

KEYS GRACE ACADEMY

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on Wednesday April 29, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of KEYS Grace Academy (“KEYS”) was held at KEYS Grace Academy at 5:00 pm.

The following members of the Board (the “Attending Members”) attended the meeting and were present throughout:

Zainab Hazimi
Edward Bajoka
Ashley Redding

Absent with Notice: Dr. Alosachie and Hillary Sesé

Also present for the entire meeting: Nathan Kalasho-KEYS Director

Call to order: Roll Call; Confirmation of Quorum; Waiver of Notice

Zainab Hazimi called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and roll call was taken.

Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes from Previous Board Meetings

Motion by Mr. Bajoka to approve the Agenda and the minutes from the February 25th Regular Meeting, the motion was seconded by Ms. Redding. The agenda for the meeting and the minutes from February 25th were unanimously approved by the Attending Members.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Management Report

1. Business Update –

- a. Presented general operational and business update for the Academy.

2. Enrollment

- a. Reviewed current enrollment numbers and projections for the 2026-2027 school year.

3. Building

- a. Provided update on building operations and ongoing facility items.

4. Technology

- a. Reviewed current technology infrastructure and ongoing initiatives.

5. Audit Quotes

- a. Presented quotes received for 2026-2027 auditing services.

6. Budget Update --

- a. State Aid Reports – Reviewed current state aid reports and projections.
- b. Grant Information – Presented status of current grants and upcoming opportunities.
- c. RAGs – Reviewed Current Reimbursement Submission.
- d. Financials – Reviewed financials.
- e. Legislative School Aid Budgets – Discussed the latest legislative developments on the State School Aid Budget and projected impact on the Academy between the senate and house budgets.

7. Personnel Report

Presented board with the personnel report including hires, resignations, and current job postings.

Information Items

1. SPED

- a. Update on Special Education programming, services, and compliance.

2. Assessments

- a. MSTEP and PSAT testing are nearly complete. We are currently in the make-up testing phase. The PSAT testing window closes April 30th, and the MSTEP testing window closes May 22nd. Preliminary results are available; these scores reflect machine-scored items only and do not include short-answer responses or essays. Preliminary scores may change for final reporting. PSAT scores will be sent to students during the first week of May.

3. Graduation Information

- a. Update on 8th grade graduation planning and end-of-year ceremonies.

4. Attendance

- a. Presented current attendance data.

5. Events and Activities

- a. April 10th Culture Day, April 29th 2nd grade Field Trip, April 30th Parent engagement (Digital detox) this is an informative and engaging presentation focused on the impact of mobile phones on students' learning, behavior, and well-being. During this session, the presenter will explore how phone usage affects attention, academic performance, sleep, and social development. He will also share practical strategies to help families create healthy boundaries with technology at home.

6. Summer Discovery Program Update

- a. Update on Summer Discovery 2026 enrollment, staffing, and programming: We have met our target enrollment numbers and have created a waitlist for other students wanting to attend; our target was 175; we currently have 188. We will finalize all enrollments by May 29th. All staffing and training are complete.

7. Students and Teachers of the Month

- a. Recognized and presented to the Board.

8. Nurse Report

- a. Provided by Nurse Killu. Presented.

Action Items

Mr. Bajoka motioned, Ms. Hazimi seconded, and the board unanimously approved the following Action Item:

1. Financials

Mr. Bajoka motioned, Ms. Hazimi seconded, and the board unanimously approved the following Action Item:

2. Personnel Report

Mr. Bajoka motioned, Ms. Hazimi seconded, and the board unanimously approved the following Action Item:

3. 2026-2027 Auditing Services Agreement

Mr. Bajoka motioned, Ms. Hazimi seconded, and the board unanimously approved the following Action Item:

4. Resolution Appointing Katie Bakerjian as the Foster Care Liaison and the Homeless Education Liaison for KEYS Grace Academy

Extended Public Comment

During the course of the meeting, there was no public comment.

Comments from the Board

Mr. Bajoka- Appreciated the audit services backgrounds and recommendation. And also the team's ongoing commitment to compliance and student support.

Ms. Hazimi- Excited for graduation and Summer Discovery, and pleased to formalize the foster care and homeless education liaison roles.

Ms. Redding- loved seeing the Culture Day photos. It's always the most amazing event. Thank you for all the information

Future Meetings and Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2026.

Ms. Hazimi moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:30 p.m. and Mr. Bajoka seconded the motion, which the Attending Members unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,