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## Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School

# Minutes

## Educational Excellence Committee Meeting

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### **Date and Time**

Thursday September 12, 2024 at 8:30 AM

### **Location**

Elementary Campus - Meeting Trailer  
688 Grant Street  
Atlanta, GA 30315

Attendees may join in-person or via [Zoom](#).

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In accordance with Georgia's open meetings requirements, notice of this meeting has been posted at both campuses and on the ANCS website.

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### **Committee Members Present**

Alastair Pullen, Daron Joffe (remote), Emily Hansen (remote), LaNiesha Cobb Sanders (remote), Lara Zelski, Mark Sanders, Rhiannen Laurent

### **Committee Members Absent**

Bethany Greenley, Mark Boswell, Shannon Rutledge

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

LaNiesha Cobb Sanders called a meeting of the Educational Excellence Committee of Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School to order on Thursday Sep 12, 2024 at 8:32 AM.

**C. Approve Minutes from 5-16-24**

Emily Hansen made a motion to approve the minutes from Educational Excellence Committee Meeting on 05-16-24.

Daron Joffe seconded the motion.

passed unanimously

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

**II. Educational Excellence**

**A. Agenda**

Rihannen led a discussion around most recent MAP and Milestones data, with comparisons to state and local metrics as well as internal comparisons by student subgroups. <Math Milestones data is still embargoed, so will be updated once it can be released.>

Alastair shared survey results from the 23/24 AY family survey. Lower response rate than desired, but some key learnings derived.

Rihannen shared the school-wide goal: "Through integrating and operationalizing culturally responsive teaching practices ANCS will continue the work of closing the opportunity gap. In at least 3 grade levels the growth data from MAP of students who fall in the opportunity gap will outpace the school average."

Laura shared updates on the new elementary literacy curriculum, Benchmark Literacy, including teacher training, curriculum highlights, and early implementation. Also highlighted other curricular resources, Everyday Math, and the Project/Integrated curriculum with Science and Social Studies.

Mark shared highlights of the middle grades curricular components, highlighting the constructivism approach, International Baccalaureate program, real world learning, Power30 program, etc.

Alastair shared highlights of the Professional Development day for teachers on September 3rd as well as Dr. Woody's work with new families and community outreach. Board members are welcomed to join the October 9th Farm Day.

The Charter Compliance report will be shared via the ED's monthly report to the Board.

### **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 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
LaNiesha Cobb Sanders