



UNITED SCHOOLS OF INDIANAPOLIS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Official Record | June 15, 2026

DATE	June 15, 2026	LOCATION	Avondale Meadows Academy (AMA)
CALL TO ORDER	4:02 p.m.	ADJOURNMENT	4:48 p.m.
FORMAT	In person and by telephone	QUORUM	Present

1. Attendance

Board members present: Jake Crouch; Bill Harris; Sarah Lofton; Abby McDonough; Mariele Rujevcan; Ross Ridge; and Jetta Vaughn.

Present by telephone: Mariele Rujevcan, Ross Ridge, and Jetta Vaughn.

Not present: Carlston Elliott.

USI leaders and guests referenced in the meeting record: Darius Adamson, Dr. Camille Darden, Dr. Corye Franklin, Kandis Pearson, Kristen Stratton, Laura Burton, Carvis Herron, Dr. Christina Thurman, Victoria Jackson-Dinkins, David Starkey, and other invited staff and guests.

2. Board Action Items

The Board considered the following matters. Each motion was seconded and carried.

Action	Motion by	Second by	Result
Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes	Jake Crouch	Abby McDonough	Carried
Approval of Financials	Jake Crouch	Sarah Lofton	Carried
Approval of the 2026-27 Budget	Jake Crouch	Sarah Lofton	Carried
Election of David Starkey as a New Board Member	Sarah Lofton	Abby McDonough	Carried
Election of the Slate of Officers (unchanged from the previous year)	Abby McDonough	Sarah Lofton	Carried
Approval of the Employee Handbook	Abby McDonough	Sarah Lofton	Carried



3. Connect to Purpose

Enrollment Action Plans. Dr. Camille Darden provided an update on the schools' enrollment action plans, connecting the Board's work to USI's organizational priorities and the annual theme of Clarity, Coherence, and Commitment.

4. Leadership and Staffing Updates

- **Farewell:** The Board and USI leadership recognized Kandis Pearson, Director of Academics, and thanked her for her service and contributions to the network.
- **Welcome:** Dr. Christina Thurman was welcomed as Principal of Vision Academy at Riverside.
- **Welcome:** Victoria Jackson-Dinkins was welcomed as Director of Academics.

5. Committee Reports

Committee	Report
Finance Committee	No report.
Governance Committee	Faith Odiat was identified as a potential Board member.
Development Committee	No report.
Academic Committee	No report.

6. School Dashboards

Avondale Meadows Academy (AMA): AMA met its i-Ready proficiency goals.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Board Secretary / Designee

08/03/2026

Date Approved