

Minutes

1. Call to Order / Roll Check

Chair Hatch called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Roll call confirmed that all five members were present: Directors Dyson, Ruby, Ferguson, Rooklyn, and Hatch.

2. Adoption or Adjustment of Agenda

❖ **Motion:** Director Rooklyn moved, and Director Dyson seconded, to adopt the agenda as presented.

Aye: Dyson, Ferguson, Hatch, Rooklyn, Ruby

Nay: none

Result: The motion carried by unanimous vote of the five members

3. City Tax Exemption Initiative Review

Director of Business Services Sherry Ely reviewed the financial impact of the City of Ashland's proposed property tax exemption for low-income housing. She explained that reduced General Fund property tax revenue would be offset by the State School Fund, while YAAL revenue would decrease by approximately \$111 for Starthistle and \$2,002 for Rogue Ridge. The Board discussed how future impacts would depend on property classifications and considered the potential enrollment benefits of additional affordable housing. Director Ely agreed to gather more information about the classifications. No action was taken. City of Ashland representatives will attend a future Board meeting to request action on the proposed exemption.

4. Board Goals

The Board reviewed the District Goals and its self-evaluation summary from the Board retreat, then worked on draft Board Goals aligned with District priorities. Discussion focused on financial sustainability, legislative advocacy, communication and outreach, using data to guide policy and resource decisions, attendance, technology and AI policies, and curriculum implementation and review. Members also discussed the Board's role in the transformation process, including understanding the scenarios and recommendations, participating in listening sessions, and completing a timely, informed review of the proposed plan. The draft goals will be refined with the leadership team, and Superintendent Goals will also be aligned.

5. Housing Discussion

Edlen & Co. owner Matt Edlen presented proposed modifications and a status update on the Attainable Housing Project. He outlined a phased approach for affordable rental housing and an early childhood education center, with a separate funding process for potential homeownership units. The Board discussed state funding timelines, site-control requirements, extending the Exclusive Negotiating Agreement, and the implications of a community land trust compared with additional rental housing. Discussion also addressed the unit mix, community engagement, and resident services. Next steps include further Board discussion of agreement options, updated project scenarios and unit information, and continued work on the term sheet and final agreements.

6. Transformation

There were no new updates on the transformation process. The next Transformation Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28.

7. Board Learning

The Board discussed opportunities for continued learning, including a pilot “board buddies” program to build relationships and exchange ideas with board members from a neighboring district. Superintendent Hattrick will contact Superintendent Barry at Phoenix-Talent School District to gauge interest. The Board will revisit the idea at its next work session.

8. Adjourn

There being no further discussion, Chair Hatch adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Submitted by:

Holly Rosser, Board Secretary

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