

BLUE OAK CHARTER SCHOOL
450 W. East Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
(Room 24)
CHARTER COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING APPROVED MINUTES
Tuesday, December 16, 2025 06:00 PM

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***Vision:** To be a model for successful education of the whole child.*

***Mission:** To nurture and deepen each child's academic and creative capacities using methods inspired by Waldorf education in a public school setting.*

***Virtues:** Hold Reverence - Have Courage - Build Friendships - Seek Wisdom - Show Compassion*

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AGENDA

OPEN SESSION - 6:00PM

1. OPENING

- 1.1.** Call Meeting to Order 6:09pm
- 1.2.** Roll Call of Council Members to establish a quorum

Name	Present	Absent
Vicki Wonacott	x	
Laurel Hill-Ward	x	

Donna Kreskey		x
Trisha Atehortua	x	
Lauren Cesca	x	

1.3. Invocation - School Verse Read

“This is our school, May peace dwell here, May the rooms be full of contentment. May love abide here, Love of one another, Love of our school, and Love of life itself. Let us remember that as many hands build a house, so many hearts build a school.

1.4. Agenda Modifications No agenda modifications.

1.5. Audience to Address the Council No audience addressed the council.

This is an opportunity for community members to address the council concerning items not on the agenda. Council Members will not respond to comments due to Brown Act expectations concerning agendas. Persons addressing the Committee will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for their presentation. The chair may establish a maximum speaking time for any item. Persons may not yield their time to another speaker (Gov. Code § 54954.3)

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes (November 2025)

2.2. Charter Impact Monthly Report Jim Weber

2.2.1. Cash Flow

2.2.2. Balance Sheet Detail

2.2.3. Warrants/Aged Payable

2.2.4. Actual to Budget Summary

2.3. Point of Sale Transactions/Check Register (November 2025)

2.4. Credit Card Statement (November 2025)

2.5. Chico Horticulture Donation \$300

Trisha Atehortua motion to approve. Laurel Hill-Ward second motion.

➤ Vote

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vicki Wonacott	x			
Laurel Hill-Ward	x			
Donna Kreskey				x
Trisha Atehortua	x			
Lauren Cesca	x			

➤ Vote passes

3. FACULTY

3.1. Faculty Report

Cheryl Grant
Emily Swanson

Cheryl Grant shared the events of the past month's festival of lights!

4. BUSINESS

4.1. Approval of 2025-26 1st Interim Report
Motion to approve by Trisha Atehortua. Second motion by Lauren Cesca.

Discussion/Action

➤ Vote

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vicki Wonacott	x			
Laurel Hill-Ward	x			
Donna Kreskey				x
Trisha Atehortua	x			
Lauren Cesca	x			

➤ Vote passes

4.2. Approval of 2025-26 revised budget
Motion to approve by Trisha Atehortua. Laurel Hill-Ward second motion.

Discussion/Action

➤ Vote

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vicki Wonacott	x			
Laurel Hill-Ward	x			
Donna Kreskey				x
Trisha Atehortua	x			
Lauren Cesca	x			

➤ Vote passes

4.3. GCI 2026 Open Enrollment/Updates Melanie Brubaker/Dayna Silveira
 Report from GCI Broker Melanie Brubaker.
 You guys are in the under 100 market so we get book rates based on the age of the employee.
 We are in the select network with Blue Shield
 We are seeing 10% to 20% rate increases annually. The only factor now is that we either put the extra cost on the employee or the school takes it on.
 We are in a charter so other schools in Chico Unified are larger.
 Being under 100 employees is a tougher place to be for cost increases
 We are at 85 -15% the school pays 85% the employees pay 15%
 We did those adjustments last year. Costs are going up but we want to stay with the same split to help with employee costs. We also did have the option to go into a pool with Butte County Office of Education employees but it requires that we pay for every staff member regardless of enrollment which is a significant increase in cost to the school. Unfortunately we cannot take that cost on. These new rates go into effect January 2026
 The employees have until Friday of this week to complete enrollment online.

4.4. Audit Discussion/Action

The final audit is reviewed.
 Motion to approve the audit by Trisha Atehortua. Second motion Lauren Cesca.

➤ Vote

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vicki Wonacott	x			
Laurel Hill-Ward	x			
Donna Kreskey				x
Trisha Atehortua	x			
Lauren Cesca	x			

➤ Vote passes

4.5. Charter Renewal update Discussion
 Jim Scheible is recommending a reduction in words on our current Charter document. Susan discusses the recommendation from Jim Scheible. Jim

says to make sure that you are specific e.g. we do not go to Malakoff Diggins on field trips anymore so this would need to be adjusted. Susan would like to hold a Special Meeting in January to approve the new charter document. January 7, 2026 “Resolution to approve the charter document to submit to the district” Faculty representatives are not required to be present but can zoom in for information to share.

- 4.6.** Looping Policy (2nd reading) Discussion/Action
 Motion to approve by Laurel Hill-Ward. Trisha Atehortua second motion. This will go into effect immediately. The teacher's intention process usually starts in February.

➤ Vote

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vicki Wonacott	x			
Laurel Hill-Ward	x			
Donna Kreskey				x
Trisha Atehortua	x			
Lauren Cesca	x			

➤ Vote passes

- 4.7.** Executive Director Hiring Discussion
 Lauren Cesca may have a lead. Other leads are discussed. Vicki Wonacott requests that we create two posts for the director. One interim and one permanent. Laurel requests that we consider that if the admin credential is not completed that we still consider the candidate. Laurel asks that if anyone knows or has contacts that are interested in the interim position to have them to reach out to us.

5. GOVERNANCE

- 5.1.** Facilities Committee Report Trisha Atehortua
 5.1.1. Measure C application

There is a new application for Measure C that is due December 30, 2025. We updated our application and are reviewing the updated application now. Discussion. Susan shared that the full cost of Inspire’s new site is 35 million. We are building a much smaller site and so our cost estimates are on target. Motion to approve the Measure C application by Lauren Cesca. Second motion by Vicki Wonacott.

➤ Vote

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vicki Wonacott	x			
Laurel Hill-Ward	x			
Donna Kreskey				x
Trisha Atehortua	x			
Lauren Cesca	x			

➤ Vote passes

One of the items we are working on as a facility team is to apply for Prop 39 district property for our school. Discussion.

5.2. Finance Committee Report

Lauren Cesca

Lauren Cesca presents the highlights of the last Finance Committee meeting.

5.3. Attendance/ Behavior

Susan Domenighini

Susan shared the November behavior/attendance report.

6. ADMINISTRATION

6.1. Executive Director's Report

Susan Domenighini

There is no written report today.

November was the month that we are implementing an attitude of gratitude. Blue Oak Leaves, restorative practices and assemblies strengthen the student body. 20% of my work load, sometimes more is supporting Special Education.

504's are up parents are more engaged with their children and the school.

16.5% of our population are sped students which is higher than the district average.

Another way to view this;

Enrollment is 195 today, of which 16.5% are sped.

That impacts everything we do.

I am meeting with the Leen Brothers about lease negotiations and we are meeting again tomorrow. Still working on what we can do to reduce our rent. Measure C is in the works. I am meeting with the Alliance for Public Waldorf Education and talking about Public Waldorf Schools. The private school model doesn't work for us. All traditional Waldorf training is geared toward the private school model. Our teachers go to private school training and this doesn't align with the public school model. According to Alliance In order to be a Certified Waldorf Teacher it has to be a private school program and we are not benefitting from that as public school teachers. So

I am working with our school's mentor to fix this and develop a plan for public school teacher training.

The anthroposophical elements in Waldorf school teachings are problematic for public schools. There have been lots of discussions about what Waldorf is.

Liz Bevins, Alliance mentor will be here on January 5th to talk to the faculty.

Cheryl is attending the Alliance conference in January.

Bay area training people will be talking about trauma and how we are addressing this happening in February.

7. CLOSED SESSION

7.1. Public Employment (§54957)

7.1.1. Interim Executive Director / Executive Director Maggie Buckley

Report out from closed session only discussion.

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, January 7, 2026 at 6:00 PM Special BOCC Meeting

8. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes Taken By: Maggie Buckley

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

Name	Present	Absent
Vicki Wonacott		
Laurel Hill-Ward		
Donna Kreskey		
Trisha Atehortua		
Lauren Cesca		

➤ Vote

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vicki Wonacott				
Laurel Hill-Ward				
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Lauren Cesca				

➤ Vote passes