



Orange County Academy of Sciences and Arts
Board of Directors' Regular Meeting - June 2025
June 24, 2025
4:00 pm-7:00 pm Pacific Time

Meeting Minutes

OCASA is a joy-filled, student-centered, collaborative community that inspires growth through a personalized learning experience.

Meeting Location: OCASA HQ, 28202 Cabot Road, Suite 300, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

Teleconference Location: 29292 Crown Valley Parkway, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

1. CALL TO ORDER & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM (*John Alpay*)

The meeting was called to order at 4:18 PM.

Attended	Did Not Attend
John Alpay Lia Berman Ryan McDonnell Leena Ved	Skyler Daviss Alice Pak

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. REVIEW & ADOPTION OF AGENDA (*John Alpay*)

Motion: Ryan McDonnell, Second: Lia Berman

Ayes: 4, Noes: -, Abstain: -

Agenda Adopted 4-0

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Non-Agenda Items)

No members of the public presented oral communications.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE (*Kapil Mathur*)

6. PRESENTATIONS

a. Board Financial Update & Budget Overview (*Marie Arce, Charter Impact*)

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. FY25 OCASA Elementary Annual Oversight Report from Orange County Department of Education
(*Kapil Mathur*)
- b. FY25 OCASA College Prep Annual Oversight Report from Capistrano Unified School District

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. 05/20/2025 Board of Director's Regular Meeting - May 2025 Minutes
- b. OCASA - FY25 May Check Register
- c. Board Calendar for FY26
- d. Charter Impact Closing Contract FY24-25
- e. Harness Potential, Inc. Contract

Motion: Lia Berman, Second: Leena Ved

Ayes: 4, Noes: -, Abstain: -

Consent Agenda Adopted 4-0

9. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Section 54957: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Title: Executive Director (*Ryan McDonnell*)

10. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION (*John Alpay*)

No reportable action taken in closed session.

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Resolution Regarding the Education Protection Account

Motion: Ryan McDonnell, Second: Lia Berman

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: John Alpay, Lia Berman, Ryan McDonnell, Leena Ved, Noes: -, Abstain: -

Motion passed 4-0

- b. FY25 Local Indicators - OCASA Elementary

Motion: Ryan McDonnell, Second: John Alpay

Ayes: 4, Noes: -, Abstain: -

Motion passed 4-0

- c. FY26 Local Control and Accountability Plan & Budget Overview for Parents - OCASA Elementary

Motion: Leena Ved, Second: Ryan McDonnell
Ayes: 4, Noes: -, Abstain: -
Motion passed 4-0

d. FY26 Budget - OCASA Elementary

Motion: John Alpay, Second: Ryan McDonnell
Ayes: 4, Noes: -, Abstain: -
Motion passed 4-0

e. FY26 Education Protection Account (EPA) Spending Plan - OCASA Elementary

Motion: Ryan McDonnell, Second: John Alpay
Ayes: 4, Noes: -, Abstain: -
Motion passed 4-0

f. FY25 Local Indicators - OCASA College Prep

Motion: John Alpay, Second: Ryan McDonnell
Ayes: 4, Noes: -, Abstain: -
Motion passed 4-0

g. FY26 Local Control and Accountability Plan & Budget Overview for Parents - OCASA College Prep

Motion: Lia Berman, Second: Ryan McDonnell
Ayes: 4, Noes: -, Abstain: -
Motion passed 4-0

h. FY26 Budget - OCASA College Prep

Motion: John Alpay, Second: Lia Berman
Ayes: 4, Noes: -, Abstain: -
Motion passed 4-0

i. FY26 Local Control and Accountability Plan & Budget Overview for Parents - OCASA III

Motion: Leena Ved, Second: Ryan McDonnell
Ayes: 4, Noes: -, Abstain: -
Motion passed 4-0

j. FY26 Budget - OCASA III

Motion: Ryan McDonnell, Second: Lia Berman

Ayes: 4, Noes: -, Abstain: -
Motion passed 4-0

- k. FY26 Education Protection Account (EPA) Spending Plan - OCASA III

Motion: Ryan McDonnell, Second: John Alpay
Ayes: 4, Noes: -, Abstain: -
Motion passed 4-0

- l. Fixed-Term Employment Agreement for Executive Director
(*Ryan McDonnell*)

Motion: John Alpay, Second: Ryan McDonnell
Ayes: 4, Noes: -, Abstain: -
Motion passed 4-0

- m. Resolution to Establish a District Number (OCASA III)
(*Kapil Mathur*)

Motion: John Alpay, Second: Lia Berman
Roll Call Vote
Ayes: John Alpay, Lia Berman, Ryan McDonnell, Leena Ved, Noes: -, Abstain: -
Motion passed 4-0

- n. Resolution to Establish a Charter School Fund (OCASA III)

Motion: Leena Ved, Second: Ryan McDonnell
Roll Call Vote
Ayes: John Alpay, Lia Berman, Ryan McDonnell, Leena Ved, Noes: -, Abstain: -
Motion passed 4-0

- o. Charter School EFT Resolution (OCASA III)

Motion: John Alpay, Second: Ryan McDonnell
Roll Call Vote
Ayes: John Alpay, Lia Berman, Ryan McDonnell, Leena Ved, Noes: -, Abstain: -
Motion passed 4-0

- p. Declaration of Need and Local Assignment Option - Emily Corrigan
and Jenny Huynh (*Kapil Mathur*)

Motion: John Alpay, Second: Ryan McDonnell

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: John Alpay, Lia Berman, Ryan McDonnell, Leena Ved, Noes: -, Abstain:

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Motion passed 4-0

- q. Charter Schools Legal Defense Fund Loan Agreement -
Amendment 1

Motion: Lia Berman, Second: John Alpay

Ayes: 4, Noes: -, Abstain: -

Motion passed 4-0

- r. Employer Pick-Up of Member Contributions (EPMC) Board
Resolution

Motion: Leena Ved, Second: Lia Berman

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: John Alpay, Lia Berman, Ryan McDonnell, Leena Ved, Noes: -, Abstain:

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Motion passed 4-0

- s. Pre-Tax Deductions for Voluntary Receivable Board Resolution

Motion: Ryan McDonnell, Second: John Alpay

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: John Alpay, Lia Berman, Ryan McDonnell, Leena Ved, Noes: -, Abstain:

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Motion passed 4-0

12. ADJOURNMENT (*John Alpay*)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 PM.

John Alpay, Board Chair

Lia Berman, Board Secretary

