

YLA Academy Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Tasha Gilstrap, Secretary

March 23, 2026

YLA Classroom C

Board Members Present: Tasha Gilstrap, Kayla Knowles, Kathy Brazinski, Jason Holcombe, Brandon McCurley, Shannon Ellenburg, Nick McClellan, Jason Lucas,

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

Not Present: Sandee Blankenship, Betsy Anthony (joined virtually), Sydney Cox

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:01pm by Nick McClellan.

Public Input: None.

Approval of Minutes

- February Minutes: Motion to approve by Kathy; seconded by Kayla.

Financial Statements

- February Financial Statements: Motion to Approve made by Shannon; seconded by Brandon.

One question about maintenance that will be followed up on.

Old Business

- Alumni Scholarship Update
Fundraising was met and candidates were being contacted soon regarding next steps. Moving forward with 6 candidates for interview. This will take place after spring break. Thank you notes to sponsors outside of the board circulated.
Nathan to mail.

New Business

- Shannon provided the board with SRO Training that would be taking place over the summer and discussed the cost and if YLA would be willing to help absorb some of the cost. Nick McClellan proposed that if the board budget can cover the entirety of the cost (roughly \$1879), to move forward and let Sandee/Melissa determine any specifics. The board discussed and mentioned that potentially in future we can research if there's any applicable grants that can be explored. Pickens County Sheriff's Office will pay for registration fee, mileage, and food expenses. Motion made by Nick, seconded by Tasha.

Principal's Report

- Great March so far, the career fair was a huge success, some field trips coming up, 30 kids made it to the next round of the Great Shake Competition. Power Hour is going to be doing a hike soon.

Questions, Comments, Concerns

- Waiting List? Currently over 200

Executive Session:

- None

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dawn and seconded by Brandon. The meeting was adjourned at 4:19pm

Next meeting: April 13, 2026