MINUTES
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, April 28, 2026
6:00 PM
Samueli Academy
1901 N. Fairview St.
Santa Ana, CA 92706

ROLL CALL

Board of Trustees Present:
Chris Scheithauer
Sandi Jackson
Richard Arum
Robert Santana
Liz Dorn-Parker

Academy/Orangewood Staff Present:
Anthony Saba
John Luker
Enrique Montiel
Tracy Garcia
Alex Lopez

Board of Trustees Absent:
Susan Samueli

Guests Present:

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Scheithauer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all attendees to the April 28, 2026, meeting of the Samueli Academy Board of Trustees. At the beginning of the meeting and before agenda items that were subject to approval, anyone from the public might address the board for three minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Richard Arum made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2026 Meeting. Liz Dorn-Parker seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of: 5 – Ayes, 0 – Nays.

REPORTS

CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Chris Scheithauer will defer his report to the Governance Committee Report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Anthony Saba presented the Executive Director report. The front office is finalizing the registration for the incoming 7th graders and 9th graders. There are approximately 135 new incoming 7th graders and about 40 incoming 9th/10th graders.

Decision Day took place last Friday on campus. It was a very exciting day on campus.

Anthony shared the upcoming events on campus.

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Alex Lopez presented the Head of School Report since Lee Fleming is out of town at a conference. Samueli Academy is currently in the middle of State Testing and it is going well. We are also in the process of hiring for a new design teacher and math specialist position.

Teacher/Staff appreciation is this week. There was a breakfast on Monday that was hosted by the Caregiver Advisory Committee and it was great. The new student welcome is taking place on Saturday, May 16th.

ORANGEWOOD FOUNDATION

Enrique Montiel gave the Orangewood Foundation report this month. The YCP program added one male youth since the last meeting. The program is up to 25 youth served. There are currently 16 foster families. The program added one more this week.

There are 2 youth in the probation program on the 2nd floor of the dorms and 2 more are to enter soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GOVERNANCE

Terms are coming up. Nominations of officers is on the agenda for next month's meeting. Reviews will also be starting for senior leadership.

Retreat dates: The board discussed board retreat dates and it was determined that the Board Retreat will take place on October 12th.

Workplace Violence Prevention Plan

Anthony Saba presented the updated Workplace Violence Prevention Plan.

Liz Dorn-Parker made a motion to approve the updated Workplace Violence Prevention Plan. Sandi Jackson seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 5 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

Overnight Trip – Engineering Pathway - Palm Springs Drone Festival;

Anthony Saba presented the Engineering Pathway overnight trip to the Palm Springs Drone Festival. This is a great opportunity for students.

Sandi Jackson made a motion to approve the Engineering Pathway overnight trip to the Palm Springs Drone Festival. Richard Arum seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 5 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

FINANCE

John Luker reviewed the February 2026 Financial Statements.

Anthony Saba reviewed the Annual (Operational) Campaign financial information.

Form 990

John Luker presented the Form 990 for approval.

A motion was made by Liz Dorn-Parker to approve the Form 990 as presented. Sandi Jackson seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 5 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

ACADEMIC

New Academic Committee Member – Julie Washington, Ph.D.

Richard Arum presented the opportunity to add Julie Washington to the Academic Committee. She is the Dean of the School of Education at University of California, Irvine.

Liz Dorn-Parker approved adding Julie Washington to the Academic Committee. Sandi Jackson seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 5 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

OTHER BUSINESS

Robert Santana shared that one of Samueli Academy's students, Ariel, was selected as the Youth of the Year for the Boys and Girls Club. She won the countywide competition and moved on to the State competition. He mentioned the board should consider creating a higher education advisory committee in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

Liz Dorn Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Richard Arum seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a vote of: 5 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

RICHARD ARUM, SECRETARY