

**Nova Classical Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 30, 2026**

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

Directors Absent: Lisa Wikman

Advisors Present: Brett Wedlund, Tamra Paschall, Carolyn Farrell, Missy Johnson

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

Heather Meeker arrived at 5:59.

III. Spotlight Award – Dennis Barker

Dr. Wedlund shared that Coach Barker started our varsity cross country team, but that he didn't just build a program, he built a culture. He was the head coach of our first state championship team and has developed an enjoyment of running in numerous students. He offers free strength and conditioning sessions to any students who are interested. He is steady and purposeful in his development of students and continues to invest in every student even if they're not a part of his program.

IV. Student Representative Report

There was no report tonight.

V. Board Training

Dr. Johnson led the Board in a cultural competency training with a case study to discuss through the lens of our "Is It Virtuous" questions. The Board read "Protesting the Pledge" and discussed three questions.

VI. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VII. Consent Agenda

- A. 1st reading of revised policy 614 (School District Testing)
- B. 2nd reading/ potential approval of revised policy NP 402 (Reporting Unethical or Illegal Activity)
- C. 2nd reading/ potential approval of revised policy NP 404 (Background Checks)
- D. Riverside Insights Software
- E. FY28 Calendar Revision
- F. March 2026 Personnel Report
- G. Contracted Services Agreement with Umbrella Consulting
- H. Board response to AIPAC Vote
- I. February 23, 2026 minutes
- J. Special March 19, 2026 minutes

Ms. Hansen moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Sample seconded. There was discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Reports received by the Board

A. Executive Director Report

Dr. Wedlund gave some background information regarding the upcoming athletic conference decision as well as some things for the Board to consider before next month. There was discussion.

Dr. Wedlund also highlighted the informal groundbreaking at 3:15 on Thursday and shared that Nova Classical's Mock Trial team won the state tournament. They will be competing in the national competition in May. He also gave some MN legislative session updates.

B. Board Chair Report

Ms. Weston had no report this month.

C. Board Committees

a. Governance Report

Ms. Lund highlighted the candidate nomination period ends on Friday, April 10 at 4:00 pm.

b. Budget and Finance Report

Mr. Sample shared that their financial information was shared with the Board at the special meeting.

c. ED Review Committee

Ms. Hansen reviewed the upcoming timeline for the ED review.

d. Academic Excellence Report

There was no report this month.

D. NPTO Report

Ms. Meeker shared that the next meeting is on Tuesday, April 7. Upcoming events include Teacher Appreciation Week and helping with Multicultural Night. There is a continuing need for volunteers.

IX. Business

A. FY27 Budget

Dr. Wedlund shared some background information and highlighted the new format showing significant revenues and expenses. He also reviewed some significant changes including the increase in state funding, the increase in spending for the compensation model, an increase in compensatory aid, and an increase in athletic fees. He also shared the reasoning behind some decisions that are different from past budgets such as not including donations to start. There was discussion.

Ms. Lund, “Resolved, that the Board approves the FY27 budget as presented.” Ms. Meeker seconded. A roll call vote was held. Mr. Flesher, Ms. Hansen, Mr. Hooge, Ms. Lund, Ms. Meeker, Mr. Sample, Mr. Shepard, and Ms. Weston voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Expansion Update

Dr. Wedlund shared three updates, mostly for the next six weeks. First, the timeline is that digging into the ground could begin mid-April and they could be done with excavation by mid-May. Second, we still don’t have building permits in hand. The reviews and approvals were supposed to be done by Friday, so we’re looking into what is causing the delay. Third, tentatively, the updated construction timeline shows the skyway being completed by mid-December. There was discussion.

X. Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items

The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, April 27, 2026.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Becky Lund.