

Odyssey Charter School Board Meeting Summary

April 15, 2026 | 6:00 PM

Odyssey Conference Room & Zoom

The Odyssey Charter School Board of Directors met on April 15, 2026, with President Ken Przywara calling the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Board approved the March meeting minutes with previously submitted corrections from Eva Jannelli and Georgia Kollias. There were no public comments.

Head of School Report

School leadership provided updates aligned to the school's four strategic goals, including progress on Building 27 renovations, staff appreciation initiatives, student recruitment efforts for the 2026–2027 school year, and ongoing culture and academic improvement plans.

Academic and School Updates

Building-level reports highlighted continued preparation for state assessments across all grade levels, particularly SBAC testing in grades 3–8 and DeSSA testing in grades 3–11. Schools reported ongoing planning for the 2026–2027 school year, including staffing, scheduling, and enrollment efforts.

Notable student achievements included:

- Middle School students earning recognition at the Delaware Valley Regional Science Fair and Science Olympiad competitions.
- High School students completing PSAT and SAT testing and participating in expanded college and career readiness planning.
- Continued success of international and cultural exchange programs, including visits from students from Greece and upcoming student travel opportunities.

Special Education leaders reported continued collaboration with the University of Delaware to strengthen standards-aligned IEP implementation, staff training, and service delivery consistency.

Curriculum and instruction updates included implementation of pilot programs, targeted academic interventions, expanded career-connected learning opportunities, and ongoing professional development focused on multilingual learners, mathematics instruction, and special education best practices.

Operations Updates

Operations reports highlighted efforts to strengthen school culture and climate through the continued implementation of the “Odyssey Way,” school-wide affirmation initiatives, and stakeholder surveys designed to measure engagement and belonging.

Transportation services continue recruiting bus drivers through social media outreach. Information Technology staff are preparing for next year’s technology needs, including Building 27 support, device purchases, and implementation of a new payroll time-clock system.

Facilities updates included spring break maintenance projects, deep cleaning across campuses, infrastructure improvements, and preparations for the upcoming visit from the Greek Ambassador.

Safety and security projects remain on schedule, including door replacement projects and future enhancements to camera and access control systems.

Human Resources

Human Resources continues staffing preparations for Fiscal Year 2027. Collective Bargaining Agreement unit contracts are expected to be issued by May 15, 2026.

Fundraising, Development, and Enrollment

School leadership reported strong progress in fundraising, grant acquisition, and community engagement efforts. Upcoming events include the OCS Gala, Philadelphia Greek Parade, Staff Appreciation Week, Academic and Art Fair, and the Annual Golf Outing.

Enrollment remains strong, with acceptance rates significantly exceeding the previous year and current re-enrollment data showing approximately 87% of families planning to return.

Additional highlights included:

- Ongoing website redesign scheduled for launch in June 2026.
- Multiple grant submissions and implementation of recently awarded grants.
- Upcoming announcement of the Odyssey Charter School Teacher of the Year and Filotimo Award recipients.
- Athletic achievements, including Academic All-State wrestling honors and All-State recognition for senior athlete Anastasia Thomas.

Greek Program Report

The Board received an update on Greek-language and cultural programming, including preparations for the Greek Ambassador’s visit, student cultural exchanges, and participation in the upcoming Philadelphia Greek Independence Day Parade.

Financial Report

The Board reviewed the monthly financial report. Revenues totaled approximately \$63.1 million, representing 103.1% of budgeted annual revenue. Expenditures and encumbrances totaled approximately \$42.4 million, or 81.6% of the annual budget. The Board unanimously approved the financial report as presented.

Board Actions

The Board unanimously approved out-of-state travel requests for:

- Joshua Baran to attend the School Bus Fleet Connex Award Ceremony in Arizona (September 21–23, 2026).
- Third Grade field trip to the Franklin Institute (April 23, 2026).
- Kindergarten field trip to Longwood Gardens (May 14, 2026).

Committee Reports and New Business

No April CBOC meeting was held. The Finance Committee did not meet and will coordinate remaining meetings through the end of the fiscal year.

Board members discussed upcoming board vacancies and succession planning, including future AHEPA and non-AHEPA appointments.

Executive Session and Adjournment

The Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session. Following Executive Session, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.