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Minutes

Governing Board Monthly Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday April 17, 2025 at 6:30 PM

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

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

Directors Present
Amber Suitt, Cory Tiede, Drew Waddell, Emily Hansen, Jonna Martin, Mark Boswell (remote), Rebecca Wagner, Ruth Link-Gelles, Shannon Rutledge

Directors Absent
Daron Joffe, LaNiesha Cobb Sanders, Oriol Mirosa

Guests Present
Alastair Pullen, Evan Saadat, Jen Hidinger-Kendrick, Lara Zelski (remote), Mark Sanders (remote), Paige Teusink (remote), Wakita Jacobs

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 Apr 17, 2025 at 6:32 PM.

C. Public Comment

D. Approve Meeting Minutes from 3-20-25

Rebecca Wagner made a motion to approve the minutes from Governing Board Monthly Meeting on 03-20-25.
Cory Tiede seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. School Leadership Updates

A. Spotlight Area: ANCS PTCA

Wakita Jacob's gave an update on the PTCA. 5 grants awarded totaling $5000. Black History Month celebration, MC outdoor table/chairs, kindergarten parent cafe, EC farm outdoor seating, soul food cypher workshop.

Upcoming events include: Bingo Night, Run with the Wolves, PTCA Picnic and Chorus Concert.

MC co-president role is open (parent).

B. Principals' Open Forum

Mark Sanders (MC) - wrapped up Women's History Month celebration. Final administrative observations. 8th graders getting ready for 8th grade exhibitions. Milestones testing coming up. Savannah trip for 8th graders in mid May. 6th/7th grade exhibitions in mid May.

Lara Zelski (EC) - Women's History Month celebration, fifth graders getting grade day trip, teacher appreciation week. Last benchmark training focused on assembly, CPR & First Aid training for teachers. Looking forward: Book Fair and Book Character Parade, Wolf Pup Round Up on 4/26. Milestones testing starting 4/28, annual performance reviews, portfolio shares, field day, end of year celebrations.

C. Executive Director's Monthly Report

Accepted a math award today. Good Day Atlanta did an interview on the farm for Charter School of the Year today.

Offered 126 contracts to staff. 97% retention rate. Last year, there were 136 contracts offered, so reducing staff a bit. Hiring 1-2 new people for the fall.

Enrollment: similar to where we were this time last year, both for overall enrollments and ED enrollments.

New partnerships: RedefinED/TNTP Survey, Oakland Cemetery, Adair Park Neighbors/Sylvan Middle (farm program)

III. Committee Updates

A. Educational Excellence Committee Monthly Report

B. Finance & Operations Committee Monthly Report

Form 990 email went out March 31. Send Oriol any questions.

C. Advancement Committee Monthly Report

Starting tomorrow (4/19) it's Giving Week. We're short of our FY25 goal and asking the community to come together. Extended Field Day for the grade with the most recurring donations.

D. Governance Committee Monthly Report

ED's annual evaluation will go out next week, please get done by May 9.
Rebecca Wagner made a motion to Accept the slate of nominees for board officers for the 2025-2026 school year.
Drew Waddell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Task Force Reports

A. Board Nominations Task Force Update

8 candidates in the final interview process.

V. 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 7:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shannon Rutledge