

TUESDAY WORK SESSION AGENDA
March 25, 2025
Courthouse Conference Room

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MEETING VIRTUALLY.

**Approximate
Time**

AGENDA

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| 9:00 a.m. | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE2. COMMENTS (for items not on this agenda and limited to 3 minutes. We encourage all community members to engage with public comments to the Board of Commissioners. However, out of respect for our audience and a general sense of decorum please refrain from vulgar, threatening or inappropriate language.)3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA4. APPROVE MINUTES OF March 18, 20255. AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM GRANT PROPOSAL – Aleisha Preston6. NON-LISTED ITEMS (Pursuant to ORS 192.640) |
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Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. The meetings are held in the Board of Commissioners' conference room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon. Each meeting begins at 9:00 a.m., and is conducted according to a prepared agenda that lists the principal subjects anticipated to be considered. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners may consider and take action on subjects that are not listed on the agenda. The Board also holds a department staff meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Every Monday in the Commissioners Conference Room at 850 main Street, Oregon.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

The Board sets aside a time at each regular meeting for comment by the public on subjects not appearing on the Agenda. Individuals may come forward and make any statement they wish, but not to exceed three (3) minutes in length, except as is required to give concise answers to questions from Board members. If the subject will require a lengthier presentation, or merits inclusion as an item on the Agenda of a future meeting, the Board may schedule it accordingly.

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 2025

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session and led the Board and attending audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Gordon and Commissioner Mordhorst were present.

2. COMMENTS (for items not on this agenda):

None.

3. AGENDA: **COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA**

**ALL VOTED YES
MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.**

4. MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF March 11, 2025**

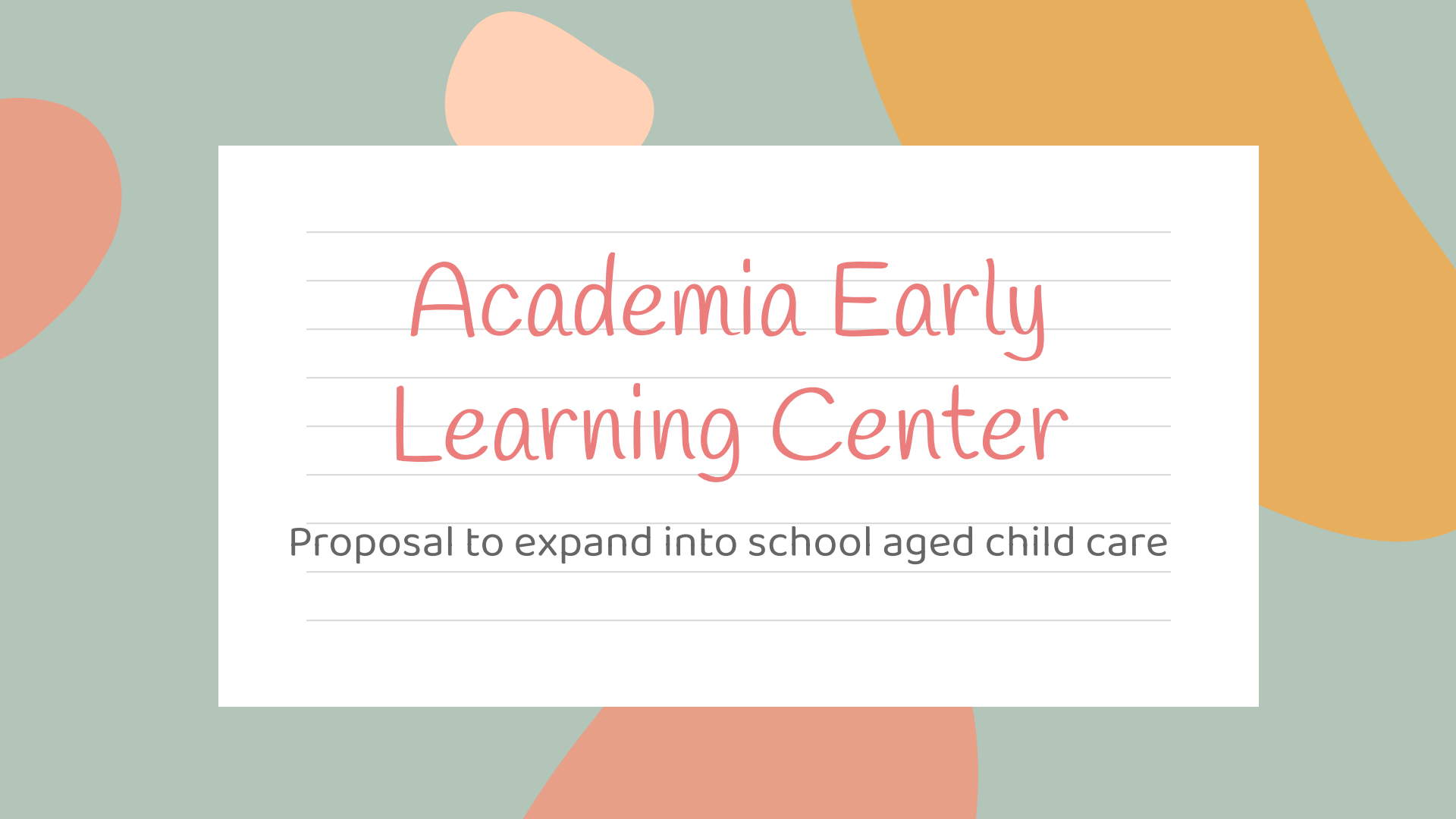
**ALL VOTED YES
MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.**

5. NON-LISTED ITEMS - (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)

Jeremy talked about how the Department of Corrections Budget was considered in a public hearing last week and that he was there to provide public testimony.

Valerie Patoine, County Assessor, stated that last week there was also a public hearing in regards to House Bill 3158 and Commissioner Mordhorst spoke in favor during the hearing. Mrs. Patoine stated that they had over 20 people testifying in support for HB3185. Mrs. Patoine felt like this was a win and she always feels like their lobbyist feels like this was a win for them as well and they are now waiting to hear what their next steps are. Commissioner Mordhorst wanted to thank Mrs. Patoine and her staff for all their work on this and he stated that he learned a lot from attending this hearing and listening to the other counties testify.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:09 a.m.



Academia Early Learning Center

Proposal to expand into school aged child care

Who am I?

- My name is Aleisha Preston owner and director of Academia Early Learning Center which has been in an operation for three years
- I have a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a masters degree in Mental and Clinical Counseling
- I have been working in education for 13 years including two years as a School Based Mental Health Associate with Polk County



Who is Academia?

- Academia Early Learning Center is a private LLC that operates a child care center housed in the Academy Building in partnership with Polk County
- We have three classrooms that serve children ages from 6 weeks-5 years old
- Our program is licensed, high quality, nature based, and full of wonderful families and staff!



Who is Academia?

- We currently serve 29 families
- We currently employ 4 full time and 9 part time employees
- We have been in business for 3 years



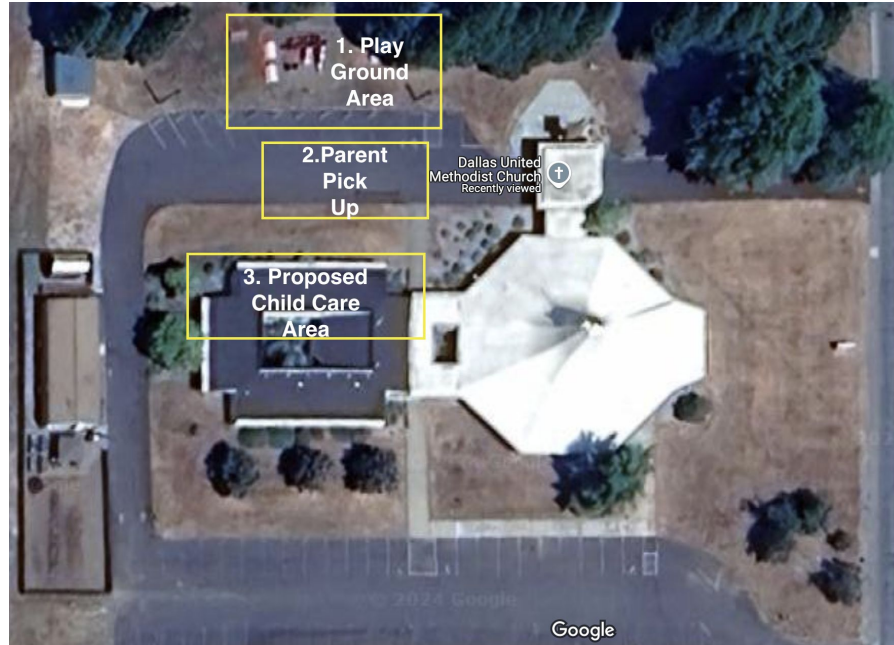
What we are looking for

- We are looking to expand Academia by opening up an after school program in side of Dallas United Methodist Church.
- This program will serve up to 25 children from Kindergarten-5th grade.
- It will be fully open to the public and will focus on serving working families in our community.
- We are already enrolled and accept ERDC so we can also serve at risk families

The Need

- Polk County is one of Oregon's counties identified as a child care desert.
- Survey of families showed there is a need for care for this age range
- Not only does this expansion create jobs
- It allows people to stay in their jobs and attracts people to the area

Location & Transportation



After School Program

- This program will be STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) based and will not only provide students with after school care, but with enrichment and learning opportunities.
- We will provide a healthy snack, homework support, and outdoor time.
- This program would function Monday-Friday 3:00pm-6:00pm.
- We will provide full time care for winter break and spring break. During summer break we will run full “day camps” that will target students interests.

Budget Highlights

Funds will be spent in four major areas

- One-time start-up expenses
- Program operations first month
- State-required licenses, inspections, and applications
- Program marketing

Logistics and next steps

Next steps

- City of Dallas Conditional Use Permit
- Fire Marshall
- Sanitation
- Enrollment of children
- Hiring of staff

Any Questions?



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