MINUTES
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, May 26, 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
Susan Samueli

Board of Trustees Absent:

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

Guests Present:
Janelle Ruley
Lisa Dallendorfer

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Scheithauer called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and welcomed all attendees to the May 26, 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 April 28, 2026 Meeting. Susan Samueli seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of: 6 – Ayes, 0 – Nays.

BOARD EDUCATION

Janelle Ruley was present and went through the Annual Brown Act Training for Board and Committee Members

REPORTS

CHAIR OF THE BOARD

No Report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Anthony Saba presented the Executive Director report. Anthony shared the events in the city of Garden Grove was being closely monitored by Administration and communication went out to the school community. Did not affect the school day or campus activities.

New student registration is almost complete. There were about 135 incoming 7th graders enrolled and about 30-40 incoming 9th and 10th graders enrolled.

Awards Night and Graduation are coming up. The senior class is excited.

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Lee Fleming shared the Head of School report. The end of the year is wrapping up and all are excited. In looking back at the school year the tutoring structure change worked out extremely well.

There will also be additional supports next year and staff is working on building out the strategies for the year.

Prom this year took place on a boat and worked out extremely well and was a positive experience for all. The End-of-The-Year Talent Show is happening on Friday.

ORANGEWOOD FOUNDATION

Chris Simonsen presented the Orangewood Foundation update. There are 9 youth in the program and 3 additional placements in the works. There are 17 families in the program. The probation program has 2 youth in the program and 2 additional youth in process.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GOVERNANCE

Board Nominations

There are currently 4 board members whose terms are up for renewal (Susan Samueli, Sandi Jackson, Liz Dorn-Parker, and Richard Arum.

Richard Arum made a motion to approve the nomination of Susan Samueli to another term on the Samueli Academy Board of Trustees. Liz Dorn-Parker seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 5 – Ayes and 0 – Nays and 1 – Abstain (S. Samueli).

Susan Samueli made a motion to approve the nomination of Sandi Jackson to another term on the Samueli Academy Board of Trustees. Richard Arum seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 6 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

Richard Arum made a motion to approve the nomination of Liz Dorn-Parker to another term on the Samueli Academy Board of Trustees. Susan Samueli seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 6 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

Susan Samueli made a motion to approve the nomination of Richard Arum to another term on the Samueli Academy Board of Trustees. Sandi Jackson seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 5 – Ayes and 0 – Nays and 1 – Abstain (R. Arum).

Proposed Slate of Officers

Chris Scheithauer presented the proposed slate of officers for 2026-2027.

Sandi Jackson made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Slate of Officers. Susan Samueli seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 6 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

Outdoor Club Overnight Camping Trip – Big Pine Creek

Anthony Saba presented the overnight trip by the Outdoor Club to Big Pine Creek on September 19-September 21, 2026.

Liz Dorn-Parker made a motion to approve the overnight trip to Big Pine Creek. Sandi Jackson seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 6 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

FINANCE

John Luker reviewed the March 2026 Financial Statements.

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

One-Time Off-Schedule Staff Payment

John Luker presented proposed One-Time Off-Schedule Staff Payment.

A motion was made by Richard Arum to approve the One-Time Off-Schedule Staff Payment as presented. Susan Samueli seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of: 6 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

ACADEMIC — No Report.

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: 6 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

RICHARD ARUM, SECRETARY