



# Karl G. Maeser Preparatory Academy



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## MEETING MINUTES

Karl G. Maeser Preparatory Academy

Public Board Meeting

March 27th, 2026

5:00 pm

### OPEN SESSION

Start Time: 5:05 pm

End Time: 5:12 pm

Members Present: Steve Whitehouse, Sandra Russell, Richard Dodge, Jo Anna Larsen

Members Absent: Cynthia Shumway

Staff Present: Robyn Ellis

Steve Whitehouse called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm

### BOARD BUSINESS

- It was determined that there was a quorum present.
- Next meeting is scheduled for April 21st, 2026

### DISCUSSION & APPROVAL

- The Board prepared a statement stating the reason of the meeting today:

“The Board of Directors of Karl G. Maeser Preparatory Academy takes its obligations under Utah’s Open and Public Meetings Act (OPMA) seriously. The Board recently received a letter from Nina Gadd alleging that the agenda and an action taken during the March 10, 2026 meeting regarding the “Staffing Plan” did not satisfy OPMA’s specificity requirements. The letter asserts that the agenda description “Staffing Plan” and related motion were not sufficiently specific and threatens to sue the Board over this matter.

The Board has reviewed the allegations and does not agree that its actions violated the OPMA. The Board’s actions were taken in good faith, and the Board believes its interpretation is consistent with the practices of other public bodies and other charter schools throughout the state.

While the Board disagrees with Ms. Gadd’s accusations, it prefers to remove any uncertainty and to avoid further costly litigation with Ms. Gadd. Accordingly, the Board has re-noticed and called a special meeting to consider these matters again.

The Board remains committed to lawful governance, transparency, and the best interests of the school and its students. We sincerely hope that the entire Maeser Prep community will join us in building, instead of undermining, the school.”

- Staffing Plan
  - **MOTION:** Richard Dodge moved to approve extending an offering for the hiring of a new Director. Jo Anna Larsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  - **MOTION:** Jo Anna Larsen moved to ratify the hiring of Katie Wirig as the new Director Maeser Prep Academy. Sandra Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

**Note:** A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at:

Recording: [https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1W7yr2J5HWYSOx8M\\_qDh0rolqt0rqLrvC](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1W7yr2J5HWYSOx8M_qDh0rolqt0rqLrvC)

Minutes: <https://maeserprep.org/board-meeting-minutes/>

Materials: [https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1Jr17IeZmpdtjBIEQp6Syt\\_hXzkZF0cZm](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1Jr17IeZmpdtjBIEQp6Syt_hXzkZF0cZm)