

**Nova Classical Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
February 23, 2026**

Directors Present: Teo Flesher, Colleen Hansen, Shannon Hooge, Becky Lund, Todd Sample, Chris Shepard, Bavi Weston, Lisa Wikman

Directors Absent: Heather Meeker

Advisors Present: Brett Wedlund, Tamra Paschall, Carolyn Farrell, Missy Johnson, Jesse Prins, Kriscél Estrella (via Zoom)

Others in Attendance: Nova staff, parents (Note: While this meeting was held in-person at 1455 Victoria Way, it was also made available on Zoom.)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:59 pm. Bavi Weston chaired the meeting.

II. Business Meeting: Approval of Agenda

Ms. Hansen moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Wikman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Student Representative Report

There was no report tonight.

IV. Board Training

The Nova Classical Pedagogical Leads presented their February 13th staff training on [Is It Virtuous?](#), questions staff can ask themselves and their students to think more deeply about virtue instruction. There was discussion along with the presentation.

V. Public Comment

- Olivia Olynick, paraprofessional, submitted electronic public comment sharing that there are members of the Nova Classical staff who do not feel ready to meet student trauma needs given current events nor ready to handle any events if they should happen here. She is asking for more communication and better safety measures.
- Peter Pepowski, teacher, submitted electronic public comment disagreeing with how Nova Classical has handled staff feedback regarding current events and asking for Nova Classical and its leadership to reflect on their current choices and do a better job of supporting staff and student needs.

- Caroline Herman, Katie Goulet, Jenny West, Aaron Hagen, and Anna Ruday, staff, shared continuing concerns with support, training, and communication regarding current events. They would like more training regarding dealing with trauma including in-person training. They would also like more guidelines to communicate with faculty and staff and more communication between administration and other staff including how to best support students and to address concerns from staff. Although there are security measures in place, they're requesting more specific training and drills to ensure that all staff feel prepared to respond in moments of high stress. They hope that these areas are seen as areas for growth and that further development will occur.

VI. Consent Agenda

- Personnel update
- January 26, 2026 board minutes
- November 24, 2025 board minutes
- 2nd reading/ potential approval of revised policy 418 (Drug-Free Workplace)
- 1st reading of revised policy NP 402 (Reporting Unethical or Illegal Activity)
- 1st reading of revised policy NP 404 (Background Checks)
- FY27 Board meeting dates

There was discussion. Dr. Wedlund also highlighted three additional items that were recently added. Ms. Lund moved to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Hansen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Reports received by the Board

A. Executive Director Report

Dr. Wedlund highlighted several items. The work of the Pedagogy Leads is the start of the work on the strategic plan objective 1.5. He also spoke about upcoming budget revisions in March and the work being done on the SY27 budget. He asked his leadership team to look at where the budget could be cut if we lose our ADSIS funding as he doesn't want to cut student support. Dr. Wedlund also gave an update on the start of the state legislative session and some hopes and concerns for the new session.

B. Board Chair Report

Ms. Weston had no report this month.

C. Board Committees

a. Governance Report

Ms. Lund highlighted the candidate nomination period begins on March 1.

b. Budget and Finance Report

Mr. Sample ran through the committee's goals and their current work. He also pointed out that the January financials do not reflect the money taken out for the facilities expansion; it will be in the February financials. There was discussion regarding the coming revised budget.

c. ED Review Committee

Ms. Hansen gave a brief update regarding the committee's review of current safety concerns and protocols.

d. Academic Excellence Report

Ms. Hansen highlighted the general data reviewed by the committee. A more detailed report will be shared after the data embargo ends. There was discussion.

D. NPTO Report

There was no report this month.

VIII. Business

A. FY27 Calendar Revision

Dr. Wedlund shared that the one change is moving graduation from Friday to Sunday.

Mr. Hooge, "Resolved, that the Board approves the revised FY27 school calendar." Ms. Lund seconded. There was discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. FY28 Calendar

Dr. Wedlund gave background information. There was discussion.

Mr. Hooge, "Resolved, that the Board approves the FY28 calendar." Ms. Hansen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. FY27 District Testing Calendar

Ms. Lund, "Resolved, that the Board approves the FY27 testing calendar." Mr. Shepard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

D. American Indian Parent Advisory Committee

Dr. Johnson gave background information including the reasons for the new creation of this PAC. She shared the recommendations from the committee in regards to its vote of nonconcurrency. She also spoke about the desire to add

SoR AI students to the PAC. There are a lot of opportunities for us to continue to improve. There was discussion.

E. Read Act Requirements

Dr. Johnson shared background information. There was discussion.

Ms. Hansen, “Resolved, that the Board approves the Administrative Guidance for READ Act Compliance.” Mr. Sample seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Expansion Update

Mr. Prins gave an update on some of the more detailed pieces they’ve been working on over the past month. For example, they had electricians look at how we might run electricity over to the expansion. Our current system can easily be hooked up to the new building. Architects looked at how the skyway might connect to the current building through current room 201; we have a beam already in place to efficiently connect to the skyway. These are examples of things that are leading to the assumption that more of the contingency money will be available for other things. Mr. Prins also shared some comparisons of quality/lifetime of various products that will also affect cost. There was discussion.

Mr. Prins shared a few other updates along with some of the laborious decisions that must be made at this time. There was further discussion. Dr. Wedlund recommended that the Board begin asking, “Are there any change orders?” to track expenses and changes. There was discussion.

IX. Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items

The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, March 23, 2026.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Becky Lund.