

FREEDOM PREP ACADEMY

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF
FREEDOM PREP ACADEMY - MESA
and Freedom Prep Academy

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the governing boards of the entities listed above and to the general public that the governing boards of the entities listed above will hold a joint meeting open to the public, as follows:

Freedom Prep Academy

Date:	March 06, 2025
Time:	4:00 pm
Location:	meet.google.com/uex-roph-egv

The agenda for the meeting begins on the following page.

FREEDOM PREP

ACADEMY

AGENDA
03/06/2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order 03/06/2025 at 4:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Sterling Kellis, Laura Oliver, Tait Rudd, Melony Opheim, Trevor Wilkins

Absent: John Crismon

Quorum present.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on topics related to the school will be allowed during this agenda item using comment cards received prior to the beginning of the meeting or via comments submitted to publiccomments@freedomk12.org. If you would like to speak, please complete a comment card or submit a request prior to the beginning of the meeting. We must include the names of all individuals who address the board in the meeting minutes. Each public commenter will have a time limit of two (2) minutes. Under Arizona open meeting law, members of the Board may not discuss, respond to, or take action in this meeting on a matter raised under this public comment item that is not on the agenda.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA, MINUTES, AND UPDATES

a. Approve proposed agenda and prior minutes

Motion to approve current agenda and 12.05.24 minutes, Sterling. Trever, 2nd. Motion carried unanimous.

c. Director's Report/Update

- Enrollment: New growth since new year: Now at 550 students
- Academics: 40% of students made Principal's Honor roll (3.0 GPA or higher)
- Upcoming State Testing will be April 1-11. 12 testing sights secured.
- Future needs: Need for extra space in the following areas due to growing number of students: Show Low, Sierra Vista, Prescott Valley, and Casa Grande
- Discussion: Charter Board announced intent to rescind Primavera's charter due to 3 consecutive years of poor performance (D-letter grade). As one of AZ's largest online schools, what are possible repercussions? A proposal was made to issue a statement in support of the school.

V. NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. **Prescott Valley** - Motion to submit offer for and proceed with purchase of **2797 Willow Creek Road** for a new Prescott Valley Learning Center center to be used by local area Guides and Microschool students. Purchase shall be contingent upon available funding and buyer inspection approval.

a. **Motion - Sterling, Melony - Second. Motion carried unanimously.**

- b. Notes and Relevant Details:

- i. Property Address: 2797 Willow Creek Road, Prescott, AZ 86301
- ii. Property Description: Rare opportunity to purchase a standalone church in the highly sought after Prescott market. Frontage on Willow Creek with strong traffic counts. Paved parking lot with a large 5 acre lot included. Possibly expand in the future or sell excess land. Two-story building ~10,720 sq/ft w a large open gathering space, multiple offices, rest rooms upstairs and down stairs, exterior play area, kitchen, & so much more. Current tenant (Mount Zion Church) could stay at the property, or move to a smaller space, or possibly share space with the new owner.
- iii. MLS# 6811601 - Listed for \$1.8 million. LOI - \$1.5m. Scheduled showing is Fri 03/14.

- B. **Show Low** - Motion to sell **161 N 6th St** (210-19-038C) to Apache Properties and proceed with constructing a new, city-approved facility next door (210-19-037A) and/or at 820 W. Old Linden Rd (210-03-024H)

a. **Motion - Tait, Melony - 2nd. Motion carried (Sterling abstained).**

- b. Notes and Relevant Details:

- i. Property Address: 161 N 6th St., Show Low, AZ, 85901
- ii. Details: The city of Show Low has allowed temporary use of 161 N 6th St as a microschool space for the 24/25 school year. Continued use will require costly renovations and code changes. For these reasons, Freedom Prep plans to sell the existing home to a “friendly buyer” that will allow ongoing use and access until a new facility can be constructed on the adjacent half-acre lot (also owned by FPA) and/or a nearby parcel at 820 W Old Linden Rd (also owned by FPA). The new facility will comply with city requirements for educational occupancy (paved ingress/egress, commercial sprinkler system, ADA compliant restroom and parking spaces, etc) - see proposed site plan.
- iii. Transaction Details: Freedom Prep intends to sell 161 N 6th St at current fair market value to Apache Properties who shall agree to allow continued use of the existing microschool space until a new facility is constructed on

the adjacent lot or nearby. Thereafter, Apache Properties agrees to maintain a harmonious relationship with Freedom Prep and to provide facility access and use of the lot as necessary and appropriate throughout the school year. Estimated Fair Market Value for 210-19-038C = \$408,361.26.

- iv. Other notes: With future plans to build a multi-phase learning center at 820 W Old Linden Rd (210-03-024H), proceeds from this space will help fund this venture.

C. **Sierra Vista** - Motion to approve lease for Sierra Vista Microschool located at **1600 E Carmelita Dr in Sierra Vista** from 03/01/25 - 06/30/26

a. **Motion Trever, 2nd Laura. Motion carried unanimously.**

b. Notes and Relevant Details:

- i. Property Address: 1600 E Carmelita Dr, Sierra Vista,
- ii. Details: Sierra Vista Guide Kim Kshir has surpassed 40 students and outgrown her current microschool space. Freedom Prep admins agreed to help her find additional space to serve her students. 1600 E Carmelita is a 2400 sf tri-level home on a quarter acre (0.29acre) lot less than a half-mile from her current location. Rent, including utilities, will be \$3000 per month.

D. **New School Amendment Request** - Motion to approve creation of [Freedom Prep Academy - RISE](#) (Remedial Intervention and Specialized Education), an alternative school to better serve the following Targeted Sub-Populations

- *Students who have a documented history of disruptive behavior issues.*
- *Students in poor academic standing as demonstrated by being at least one year behind on grade level performance or academic credits.*

Melony made a motion to approve creation of FPA-RISE. Sterling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

E. **Additional amendment Requests**

- a. **Enrollment Cap Amendment Request** - Motion to approve Enrollment Cap Increase from 720 to 1440

Tait made a motion to increase FPA's enrolment cap from 720 to 1440. Sterling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. ADJOURN Meeting adjourned 03/06/2025 at 4:44 p.m.