



The Anchor School

Minutes

Governance Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday September 2, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Location

Virtual

Committee Members Present

J. Burton (remote), J. Pinto Taylor (remote), S. Stewart (remote)

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests Present

Marial Ziegler (remote)

I. Opening Items**A. Record Attendance****B. Call the Meeting to Order**

S. Stewart called a meeting of the Governance Committee of The Anchor School to order on Wednesday Sep 2, 2026 at 7:05 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

J. Burton made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance Committee Meeting on 08-05-26.

S. Stewart seconded the motion.

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

II. Governance

A. Review SCSC Ops Monitoring and Ops Reports

J. Pinto-Taylor introduced the committee to EpiCenter, the new SCSC reporting platform, available for review at any time upon request.

- Currently meeting all submission deadlines
 - Note: The Conflict of Interest agreement deadline was moved to a later date by the SCSC to accommodate new board member onboarding
- Personnel update: We're fully hired

B. Enrollment Dates

- J. Pinto Taylor provided overview of process, phases, and important dates for SY27-28 Enrollment
 - Note: This will be an *Item for Action* in the September Board Meeting to approve the dates for SY 27-28

C. Strategic Plan

- J. Pinto Taylor shared RFP (linked on school website) with a few firms.
- J. Pinot Taylor to include all board committees when selecting a firm to partner with, leaning heavily on Governance committee to make selection.

D. Professional Development Update

- J. Burton led scheduling meeting to conduct J. Pinto Taylor LKES review

Action Items

- S. Stewart, J. Burton to prepare for LKES conversation by reading through the document and identify points to omit as they're irrelevant and things to focus on, or items to add if there's a report/document to see as evidence of competency.

E. Succession Planning and Board Training Schedule

- J. Burton shared (4) official board members voted in during August Board meeting.
 - Onboarding
 - Currently creating emails, granting access to Board on Track, and more

- Background checks and headshots requested of the new members
- Training
 - School tours and training scheduled for October 5th 6-8pm
 - Additional training and planning session scheduled for JAN 2027

F. Policy Tracking/Needs

- J. Pinot Taylor shared update that handbook policies and practices have been shared and distributed on the website.
- J. Pinto Taylor to save archived versions in the system.
- J. Pinto Taylor Board needs to approve unified literacy plan in response to state legislation by DEC (last board meeting in NOV). J. Pinto Taylor to confirm the plan applies to TAS as a 6-12 school.

G. Board Calendar and Onboarding New Members

See above Succession Planning and Board Training Schedule.

III. 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 7:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Stewart

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.*