

TRIO Wolf Creek Distance Learning Charter School #4095
School Board Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2026
Special Meeting

Board Members Present:

- Jen Lake
- Sandy Flint - virtual
- Sue Frame
- Lindsay Coppernoll - virtual
- Bill Mack
- Ruth Stark
- Brianna Karnes
- Ashley Swenson

Ex-Officio Members Present: Mike Hamernick

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** The Wolf Creek Charter School Board met for a special meeting on Monday, May 11, 2026. Board Vice-Chair Frame opened the meeting at 4:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the reading of Wolf Creek's mission and vision statements and the Wolf Creek motto.
2. **Roll Call, Acronyms, Conflict of Interest, and Approval of Agenda:** A roll call was taken, and it was determined that Directors Lake and Swenson were absent, with Coppernoll and Flint attending virtually. No board members had conflicts of interest to disclose. Hamernick requested that one item be added to the Business section of the agenda so that it read: A. Updates, B. Merger Discussion, C. Chisago Lakes Option. Director Mack moved to accept the Special Meeting agenda with the change, and Director Karnes seconded it. A roll call vote was called for with the following: Frame - yes, Flint - yes, Coppernoll - yes, Karnes - yes, Mack - yes, and Stark - yes. The motion passes unanimously.
3. **Open Forum:** None.
4. **Visitors:**
 - a. **In-Person:**
 - i. Robyn Vosberg-Torgerson
 - b. **Virtual:**
 - i. Chris Wallin
 - ii. Loren Pfaff
 - iii. Hannah Swenson
 - iv. Naomi Hartzberg
 - v. CJ Hanson
 - vi. Sarah Schmidt

5. **Business: Discussion of MDE's Response Letter:** Hamernick updated the board on the authorizer transfer status, stating that new developments had happened and that he wanted to keep the board in the know. [Representatives] from MDE have agreed to allow a "new" transfer request and that they would expedite the processing in a matter of days vs. the normal statutory timeline. The existing options of merging with another charter school was also discussed. Hamernick presented a table showing three schools that would be willing to talk about merging and how they differed. The board would vote on a merger at the monthly meeting on the 19th if that becomes an only option between now and then. Lastly, Hamernick mentioned meeting with Superintendent Dietz and Sarah Schmidt the week prior. The option to withdraw their letter was still on the table, but Dietz wanted to look into other options first.
6. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Director Karnes to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 pm., with a second by Director Stark. A roll call vote was called for with the following: Frame - yes, Flint - yes, Coppernoll - yes, Karnes - yes, Mack - yes, Stark - yes. The motion passes unanimously.

Approval of Minutes for the May 11, 2026 Meeting:

Jennifer Lake
Board Representative

5/19/2026
Date