MINUTES

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
ARARAT CHARTER SCHOOL

February 19, 2026
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

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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

This meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson at 6:41 pm.

b. Roll Call

Ms. Avakian	☒	☐
Ms. Shamieh	☒	☐
Dr. Velarde	☒	☐
Mr. Merzian	☒	☐
Mr. Shirvanian	☒	☐
Ms. Izakowitz	☒	☐
Mr. Asatryan	☒	☐

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

a. January 22, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes

Recommend approval
Motion by: Mr. Shirvanian
Seconded by: Mr. Asatryan
Vote: Approved Unanimously

III. APPROVAL OF CHECK AND CREDIT CARD REGISTERS

a. Check and Credit Card Registers January 2026

Recommend approval
Motion by: Ms. Izakowitz
Seconded by: Mr. Shirvanian
Vote: Approved Unanimously

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.

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b. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

1. December Financials

    - Net income of 661k, decrease of 3k vs. previous forecast
    - Projected ending cash 6.2M, 325 days cash on hand

c. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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

- **English Learner Instruction**
    - Summative English Learner Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC) in progress

- **Special Education**
    - Program Development Grant recipient in the amount of $22K

- **General Education**
    - 2025-2026 Winter iReady assessments in grades K-5
        - The 2025–2026 Winter iReady assessment results for grades K–5, highlighting student performance and growth in reading and mathematics. The Board reviewed the data presented.

- **School Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)**
    - Midyear LCAP progress monitoring
        - An update on the 2025–2026 Mid-Year LCAP progress was presented, including an overview of current student data, implementation of LCAP actions and services, and ongoing efforts to support student achievement.

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d. OPERATIONS AND COMPLIANCE REPORTS

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

1. Enrollment

- Latest student enrollment report by grade level

2025-2026 ENROLLMENT

Grade	*Current Cohort*
TK	*19*
K	*41*
1st	56
2nd	56
3rd	54
4th	52
5th	53
Total	**331**

2. Attendance

- Report on the percentage of the Monthly Attendance

Grade	Attendance Percentage Month 1 08/11/2025 to 09/05/2025	Attendance Percentage Month 2 09/08/2025 to 10/03/2025	Attendance Percentage Month 3 10/06/2025 to 10/31/2025	Attendance Percentage Month 4 11/03/2025 t0 11/28/2025	Attendance Percentage Month 5 12/01/2025 t0 01/09/2026	Attendance Percentage Month 6 12/01/2025 t0 01/09/2026
TK	95.05%	90.65%	84.69%	95.18%	90.12%	90.20%
K	97.06%	96.30%	93.13%	94.11%	94.31%	94.07%
1st	94.08%	94.53%	93.75%	93.37%	93.14%	91.64%
2nd	96.24%	96.46%	97.45%	95.61%	95.33%	95.21%
3rd	94.65%	96.24%	94.72%	93.36%	94.44%	93.96%
4th	96.12%	94.61%	93.94%	93.70%	95.06%	92.77%
5th	94.98%	93.34%	95.09%	94.75%	92.22%	91.72%
K-5th	***96.02%***	***95.41%***	***94.16%***	***93.87%***	***93.62%***	***93.99%***

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3. State and Local Mandated Reports

- No Update

4. Update on Legislation

- No Update

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
No update

b. Technology Update – Keyboards
The school is considering the purchase of keyboards for 3rd grade students. A total of 30 keyboards will be purchased.

c. Forms 700

Board members received support in completing and submitting the Form 700 Statement of Economic Interest electronically.

d. Williams Facilities Visit on February 12, 2026
The Williams Facilities Visit was conducted on February 12, 2026. The schools rating is 98.85%.

e. APEX – Great Public Schools Now (GPSN) Grant for Field Trips and Clubs
The school will apply for the Great Public Schools Now (GPSN) Grant to support field trips and enrichment clubs for APEX, the after-school program.

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**

VII. PUBLIC SESSION – REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

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VIII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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a. Approval is Requested for Technology Update - Keyboards

Recommend approval
Motion by: Ms. Izakowitz
Seconded by: Mr. Shirvanian
Vote: Approved Unanimously

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board will discuss items for future Board meeting agendas

- **Yearly review of Personnel Handbook**

X. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

March 19, 2026

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm.

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