

YLA Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Tasha Gilstrap, Secretary

April 13, 2026

YLA Classroom C

Present: Tasha Gilstrap, Kayla Knowles, Kathy Brazinski, Jason Holcombe, Brandon McCurley, Shannon Ellenburg, Nick McClellan, Jason Lucas, Betsy Anthony, Sydney Cox, Dawn Powell

Also Present: Melissa Kennedy, Sandee Blankenship, Bryan Lively, and Nathan Swords

Not Present: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM by Nick McClellan.

Public Input: None.

Approval of Minutes:

- March Minutes: Motion to approve made by Sydney; seconded by Jason L.

Financial Statements:

- March Financial Statements: Motion to approve made by Brandon; seconded by Jason H.
Maintenance follow-up: Expense was related to a golf cart (March).

Old Business:

- Alumni Scholarship Update- First round of interviews was completed earlier in the day, and second set will be on Friday, April 17th. All virtual scores will be completed the following week. The committee will be intentional about providing both positive and growth-oriented feedback to candidates. Nathan and Tasha are checking to see if there are any outstanding unpaid pledges that will be due by May 1st.
- SRO Conference- Sandee asked clarifying questions and Shannon provided details. The YLA Board continues to support covering hotel expenses from the board budget.

New Business:

- None

Principal's Report:

- High school tours and Special Olympics events are upcoming. Hot Pursuit is also approaching, with approximately 350 participants, including 100 law enforcement officers. With the continued momentum in fundraising and community engagement, Sandee encouraged the board to remain attentive to additional community needs moving forward. It was noted that the Parks and Recreation Department may also have opportunities to consider.

Questions, Comments, Concerns: None

Executive Session:

- A motion was made to enter executive session at 4:15 PM by Nick and seconded by Betsy.
A motion to adjourn executive session was made by Shannon and seconded by Betsy.

Adjournment:

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kayla and seconded by Brandon. The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 PM.

Next meeting: May 11, 2026