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# Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School

## Minutes

### Governing Board Monthly Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Thursday September 19, 2024 at 6:30 PM

#### **Location**

Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School - Elementary Campus  
688 Grant Street  
Atlanta, GA 30315

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*Notice of this meeting was posted on the ANCS website and both ANCS campuses in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1.*

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#### **Directors Present**

Amber Suitt, Cory Tiede, Daron Joffe, Drew Waddell, Emily Hansen (remote), Jason Zwang, Jonna Martin, LaNiesha Cobb Sanders, Oriol Miroso, Rebecca Wagner, Ruth Link-Gelles, Shannon Rutledge

#### **Directors Absent**

Mark Boswell

#### **Guests Present**

Alastair Pullen, Chiquetta West (remote), Heidi Goodwin, Lara Zelski (remote), Mark Sanders (remote), Paige Teusink (remote), Silas Fausset, Travis Peterman

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### **I. Opening Items**

#### **A. Record Attendance & Guests**

#### **B.**

### **Call the Meeting to Order**

Shannon Rutledge called a meeting of the board of directors of Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School to order on Thursday Sep 19, 2024 at 6:36 PM.

### **C. Public Comment**

### **D. Approve Minutes from Prior Board Meeting**

Cory Tiede made a motion to approve the minutes from Governing Board Monthly Meeting on 08-22-24.

Jason Zwang seconded the motion.

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

## **II. School Leadership Updates**

### **A. Program Area Spotlight- Heidi Goodwin- Peru Trip**

International service learning program. Ms. Goodwin presented on how the program got started, where it is currently, and where it's going. The program already has 21 travelers signed up for the trip to the Dominican Republic this spring. ANCS graduate Silas Fausset presented on what his experience on the Peru trip meant to him.

### **B. Principals' Open Forum**

Elementary campus updates: started happy tails, parent conferences, Hispanic Heritage Month, reworked collaboration time on Wednesdays since last year, had first EC leadership team meeting. Looking forward: new partnership with Atlanta History Center, Atlanta Cultural Experience fieldtrips, teacher workday in October, Grandparents & Special Friends Day.

Middle campus updates: school safety, student-led conference preparation, Hispanic Heritage Day, Nic Stone author visit, fall break, staff work day.

### **C. Executive Director's Monthly Report**

Charter compliance report update, future budget considerations, partnerships update (Morehouse intern starting soon, partnerships to help teachers get certified, Ormewood Church wants to start an aftercare program), safety updates.

## **III. Committee Updates**

### **A. Finance & Operations Committee Monthly Report**

Cory Tiede made a motion to to vote to replace the AC units at the EC.

Jason Zwang seconded the motion.

Need to replace all 11 AC units at the EC, which costs ~\$330,000 because a helicopter is needed.

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

**B. Advancement Committee Update**

Gather & Grow fund: a little bit of a slow start, working with people who donated last year but didn't give this year, new development associate has started. Sponsorship closes later this month and we have a total of 9 new sponsors. Goal is \$30k for the year, currently at over \$40k.

Reminder about board pledge forms. Donor appreciation reception.

**C. Governance Committee- Update**

Amber Suitt made a motion to establish the Nominations Task Force with Rebecca Wagner as chair.

Cory Tiede seconded the motion.

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

**IV. 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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shannon Rutledge