

**SOUTHTECH CHARTER ACADEMY, INC.**  
**SOUTHTECH PREPARATORY ACADEMY, INC.**  
**Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**January 15, 2026**

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**1. Opening of Meeting**

- a. **Call to Order at 6:00 pm**
- b. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- c. **Roll Call**

Present: Roger Dunson, Ayesha Edmond, Russell Feldman, Dan Heller, Suzanne Nicolini, Tony Robinson, and Erika Rotbart

Absent: Diane Heinz

- d. **Open Meeting Act Statement**

**2. Approval of the Minute**

- a. **STA/STPA Governing Board Financing Workshop Minutes November 6, 2025**
- b. **STA/STPA Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes November 6, 2025**
- c. **STA/STPA Governing Board Virtual Special Meeting Minutes November 10, 2025**
- d. **STA-STPA Governing Board Virtual Special Meeting Minutes January 8, 2026**
  - **Motion** to approve all of the minutes presented to the Board for approval: Suzanne Nicolini
  - **Second:** Roger Dunson
  - **Vote:** All in favor. **Motion carries.**

**3. Reports**

- a. **Finance Report – Carla Lovett**
- b. **Executive Director – Carla Lovett**
- c. **SouthTech Academy Principal – Joshua Wigelsworth**
- d. **SouthTech Preparatory Academy Principal – Pamela Galarza**
- e. **Special Reports**
  - **Expansion Updates – Carla Lovett**

**4. Public Comments on Agenda Items - None**

**5. Consent Agenda (Note: All board action is representative of action for both schools unless otherwise noted)**

**a. Introduction of Consent Agenda:**

**Administrative Items**

**A-1** I recommend that the Board approve the donations for the period from November 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. – **STP Only**

**A-2** I recommend that the Board approve the School Start Time Resolution. – **STA Only**

**A-3** I recommend that the Board the SouthTech Academy Student Progression Plan 2024-2025. – **STA Only**

**A-4** I recommend that the Board approve the Agreement for Transportation Coordination Services between SouthTech Academy and Crystal Anderson, effective January 5, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

**A-5** I recommend that the Board review and approve the term sheets from ~~various financial institutions and select one:~~ Bank United as presented to the Board. – **This Item was pulled and the verbiage has been revised; see below.**

**Financial Items**

**F-1** I recommend that the Board approve and ratify the monthly financial statements for the months ending October 31, 2025 and November 30, 2025.

- F-2 I recommend the Board approve an RFP for School Food Services for next school year.  
F-3 I recommend that the Board approve the Agreement for Financial Advisory Services with Building Hope, dated January 15, 2026, which carries the same terms as the current agreement. – **Item added from the floor**

**b. Poll Board for Items to be Pulled for Comments or Questions**

- **Add: Item F-3** – Agreement for Financial Advisory Services with Building Hope
- **Pulled: Item A-5** – pulled by Russell Feldman

**c. Approval of SouthTech Academy Consent Agenda Except for Items Pulled**

- **Motion:** Ayesha Edmond
- **Second:** Erika Rotbart
- **Vote:** All in favor. **Motion carries.**

**d. Approval of Each Pulled Item**

- **Item A-5**
  - **Discussion:** Other financial institutions were contacted to request term sheets, and responses were discussed at the January 8, 2026 Virtual Special Board Meeting. Since then, Bank United was the only institution to provide a term sheet for financing under our current structure. Therefore, the motion needs to be amended to read: “I recommend that the Board review and approve the term sheet from Bank United as presented to the Board.”
  - **Motion** to adjust wording as described above: Russell Feldman
  - **Second:** Dan Heller
  - **Vote:** All in favor. **Motion carries.**

**6. Public Comments on non-Agenda Items - None**

**7. Board Comments**

**8. Motion to Adjourn at 8:20 pm**

Minutes Prepared by:



Lisa DeVine, Board Clerk

Approved by:



Tony Robinson, Board Chair

Dated:

5/11/2026