MINUTES

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
ARARAT CHARTER SCHOOL

March 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 6:35 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. February 19, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes

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

III. APPROVAL OF CHECK AND CREDIT CARD REGISTERS

a. Check and Credit Card Registers February 2026

Recommend approval
Motion by: Dr. Velarde
Seconded by: Mr. Asatryan
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.

No public hearing/oral communications

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b. 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**
  - No update

- **General Education**
  - **Adoption of new Math curriculum**
    - As part of our ongoing evaluation of mathematics instructional materials for grades K –5, we have reviewed three leading California - adopted programs to determine which may best support student learning and improved outcomes on the CAASPP assessment.
  - **Responsive Acceleration in Student Education (RAISE): Data Analysis Presentation**
    - Student academic growth was analyzed by comparing Fall and Winter diagnostic assessment results to determine whether students demonstrated one year of academic growth during the intervention period. The report included 56 total students served across two campuses and four program areas: Campus 1 ELA, Campus 1 Math, Campus 2 ELA, and Campus 2 Math. The analysis evaluated progress across both English Language Arts and Mathematics to assess overall intervention impact.
  - **Second semester RAISE planning – In progress**
    - Second semester RAISE planning is currently in progress. The program will serve ELA and Math content areas for students in grades 2 through 5. A total of five instructors will support instruction. The program will run from April 7 through May 21, with sessions held from 3:30 to 4:30 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Enrollment is currently being managed through APEX/RAISE and is in progress, with a capacity of 15 students per class.

- **School Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)**
  - No update

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c. 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 1/12/2026 to 2/06/2026	Attendance Percentage Month 7 02/09/2026 to 03/06/2026
TK	95.05%	90.65%	84.69%	95.18%	90.12%	90.20%	89.20%
K	97.06%	96.30%	93.13%	94.11%	94.31%	94.07%	94.22%
1st	94.08%	94.53%	93.75%	93.37%	93.14%	91.64%	90.41%
2nd	96.24%	96.46%	97.45%	95.61%	95.33%	95.21%	92.86%
3rd	94.65%	96.24%	94.72%	93.36%	94.44%	93.96%	96.01%
4th	96.12%	94.61%	93.94%	93.70%	95.06%	92.77%	94.74%
5th	94.98%	93.34%	95.09%	94.75%	92.22%	91.72%	91.48%
K-5th	***96.02%***	***95.41%***	***94.16%***	***93.87%***	***93.62%***	***93.99%***	***93.01%***

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3. State and Local Mandated Reports

- No Update

4. Update on Legislation

- No Update

d. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

1. **Second Interim Report**
2. **January Financials**

- Net income 661k, 207k (less ERC.) Increase of 35k vs. previous forecast
- Increase of 35k mostly due to true up in Local Revenue
- Projected ending cash 6.2M , 325 days cash on hand

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 – Chromebooks Roll-out Plan
The Instructional technology facilitator reviewed a comprehensive evaluation of three leading Chromebook vendors to support informed procurement decision making.

c. APEX – Great Public Schools Now (GPSN) Summer Program Enhancement Grant Proposal With Budget
Staff presented the APEX Summer Program Enhancement Grant Proposal and budget funded through Great Public Schools Now (GPSN). It was shared that the proposal and budget had been submitted for approval.

d. Metal Water Bottles on Campus
This item will be resolved by attending to individual student needs.

e. California PBIS Recognition Walk-through on April 8, 2026
It was shared that the California PBIS recognition walk-through will be conducted on April 8, 2026.

f. Updated Policy for Homeless Children and Youth in School
Updated Policy for Homeless Children and Youth in School was presented and approved.

g. Harness Potential Presentation
Harness Potential delivered a presentation to the Board and shared an overview of their services.

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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
No items to report

VIII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

After the presentations, the Board considered which items to be removed from the list of "consent" items that 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. **Approval is Requested for Facilities and all Related Matters**
   This item was presented, no approval was required
b. **Approval is Requested for Technology Update – Chromebooks Roll-out Plan**
   This item will be tabled to the next board meeting
c. **Approval is Requested for Updated Policy for Homeless Children and Youth in School**
d. **Approval is Requested for the Second Interim Report**
e. **Approval is Requested for Harness Potential Contract**
   The item was presented for consideration but was not approved at this time

Recommend approval
Motion by: Ms. Avakian
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

May 14, 2026

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 pm.

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