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Minutes

Governing Board Monthly Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday April 16, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Location
Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School - Elementary Campus
Meeting Trailer
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
Drew Waddell, Duanne Davis, Emily Hansen, Evan Saadat, Jen Hidinger-Kendrick, Jonna Martin, Kilamba Augusto, LaNiesha Cobb Sanders, Rebecca Wagner, Robin Hubier, Ruth Link-Gelles, Shannon Rutledge

Directors Absent
Mark Boswell

Guests Present
Alastair Pullen, Chiquetta West (remote), Lara Zelski (remote), Mark Sanders (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 Apr 16, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

C. Public Comment

D. Approve Meeting Minutes from 3/19/26

Rebecca Wagner made a motion to approve the minutes from Governing Board Monthly Meeting on 03-19-26.
Jen Hidinger-Kendrick seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. School Leadership Updates

A. Principals' Open Forum

- Both principals shared updates on key highlights of the past month as well as upcoming events and important dates.

- EC: Highlights include recent Arts Night, teacher/leader evaluations, and upcoming Milestones testing, and end of year celebrations
- MC: Highlights include 5th grade visit, upcoming Milestones testing, student trips, end of year celebrations

B. Executive Director's Monthly Report

- ED report highlights staff retention, lottery update, charter compliance, and Foundation

- 96% retention rate for teachers (excluding those who retired and/or were not invited back)
- Student Lottery update highlights lottery process for ED; final numbers TBD pending sibling offers, and other prioritized groups
- New charter compliance report aligned to new charter accountability goals; will be updated quarterly started in September

III. Committee Updates

A. Educational Excellence Committee Monthly Report

B. Finance & Operations Committee Monthly Report

Met with investment advisor at Edward Jones to review allocation of investments. voted to move $50K across funds, driven by advice to increase international investments. We

were at 7% and now at 15%. <Does not need to be voted on by Board given movement of money vs spend.>

C. Advancement Committee Monthly Report

Advancement Committee: Foundation Report out by Purpose Possible
- When we vote for committee chairs in May, the Foundation chair and the Advancement chair will be the same person. In May, the Advancement Committee will present bylaws for the Foundation to be considered by the Board.
- Purpose Possible presentation about Foundation by Stacy Sartoris included the following highlights:

- Foundations are common for schools with stronger boards, admin, and engaged community.
- Gives autonomy/flexibility for how $ is spent and increases transparency with donors
- Board and staff structure are evolving and will be presented with proposed Bylaws from the Advancement committee in May
- Foundation will be established as 509a3 which ensures money will only be spent in support of the school.
- The Foundation would only raise and govern private dollars; the governing board of ANCS maintains authority over public dollars
- Goals: boost visibility of fundraising, enhance community spirits, continue culture of philanthropy
- Will discuss next steps and begin conversations about structure at next Advancement Committee meeting

D. Governance Committee Update

Governance:
Emily presented slate of candidates for Board positions (see agenda). The candidates presented represent those who were nominated and accepted the nomination (Shannon was nominated for chair, but cannot serve more than 2 years per bylaws)

- Motion by Rebeccca, second by Duanne
- Unanimous approval

Emily presented the folx who signed up to join task force (see agenda)

- Motion by Drew, second by Jen
- Unanimous approval

Emily was nominated from the floor to serve as chair of the task force

- Motion by Jen, second by Rebecca

- Unanimous approval

Emily asked folx to nominate folx for Committee Chair positions. Vote for Committee Chairs will take place in May.

IV. General Announcements

A. Board Training Hours

- Reminder to complete Board training

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 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shannon Rutledge