson
- k. Updated Independent Study Policy and Forms**
- l. Implementation of Sign App**
- m. Charter School Development Center (CSDC) Conference**
- n. Baltazar Resolution**

VI. CLOSED SESSION

*Adjourned to Closed Session to consider and/or take action upon any of the following items:
Public Employee Employment (G.C. 54957)*

Title:

- **Pupil Discipline**
- **Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, and Discipline of Personnel**
- **Real Estate Negotiations**

VII. PUBLIC SESSION – REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Governing Board will report out any action taken in the Closed Session if any

VIII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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- a. Approval is Requested for Facilities and all Related Matters**
- b. Approval is Requested for 990 Filing**
- c. Approval is Requested for 2025-2026 PowerSchool Contract**
- d. Approval is Requested for Salary Scale**
- e. Approval is Requested for Health and Welfare**
- f. Approval is Requested for 2025-2026 Sign-on Bonus**
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- j. Approval is Requested for Charter School Development Center (CSDC) Conference**
- k. Approval is Requested for Baltazar Resolution**

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board will discuss items for future Board meeting agendas

X. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

XI. ADJOURNMENT