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Minutes

Governing Board Monthly Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday May 15, 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, Daron Joffe, Drew Waddell, Jonna Martin, LaNiesha Cobb Sanders, Mark Boswell, Oriol Mirosa, Rebecca Wagner, Ruth Link-Gelles, Shannon Rutledge

Directors Absent
Emily Hansen

Guests Present
Alastair Pullen, Lara Zelski (remote), Paige Teusink (remote)

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 May 15, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

C. Public Comment

D. Approve Meeting Minutes from 4-17-25

Rebecca Wagner made a motion to approve the minutes from Governing Board Monthly Meeting on 04-17-25.
Daron Joffe seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. School Leadership Updates

A. Principals' Open Forum

Ms. Zelski (EC) - finished Milestones, letter from the Mayor, speed dating to pair up teachers for next year, 5th grade celebration, looking forward to field day and last day of school!

Mr. Sanders (MC) - 6th/7th grade exhibitions, Milestones is complete, 8th grade Savannah trip. Rising 6th graders got to visit campus.

B. Executive Director's Monthly Report

The mayor sent a video message in response to letters sent by 2nd graders. Planning for charter renewal, we will have a brief meeting in June to discuss charter renewal. Charter renewal application will speak to both what's going on and what we're working on.

Strategic priority #1: 9 teachers enrolled in gifted endorsement this year, 5 more next year. Goal to ensure all staff. Strategic priority #2: hands on learning experiences. #3: plan for audit of facilities and priorities in 2025-2026.

Update on ED goals: continuing to prioritize follow through with strategic planning. Meeting goals around charter renewal, plan to increase salaries, increase community outreach.

EOY highlights: reduced positions from 136 to 126. Only reductions in teachers were through attrition, the rest were non student facing. Brought salaries up to 95% of APS.

III. Action Items

A. VOTE: Governing Board and Committee Dates for the 25-26 SY

Rebecca Wagner made a motion to Approve dates for board meetings for 2025-2026.
Drew Waddell seconded the motion.
Vote postponed to June to ensure board meeting dates aren't over fall and winter breaks.

The motion unanimously did not carry.

IV. Committee Updates

A. Educational Excellence Committee Monthly Report

Most updates covered in ED report. EE is doing a first pass of the charter renewal by tomorrow.

B. Finance & Operations Committee Monthly Report

C. Advancement Committee Monthly Report

100% board participation for board giving. Closed the gap during giving week and increased number of monthly donors.

D. Governance Committee Monthly Report

Rebecca Wagner made a motion to Approve slate of committee chairs.
Oriol Mirosa seconded the motion.

- Advancement- Rebecca Wagner
- Educational Excellence- Mark Boswell
- Finance- Jonna Martin
- Governance- Emily Hansen

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

V. Task Force Reports

A. Board Nominations Task Force Update

LaNiesha Cobb Sanders made a motion to Approve slate of new board members for 2025-2026.
Amber Suitt seconded the motion.

- Kilamba Augusto
- Duanne Davis
- Robin Hubier
- Jen Hidinger-Kendrick

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

VI. General Announcements

A. Reminders

Board retreat August 9, reminders about board training, final meeting will be June 12. Thank you to our board members finishing their terms this year: Cory Tiede, Oriol Mirosa, Amber Suitt-Zuehlke.

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 7:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shannon Rutledge