MINUTES
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, June 24, 2025
6:00 PM
Samueli Academy
1901 N. Fairview St.
Santa Ana, CA 92706

ROLL CALL

Board of Trustees Present:
Chris Scheithauer
Susan Barua
Liz Dorn Parker
Richard Arum
Sandi Jackson

Academy/Orangewood Staff Present:
Anthony Saba
John Luker
Lee Fleming
Tracy Garcia
Chris Simonsen

Board of Trustees Absent:
Susan Samueli
Robert Santana

Guests Present:

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Scheithauer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all attendees to the June 24, 2025, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Liz Dorn Parker made a motion to approve the minutes from the 5/27/2025 Meeting. Sandi Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of: 5 – Ayes, 0 – Nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

BOARD CHAIR

Chris Scheithauer wanted to recognize Susan Barua for her years of service as a Board of Trustees Member and Academic Committee Member. She was a valuable member and will be greatly missed. She was congratulated on her retirement.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Anthony Saba presented the Executive Director report. Since our last meeting the school hosted Senior Awards Night where over $200,000 in scholarship money was awarded to the Class of 2025. Graduation was a great event. Currently there are many camps happening on campus. We completed the install of the lights for the field. Stars and Stripes will be taking place this upcoming weekend. Currently the Executive Team is working on the Charter Renewal process. The plan is to submit the renewal in October/November.

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Lee Fleming presented the Head of School report.
There are currently 120 students attending summer school on campus.

There are a few staff changes for the upcoming school year. Samueli Academy has hired a new VEI teacher, a new counselor for 11th and 12th grade, a new English teacher, and a new Middle School History teacher. All of these teachers have started already and are excited about the upcoming school year.

We hosted the UCI School of Engineering Advisory Board Meeting on campus.

ORANGEWOOD FOUNDATION

Chris Simonsen presented the success of the YCP program on campus. He shared a promotional video that was recently completed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GOVERNANCE

Chris Scheithauer shared the Governance Committee has been working on the planning for the 2025 Board Retreat. Annual reviews for the Executive Director, Head of School, and CFO are underway. The committee is also working on the charter renewal and specifically the lottery procedure revisions.

Slate of Officers 2025-2026

Chris Scheithauer presented the Slate of Officers for 2025-2026.

Sandi Jackson made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Slate of Officers. Liz Dorn-Parker seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 5 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

2025-2026 Shared Services Agreement

Chris Scheithauer shared the Shared Services Agreement with Orangewood Foundation for 2025-2026.

Liz Dorn Parker Made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Shared Services Agreement with Orangewood Foundation. Susan Barua seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 4 – Ayes, 0 – Nays, and 1 – Abstain. (Ayes: Chris Scheithauer, Susan Barua, Richard Arum, and Liz Dorn-Parker) (Abstain: Sandi Jackson)

Overnight Trip – New Tech Conference

Lee Fleming shared the details of the overnight trip to the New Tech Conference. Student interns will work behind the scenes at the conference assisting with AV needs, etc. The students are rising Seniors.

Sandi Jackson made a motion to approve the overnight trip to the New Tech Conference. Susan Barua seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 5 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

FINANCE

Liz Dorn Parker reviewed the April 2025 Financial Statements. We are in a good financial position with reserves and cash on hand.

Anthony Saba reviewed the Annual Campaign financial information. We are in a positive position in terms of fundraising.

Spring Consolidation Schedule

The Spring Consolidation schedule was reviewed by the board.

Liz Dorn Parker made a motion to approve the Spring Consolidated Schedule for Samueli Academy. Sandi Jackson seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 5 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

ACADEMIC

Local Indicators Report

Richard Arum shared the local indicators report for Samueli Academy. This report was reviewed extensively in the Academic Committee Meeting.

2025-2026 LCAP Public Hearing

No public was present to comment.

2025-2026 LCAP

Richard Arum presented the 2025-2026 LCAP Report.

Richard Arum made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 LCAP Report. Sandi Jackson seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 5 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

2025-2026 Budget

The 2025-2026 Budget was presented.

Liz Dorn-Parker made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Budget as presented. Susan Barua seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 5 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Liz Dorn Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandi Jackson seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 5 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

RICHARD ARUM, SECRETARY