

AGENDA
BOARD MEETING
February 17, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DHARMA EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE
DBA NEW HORIZONS CHARTER ACADEMY

14701 FRIAR STREET, VAN NUYS, CA 91411
(Teleconference Meeting Location)
Zoom Meeting:

Meeting ID: 841 7641 4368

Zoom Passcode – H2ZJVm

Zoom URL Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84176414368?pwd=NWdCdUlXWkRIYkY4Si9lUFhxSndzZz09>

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO
THE BOARD BY PARENTS AND CITIZENS**

The New Horizons Charter Academy (“School”) welcomes your participation at the School’s Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Board of Directors (“Board”) is to conduct the affairs of the School in public. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our School. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided:

1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting.
2. “Request to Speak” forms are available to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda items or under the general category of “Oral Communications.” “Oral Communications” is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to two (2) minutes and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The Board may give direction to staff to respond to your concern or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen-requested item.
3. You may also complete a “Request to Speak” form to address the Board on Agenda items. With regard to such agenda items, you may specify that agenda item on your “Request to Speak” form and you will be given an opportunity to speak for up to two (2) minutes when the Board discusses that item.
4. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and address from the podium and adhere to the time limits set forth.
5. Any public records relating to an agenda item for an open session of the Board which are distributed to all, or a majority of all, of the Board members shall be available for public inspection at 10941 Camarillo Street, North Hollywood, California, 90746.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and upon request, New Horizons Charter Academy may furnish reasonable auxiliary aids and services to qualified individuals with disabilities.

Individuals who require appropriate alternative modification of the agenda in order participate in Board meetings are invited to contact the Executive Director's office.

Instructions for public comments at board meetings conducted via Zoom:

If you wish to make a public comment, please follow these instructions:

1. A Google survey "sign-up" will be open to members of the public 30 minutes prior to the public meeting. This survey will take the place of the "speaker cards" available at meetings: <https://tinyurl.com/y9qojjwv>
2. Speakers are requested to select if they wish to address the board regarding a specific agenda item or a non-agenda item.
3. Speakers are asked to attend the board meeting virtually through the Zoom invitation link on the top of the agenda.
4. When it is time for the speaker to address the board, his/her name will be called, if speaker chose to provide, by the Board Chair and the requesting speaker's microphone will be activated. Each speaker signed up will have two minutes to address the Board.
5. Speakers are not required to rename their Zoom profile with their real name.
6. After the comment has been given, the microphone for the speaker's Zoom profile will be muted.

I. CLOSED SESSION -

1. Performance Evaluation – Executive Director
2. Facilities

II. OPEN SESSION

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Ms. Micaela Mendivil, Board Chair	_____	_____
Mr. Gilbert Najm (Secretary)	_____	_____
Ms. Ilana Youngheim	_____	_____
Open Board Member Seat	_____	_____
Mr. Jenifer Fonseca	_____	_____
Ms. Valerie Paredes	_____	_____
Ms. Raquel Pineda	_____	_____
Ms. Karina Pineda	_____	_____
Mr. Richard Thomas (Exec. Director/Principal)	_____	_____

II. COMMUNICATIONS/ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. Report out from CLOSED SESSION

B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than two (2) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation.

C. Consent Items:

The Board will approve the following consent items with a single motion and without any discussion because they are deemed non-controversial routine business unless a member of the Board pulls an item for further discussion or a member of the public submits a request to speak on one of these items.

1. Approval of Minutes January 12th, 2026 Board Meeting
2. Credit Card Statement Review December 2025
- 3.

D. For Information: Executive Director/Principal's Report regarding:

1. Executive Director/Principal Report

E. Board/Staff Discussions/Items Scheduled For Action

1. Discuss, Review and consider approval of January 2026 Financials
2. Discuss, Review and consider approval 2nd Interim Report 25/26
3. Discuss, Review and approve Audit Engagement Letter 25/26
4. Discuss, Review Submission of Appeal to LACOE
5. Discuss, Review and Approve Wire Transfer CCU to Banc of California
6. Discuss and review of Accounting Fiscal Policies and Procedures
7. Discuss, review and approve LCAP Mid-Year Update
8. Training for SB 827 Financial Training
9. Review, Discuss Friar Property

III. ADJOURNMENT