MINUTES

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
ARARAT CHARTER SCHOOL

May 28, 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 6:30 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. March 19, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes
b. April 9, 2026, Special Board Meeting Minutes

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

III. APPROVAL OF CHECK AND CREDIT CARD REGISTERS

a. Check and Credit Card Registers March 2026, April 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.

1. **2026-2027 LCAP Plan**
   The 2026–2027 LCAP was presented to the Board.

2. **Budget Overview for Parents**
   The Budget Overview for Parents was presented to the Board.

3. **Review of the Local Indicators**
   The Local Indicators were presented to the Board for review.

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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**
  - No update

- **Special Education**
  - End-of-Year Updates Regarding Program Components and Supports
    - The following updates were provided to the board: Master Calendar, 300 report, and special education team.

- **General Education**
  - 3rd-5th Grades California Assessments of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) commenced May 5 - May 15, 2026
  - 5th Grade California Science Test (CAST) – May 19-May 22, 2026
  - 5th Grade Physical Fitness Test – complete
  - Schoolwide iReady Testing – May 19-May 29, 2026
  - Shakey's Pizza Fundraiser – April 29, 2026
  - Professional Development – May 1, 2026
  - Open House – May 4, 2026
  - Notice of 2026-2027 Williams Monitoring School Sites
  - Western Associations of School and Colleges (WASC) – midyear report – completed and accreditation letter received
  - Math Curriculum
    - The board reviewed the three quotes received.

- **School Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)**
  - The LCAP plan is reviewed routinely during every SLC and ELAC meeting. The LCAP will be Board Approved by June 30, 2026.

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**

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

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- **Lottery Applicants vs Spaces Available**
  The total waitlist count for grades TK-5 was presented.

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	Attendance Percentage Month 8 03/09/2026 to 04/03/2026	Attendance Percentage Month 9 04/06/2026 to 05/01/2026
TK	95.05%	90.65%	84.69%	95.18%	90.12%	90.20%	89.20%	94.33%	94.37%
K	97.06%	96.30%	93.13%	94.11%	94.31%	94.07%	94.22%	91.00%	92.40%
1st	94.08%	94.53%	93.75%	93.37%	93.14%	91.64%	90.41%	91.21%	92.02%
2nd	96.24%	96.46%	97.45%	95.61%	95.33%	95.21%	92.86%	95.05%	94.91%
3rd	94.65%	96.24%	94.72%	93.36%	94.44%	93.96%	96.01%	96.30%	95.46%
4th	96.12%	94.61%	93.94%	93.70%	95.06%	92.77%	94.74%	92.01%	92.99%
5th	94.98%	93.34%	95.09%	94.75%	92.22%	91.72%	91.48%	93.55%	93.31%
K-5th	***96.02%***	***95.41%***	***94.16%***	***93.87%***	***93.62%***	***93.99%***	***93.01%***	***93.37%***	***93.47%***

3. State and Local Mandated Reports

- Comprehensive School Safety Plan Committee updating the Comprehensive School Safety Plan

  The School Safety Committee, consisting of the Principal, Assistant Principal, Operations Manager, Classified Employee Representative, and Parent Representative, will review and update the School Safety Plan.

4. Update on Legislation

- No Update

d. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

1. Governor's May Revise
   a. LCFF Super COLA = 4.31%
   b. $2.4B statewide additional allocation
   c. Student support & PD Block Grant

2. Monthly financials through April
   a. Net income of 903k (449k less ERC), increase of 207k vs previous forecast
   b. Cash remains strong – 358 days

3. First draft of the FY27 budget with and without next year's anticipated COLA
   a. FY27 Enrollment = 340, ADA = 93% (FY26 = 331, 93.7%)

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. Facilities Use Agreements/Pricing

The Board reviewed the pro rata share amounts and corresponding square footage allocations for Campus 1 and Campus 2 for the 2024–2025, 2025–2026, and 2026–2027 school years.

General Facilities Discussion

The Board was informed that the school continues to explore potential facility options. Currently, three properties are under consideration, and an update is expected in July.

b. Review Board Committee List

The Board reviewed the current Board Committee List.

c. Policies

i. Hate Speech Policy
ii. Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) Policy
iii. Personnel Handbook
iv. Financial Policies and Procedures Manual

Following discussion, the Board approved the Hate Speech Policy, Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) Policy. The Personnel Handbook was tabled for further review and discussion at a future meeting.

d. LAUSD Charter School Division Annual-Performance-Based Oversight Report

The Board reviewed the LAUSD Charter School Division Annual Performance-Based Oversight Report and discussed the summary of ratings and performance outcomes.

e. Back Office Contract for 2026-2027

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The Board approved the renewal of the contract for an additional one-year term.

f. PowerSchool Renewal for 2026-2027
The Board reviewed the PowerSchool renewal agreement for the 2026–2027 school year. Following review and discussion, the Board approved the renewal of the agreement for the upcoming school year.

g. Copier Service/Pricing Comparisons
The Board approved moving forward with an alternative provider should the company be able to accommodate the school's requirements.

h. Technology Update – Chromebooks Pricing Comparisons
The Board approved the purchase of up to 200 Chromebooks.

i. Final Erate Billing
The school has received multiple E-Rate credits, which are being applied to current invoices. The application of these credits will continue until the available balance has been fully utilized.

j. Math Curriculum
The Board approved the implementation of the Eureka Math Curriculum for the upcoming school year.

k. 2026-2027 iReady Renewal
The Board approved the renewal of i-Ready for the 2026–2027 school year.

l. Guided Language Acquisition Design (GLAD) Professional Development for 2026-2027
The Board approved the GLAD professional development program for the 2026–2027 school year.

m. Parker Anderson Enrichment – Summer Program
The Board approved Parker-Anderson Enrichment as an enrichment provider for the 2026 Summer 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:

- **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

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VIII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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a. Approval is Requested for Facilities and all Related Matters
This item has been removed from the action item/consent agenda.

b. Approval is Requested for Board Committee List
This item has been removed from the action item/consent agenda.

c. Approval is Requested for Policies
- **i. Hate Speech Policy**
- **ii. Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) Policy**
- **iii. Personnel Handbook**
  The personnel handbook has been tabled to the next board meeting.
- **iv. Financial Polices and Procedures Manual**
  No approval required.

d. Approval is Requested for Back Office Contract for 2026-2027
e. Approval is Requested for PowerSchool Renewal for 2026-2027
f. Approval is Requested for Copier Service
g. Approval is Requested for Chromebooks
h. Approval is Requested for Erate Billing from January 24, 2025, to Present
i. Approval is Requested for Math Curriculum
j. Approval is Requested for 2026-2027 iReady Renewal
k. Approval is Requested for Guided Language Acquisition Design (GLAD) Professional Development for 2026-2027
l. Approval is Requested for Parker Anderson Enrichment – Summer Program

Recommend approval
Motion by: Dr. Velarde
Seconded by: Ms. Avakian
Vote: Approved Unanimously

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board will discuss items for future Board meeting agendas

- **2026-2027 LCAP Approval**
- **Vendor Contracts**
- **CharterSafe Renewal**

X. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

June 18, 2026

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 pm.

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