



Board Meeting Minutes
Bridges Preparatory Academy
Monday, June 22, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Directors for Bridges Preparatory Academy, a California nonprofit corporation was held on Monday, June 22, 2026, in person and via a public Zoom conference from 10:37 a.m. to 1:21 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: David Owen called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m. P.S.T.

ROLL CALL:

- Present: David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Brian Lee, Paul Whyte, Laura Morikawa
- Others Present: Alejandro Gomez, Evan Hodes, Ryan Griffin

ACTION ITEM: Approval of April 13, 2026 Board Meeting minutes

- It was **moved** by Trena Spurlock and **seconded** by Brian Lee to approve the Board Minutes from April 13, 2026.
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Brian Lee, Paul Whyte, and Laura Morikawa.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Agenda for June 22, 2026

- It was **moved** by Trena Spurlock and **seconded** by Brian Lee to approve the agenda for Monday, June 22, 2026.
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Brian Lee, Paul Whyte, and Laura Morikawa.

INFORMATION ITEM: Board Member Comments

- David Owen expressed gratitude for Evan Hodes and his services. In addition Trena Spurlock thanked Evan for his guidance with BPA's financials.

INFORMATION ITEM: 2026 Local Indicator Report

- Mr. Gomez reviewed the Local Indicator Report for 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

PUBLIC HEARING: 2026-2027 LCAP

- Reviewed the Annual Performance and highlighted that the ELPI is moving in the right direction with a 2.3% growth from the previous year and a 10.5% growth for the LTEs from the previous year.
- The NWEA results by grade level for ELA & Math were presented:

ELA:

- 6th grade growth from the 33rd percentile in the Fall to the 48th percentile in the Spring.
- 7th grade growth from the 38th percentile in the Fall to the 70th percentile in the Spring.
- 8th grade growth from the 57th percentile in the Fall to the 62nd percentile in the Spring.

Math:

- 6th grade growth from the 33rd percentile in the Fall to the 54th percentile in the Spring.
- 7th grade growth from the 40th percentile in the Fall to the 67th percentile in the Spring.
- 8th grade growth from the 45th percentile in the Fall to the 62nd percentile in the Spring.

- Tentative CAASP results comparing 2025 to 2026:

2025 ELA	2026 ELA
38.46 %	53% (+ or -)

2025 MATH	2026 MATH
18.18 %	47 % (+ or -)

- A question regarding the Budget came up, but it was stated that it would be addressed by Evan and Ryan later in the meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gomez expressed satisfaction with the current academic assessment scores for Bridges Preparatory Academy (BPA). Following this review, he highlighted a critical community need for a TK-5th grade elementary school to help bridge existing learning gaps. He noted that current BPA parents have actively requested this expansion, and there are currently approximately 80 prospective students identified for the program.

To address this, Mr. Gomez proposed submitting a formal charter revision to add the elementary school. The initial growth plan would entail opening one classroom per grade level.

Board Discussion and Feedback:

- Support: Board Members David Owen and Trena Spurlock expressed strong support for the proposed expansion.
- Key Concerns: The Board noted that further progression on this proposal requires addressing two primary areas:
 1. The development of a comprehensive Action Plan.
 2. A detailed budget analysis to ensure financial sustainability.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the 2026-2027 LCAP (Adoption)

- It was **moved** by Trena Spurlock and **seconded** by Brian Lee to approve the 2026-2027 LCAP (Adoption).
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Brian Lee, Paul Whyte, and Laura Morikawa.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of 2026-2027 Budget (Adoption)

The Board reviewed the enrollment figures, noting that enrollment for the 2025–2026 academic year stood at 164 students, with current enrollment for the 2026–2027 academic year at 163 students. It was emphasized that Bridges Preparatory Academy (BPA) continues to maintain a conservative budgeting approach.

Resource Allocation and Funding Deadlines

- ➔ Child Nutrition: Funding allocations fluctuate and will continue to be adjusted based on shifting student needs.
- ➔ Special Education (SPED): Additional funding has been allocated to support Special Education services.
- ➔ Grant/Fund Deadlines: The Board highlighted the critical need to prioritize and strategize the expenditure of specific funds that are set to expire by the 2027–2028 fiscal year.

- It was **moved** by Trena Spurlock and **seconded** by Brian Lee to approve the 2026-2027 Budget (Adoption).
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Brian Lee, Paul Whyte, and Laura Morikawa.

ACTION ITEM: Approval to open a new bank account with U.S. Bank
 Ryan Griffin presented a proposal to the Board to open a new checking account with U.S. Bank to optimize interest earnings on organizational deposits. The proposed tiered interest rate structure is as follows:

- Balances from \$50,000.00 to \$999,999.99: Will earn an interest rate of 3.65%.
- Balances from \$1,000,000.00 to \$2,999,999.00: Will earn an interest rate of 3.90%.

The Board took the presentation under advisement for further financial review.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of EPA Spending Plan

- It was **moved** by Trena Spurlock and **seconded** by Brian Lee to approve the EPA Spending Plan.
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Brian Lee, Paul Whyte, and Laura Morikawa.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of CONAPP

- It was **moved** by Trena Spurlock and **seconded** by Brian Lee to approve the CONAPP.
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Brian Lee, Paul Whyte, and Laura Morikawa.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of adopting the 2026-2027 School Year Calendar.

- It was **moved** by Brian Lee and **seconded** by Paul Whyte to approve the 2026-2027 School Year Calendar.
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Brian Lee, Paul Whyte, and Laura Morikawa.

ACTION ITEM: Approval to contract with Ellevation

- It was **moved** by Brian Lee and **seconded** by Laura Morikawa to approve the contract with Ellevation.
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Brian Lee, Paul Whyte, and Laura Morikawa.

ACTION ITEM: Approval to contract with PowerSchool

- It was **moved** by Laura Morikawa and **seconded** by Brian Lee to approve the contract with PowerSchool.

- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Brian Lee, Paul Whyte, and Laura Morikawa.

ACTION ITEM: Approval to contract LACOE PBIS

- It was **moved** by Laura Morikawa and **seconded** by Brian Lee to approve the LACOE PBIS contract.
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Brian Lee, Paul Whyte, and Laura Morikawa.

ACTION ITEM: Approval to contract Cross Country Education

- It was **moved** by Brian Lee and **seconded** by Laura Morikawa to approve the contract with Cross Country Education.
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Brian Lee, Paul Whyte, and Laura Morikawa.

ACTION ITEM: Approval to contract LA TechNet contract for 2026-2027

- It was **moved** by Brian Lee and **seconded** by Laura Morikawa to approve the contract with LA TechNet Contract for 2026-2027 School Year.
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Brian Lee, Paul Whyte, and Laura Morikawa.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of next year's 2026-2027 Board Meetings

- It was **moved** by Brian Lee and **seconded** by Laura Morikawa to approve next year's 2026-2027 Board Meetings.
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Brian Lee, Paul Whyte, and Laura Morikawa.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of Exed contract for the 2026-2027 School Year

- It was **moved** by Laura Morikawa and **seconded** by Brian Lee to approve the Exed contract for the 2026-2027 School Year.
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Brian Lee, Paul Whyte, and Laura Morikawa.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of revised School Safety Plan

Revisions/edits on pages 12, 17, and 70.

- It was **moved** by Laura Morikawa and **seconded** by Brian Lee to approve the revised School Safety Plan.
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Brian Lee, Paul Whyte, and Laura Morikawa.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of revised Family and Student Handbook

Revisions/edits on pages: 6-12, 14, 17, 23, 26, 32, and 38.

- It was **moved** by Brian Lee and **seconded** by Laura Morikawa to approve the revised Family and Student Handbook.
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Brian Lee, Paul Whyte, and Laura Morikawa

ACTION ITEM: Approval of revised Employee Handbook

- It was **moved** by Laura Morikawa and **seconded** by Paul Whyte to approve the revised Employee Handbook.
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Brian Lee, Paul Whyte, and Laura Morikawa

ACTION ITEM: Approval of Achieve 3,000

- It was **moved** by Trena Spurlock and **seconded** by Brian Lee to approve Achieve 3,000.
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Brian Lee, Paul Whyte, and Laura Morikawa.

ACTION ITEM: Approval to renew Insurance Broker Charter Safe Premium for the 2026-2027 School Year.

- It was **moved** by Brian Lee and **seconded** by Paul Whyte to approve the renewal with Insurance Broker Charter Safe Premium for the 2026-2027 School Year.
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Brian Lee, Paul Whyte, and Laura Morikawa.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of Shulte Insurance and Premium for the 2026-2027 School Year.

- It was **moved** by Laura Morikawa and **seconded** by Brian Lee to approve the Shulte Insurance and Premium for 2026-2027 School Year.
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Brian Lee, Paul Whyte, and Laura Morikawa.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of Revolution Foods Service Management Company for the 2026-2027 School Year.

- It was **moved** by Brian Lee and **seconded** by Laura Morikawa to approve Revolution Foods Service Management Company for the 2026-2027 School Year.
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Brian Lee, Paul Whyte, and Laura Morikawa.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of Executive Director's Evaluation and 2026-2027 contract.

- It was **moved** by Brian Lee and **seconded** by Laura Morikawa to approve the Executive Director's Evaluation and 2026-2027 contract.
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Brian Lee, Paul Whyte, and Laura Morikawa.

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m. P.S.T. on June 22, 2026.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of March Financials Packet Exed

- It was **moved** by Laura Morikawa and **seconded** by Paul Whyte to approve the March Financial Packet Exed
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Laura Morikawa, and Paul Whyte.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of ELD revised Reclassification Plan

- Presented by Sarah Harik (ELA Interventionist) the new reclassification criteria: ELPAC score of 4 , C or better in ELA, Teacher Recommendation, Parent Input, and NWEA R.I.T. scores.
- It was **moved** by Laura Morikawa and **seconded** by Paul Whyte to approve the ELD revised Reclassification Plan.
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Laura Morikawa, and Paul Whyte.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of Audit company for next year

- Presented by Mr. Gomez: BPA's current audit company is CLA and costs \$30,000 annually whereas there is another audit company, Christy White and costs \$15,000 annually and provides the same services.

- It was **moved** by Laura Morikawa and **seconded** by Paul Whyte to approve Christy White as BPA's audit company for the next year.
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Laura Morikawa, and Paul Whyte.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of 2026-2027 instructional calendar

- It was **moved** by Laura Morikawa and **seconded** by Paul Whyte to approve the 2026-2027 instructional calendar.
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Laura Morikawa, and Paul Whyte.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of School Safety Plan

- There were two additions made to BPAs School Safety Plan: (1) Safe Schools for Immigrant Students (AB 699); and (2) Mandated Reporter and Training Procedures.
- It was **moved** by Laura Morikawa and **seconded** by Paul Whyte to approve BPA's School Safety Plan.
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Laura Morikawa, and Paul Whyte.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of next year's Board Meeting

- It was **moved** by Laura Morikawa and **seconded** by Paul Whyte to approve the 2026-2027 Board Meeting Dates.
- **All in Favor:** David Owen, Laura Morikawa, and Paul Whyte.

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting adjourned at 11:25a.m. P.S.T. on April 13, 2026.

