

Forest Charter School

Monthly Charter Council Meeting Minutes – August 25, 2026

5:00 p.m. Regular Session
470 Searls Avenue, Sequoia
Nevada City, CA 95959

10725 Pioneer Trail # 201, Truckee, CA 96161
23221 Foresthill Road, Foresthill, CA 95631
11952 Masters Court, Auburn, CA 95603

Council Members:

Amee Medeiros, Parent Representative and Chair
Carrie Brunt, Parent Representative
Alicia Smith, Parent Representative
Gabriella Stockdale, Parent Representative
Tita Fowler, Secretary

Minutes

Present: Peter Sagebiel, Dawn Anthney, Katy Baggett (Auburn), Brittani Brackett, Carrie Brunt, Tita Fowler, B.J. Hatcher, Amee Medeiros, Lindsay Mercado (Foresthill), Meshawn Simmons, David Stanger, Alicia Smith, Gabriella Stockdale, Kate Sutton

1. **Call to Order: 5:01 pm**
2. **Roll Call:** Peter Sagebiel, Dawn Anthney, Katy Baggett (Auburn), Brittani Brackett, Carrie Brunt, Tita Fowler, B.J. Hatcher, Amee Medeiros, Lindsay Mercado (Foresthill), Meshawn Simmons, David Stanger, Alicia Smith, Gabriella Stockdale, Kate Sutton
3. **Information: Charter Council Meeting Protocols and Procedures--Peter Sagebiel**

Peter reviewed the meeting protocols and procedures with the Board.

4. **Information/Action: Items A, B, C, and D may be considered for Consent Agenda — Meshawn Simmons**

The August 25, 2026 Regular Meeting Charter Council Agenda, the June 9, 2026, Special and Regular Meeting Minutes, Contracts, and Warrants were presented for approval.

Carrie Brunt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Gabriella Stockdale seconded—all ayes.

Ayes: Carrie Brunt, Amee Medeiros, Alicia Smith, Gabriella Stockdale
Nays: None

5. Discussion: Other

None.

Action Item:

6. Action: Forest Charter School Charter Council Board Chair–Peter Sagebiel

Should the Council approve the appointment of Ameer Medeiros as the Board Chair?

Carrie Brunt made a motion to appoint Ameer Medeiros as the Board Chair. Gabriella Stockdale seconded.

Ayes: Carrie Brunt, Alicia Smith, Gabriella Stockdale

Abstention: Ameer Medeiros

Nays: None

Information/Discussion Items:

7. Information: Mandated Trainings for Board Members–Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn and Peter reviewed the mandated trainings for Board Members and how to complete them, which include the Mandated Report training and Ethics Training. Fiscal Training will be added to the requirements soon.

8. Information: Brown Act Review–Peter Sagebiel, Ameer Medeiros

Peter and Ameer provided the Council with a review of the Brown Act and proper council protocol, including: closed sessions, litigation, employee conflict, labor negotiations, conflict of interest, and Form 700 filing.

9. Information: Learning Center Updates—Dawn Anthney (Nevada City), Kate Sutton (Truckee), Brittani Brackett (Auburn/Foresthill)

Kate, Brittani, and Dawn provided updates on learning center start-of-the-year activities, orientation, and teambuilding. Each administrator highlighted how each class, co-op, and campus welcomed students back for another great school year, the units each class is studying, and how staff is working hard to ensure success for students and families.

10. Information: Student Services Update—Suzanne Hall

Suzanne provided an update on student services, including new staff, special education students, and goals for the year ahead.

11. Information: Charter Renewal–Peter Sagebiel

Peter provided the Council with an update on Charter Renewal.

12. Information: Student Achievement—B.J. Hatcher

B.J. reviewed CAASPP results with the Council, which detailed areas needing improvement and will require more analysis and work to determine where the disconnect is between progress and CAASPP scores.

13. Discussion: Staff Retroactive COLA - Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn discussed the budget and staff retroactive COLA increases.

14. Information: 2026/27 Budget and Cash Flow—Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn provided an update on the 2026/27 budget and enrollment at the start of the school year. Enrollment is going well.

Action Items:

15. Action: Forest Charter School 2026/27 Conflict of Interest Policy—Peter Sagebiel

The Forest Charter School 2026/27 Conflict of Interest Policy was presented for approval.

Gabriella Stockdale made a motion to approve the Forest Charter School 2026/27 Conflict of Interest Policy. Amber Baker seconded the motion. All ayes.

Ayes: Carrie Brunt, Amee Medeiros, Alicia Smith, Gabriella Stockdale

Nays: None

16. Action: Forest Charter School Policy Updates—Peter Sagebiel

The Suspension/Expulsion Policy with legal updates following Ed Code was presented for approval. The Fiscal Control Policy was not presented for approval as it needs additional updates.

Carrie Brunt made a motion to approve the Forest Charter School Suspension/Expulsion Policy. Gabriella Stockdale seconded—all ayes.

Ayes: Carrie Brunt, Amee Medeiros, Alicia Smith, Gabriella Stockdale

Nays: None

17. Action: Forest Charter School Administrative and Classified Hourly and Exempt Salary Schedules—Meshawn Simmons

The revised 2026/27 Forest Charter School Administrative and Classified Hourly and Exempt Salary Schedules were presented for approval. The revisions included a 3% increase to Administrative Range A, Classified Exempt Ranges A and B, and Classified Hourly Range A, reflecting the increased responsibilities associated with expanded staffing.

Carrie Brunt made a motion to approve revisions to the Administrative and Classified Hourly and Exempt Salary Schedules. Gabriella Stockdale seconded the motion. All ayes.

Ayes: Carrie Brunt, Amee Medeiros, Alicia Smith, Gabriella Stockdale
Nays: None

18. Action: Forest Charter School Longevity Stipends–Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn discontinued the conversations on longevity stipends due to the associated cost and the limited number of employees who would benefit from the proposed stipends. No action was taken.

19. Action: Auburn Learning Center Lease Agreement–Meshawn Simmons

The Auburn Learning Center three-year lease agreement was presented for approval.

Gabriella Stockdale made a motion to approve the Auburn Learning Center three-year lease agreement. Alicia Smith seconded the motion. All ayes.

Ayes: Carrie Brunt, Amee Medeiros, Alicia Smith, Gabriella Stockdale
Nays: None

20. Director's Update--Peter Sagebiel (Meshawn provided an update in Peter's absence)

- Policy Updates-Policies with more fiscal controls on Charter Schools have been approved by the legislature (auditing, oversight)
- August Staff Meeting-Coming together as a whole staff at the beginning of the school year and talking about our foundation was a great way to start the year.
- Staffing Updates-Summer Hires! Welcome to our new Truckee teacher, Jean and our Auburn Teacher, Jen Homan.
- Other-Mid-Cycle WASC review meeting in November is a check-in on goals and how things are going
- Other-3 New Admins-Are doing great!

21. Future Agenda Items

- i-Ready and CAASPP comparisons (same students not taking both?)

22. Information: Reminder of Future Meetings

Dates for the 2026/27 Charter Council meetings were set as follows:

2026: 9/15, 10/6, 11/10, 12/8**

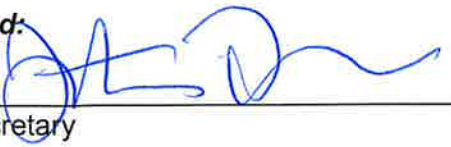
2027: 1/12, 2/9, 3/9, 4/20, 5/11, 6/8*, 6/8****

***Special Meeting**

****Budget Meeting**

23. Action: Adjourn at 6:07 pm

Respectfully submitted:



Tita Fowler, Secretary

9-15-26

Date

Charter Council Approved:



Amee Medeiros, Chair

9-15-26

Date

