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# The Anchor School

## Minutes

### Board of Directors Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Wednesday June 24, 2026 at 7:00 PM

#### **Location**

Virtual

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#### **Directors Present**

A. Pressey (remote), E. Desprez Isbell (remote), J. Burton (remote), J. Jordan (remote), J. Whittington (remote), K. James (remote), K. Sargeant (remote), N. LeBlanc (remote), S. Kollu (remote), S. Stewart (remote), T. Winston (remote), V. Thompson (remote)

#### **Directors Absent**

C. Humphrey

#### **Directors who arrived after the meeting opened**

S. Stewart

#### **Ex Officio Members Present**

J. Pinto Taylor (remote)

#### **Non Voting Members Present**

J. Pinto Taylor (remote)

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

E. Desprez Isbell called a meeting of the board of directors of The Anchor School to order on Wednesday Jun 24, 2026 at 7:05 PM.

### C. Approve Minutes

E. Desprez Isbell made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Directors Meeting & Budget Hearing #2 on 05-27-26.

J. Burton seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## II. Executive Director Report

### A. Executive Director Report

- Reviewed the Executive Director Report (PDF format)
- Reviewed the proposed report slide deck presentation for next year

## III. Academic Achievement

### A. Item for Action: Family Handbook Review for Middle School and High School

E. Desprez Isbell made a motion to approve TAS middle school and high school Family Handbook for school year 2026-2027.

J. Burton seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### B. Academic Dashboard and Assessment Review

- Incredible growth in our math EOC schools
  - Total School Population:
    - Year 1 Average Math 3+ = 5.19%
    - Year 2 Average Math 3+ = 8.79%
    - Year 3 Average Math 3+ = 15.42%
  - Founding Class Population:
    - Year 1 Average Math 2+ = 48.06%
    - Year 2 Average Math 2+ = 63.74%
    - Year 3 Average Math 3+ = 71.26%

## IV. Community Engagement & Advancement (Ad-hoc)

## A. Community Updates

- Great culmination with end-of-year celebrations
  - Student showcases
  - 8th grade dance
- Board member virtual training and culture survey reminders

S. Stewart arrived.

## V. Finance

### A. Adopt FY26 Budget

T. Winston made a motion to approve the FY27 budget.

V. Thompson seconded the motion.

- Based on 345 student enrollment for SY26-27, FY27
- The SCSC board meets next Tuesday, but the CSP team has made a recommendation to approve the \$400,000 grant. This grant is not included in this budget since it has not been officially approved, but the SCP team has emailed that recommendation to Dr. PT.
- **Conditional vote** to account for final decisions on Head of School compensation for SY26-27.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### B. Item for Action: Head of School Compensation Increase

S. Stewart arrived at 8:00 PM.

N. LeBlanc made a motion to approve a 4% increase for the head of school compensation for SY26-27.

E. Desprez Isbell seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

N. LeBlanc made a motion to approve a discretionary bonus for the head of school from the FY27 budget up to \$5000. Final amount based on the treasurers authorization.

E. Desprez Isbell seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

A. Pressey	Aye
K. Sargeant	Aye
T. Winston	Aye
J. Whittington	Aye
S. Kollu	Aye
E. Desprez Isbell	Aye
V. Thompson	No

**Roll Call**

J. Jordan	Aye
C. Humphrey	Absent
J. Burton	Aye
S. Stewart	Aye
N. LeBlanc	Aye
K. James	Aye

**C. Item for Action: Fiscal Policy Handbook**

T. Winston made a motion to approve the fiscal policy handbook.  
N. LeBlanc seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**D. May 2026 Financial Summary**

- Reviewed the May financial reports
- Reviewed the Line of Credit (LOC) Utilization and Liquidity Position (as of 5/31)
  - Purpose: strengthen days cash on hand

**E. Item for action: Line of Credit drawdown**

T. Winston made a motion to approve a line of credit drawdown of \$45,000 to strengthen the end of year cash on hand position.  
V. Thompson seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**VI. Governance**

**A. Item for Action: Approve Changes to Staff Handbook**

N. LeBlanc walked through the document explaining the details that have been updated to the handbook.  
N. LeBlanc made a motion to approve updated staff handbook for 2026-27 school year.  
J. Burton seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**B. Item for Action: Approve Changes to Bylaws**

N. LeBlanc spoke to the *Summary of Proposed Amendments* and the details of the updates made to the Board's Bylaws.  
E. Isbell proposed board consideration of socials to foster community connection.  
N. LeBlanc made a motion to adopt updated bylaws for TAS board of directors.  
A. Pressey seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**C. Item for Action: Adopt FY26 Board Calendar**

N. LeBlanc walked through the SY 26-27 board and committee meeting calendar

**Action Items:**

N. LeBlanc to send calendar to legal organ for record

S. Stewart to update Board on Track with virtual meeting links to monthly board meetings

E. Isbell Desprez to to update Board on Track with virtual meeting links to Academic Committee meetings

A. Pressey to update Board on Track with virtual meeting links to Finance Committee meetings

N. LeBlanc made a motion to approve board meeting calendar for FY26 year.

J. Burton seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**D. Item for Action: Elect Board Officers**

N. LeBlanc made a motion to appoint J. Burton as Board Chair.

E. Desprez Isbell seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Desprez Isbell made a motion to approve S. Stewart as the new TAS Board Secretary.

N. LeBlanc seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

J. Whittington made a motion to approve T. Winston as Treasurer for TAS Board.

K. Sargeant seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

No vote for Vice Chair succession tonight, but will revisit this in the future.

**E. Board Manual**

N. LeBlanc walked through the document which covers everything necessary to help new board members before off boarding.

**VII. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

N. LeBlanc

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**The Anchor School** is a village of educators, families, and community members that partners with 6th through 12th-grade students\* who are developing the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to thrive in school and beyond. Through our commitment to excellent instruction,

community partnerships, and holistic student development, we cultivate anchors that build a more just and equitable future.

*\*In August 2022, the SCSC authorized TAS as a GA Charter School with approval to enroll students who will be in the 6th grade in the fall of 2023.*