



American Dream Charter School

Minutes

ADCS Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

SY26-27

Date and Time

Monday July 20, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Location

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3880187236>

Meeting ID: 892 3909 4103

Trustees Present

A. Cabrera (remote), L. Rojas (remote), P. Simon (remote), R. Espinal (remote), Z. Martinez (remote)

Trustees Absent

None

Guests Present

M. Melkonian (remote), N. Gallagher (remote), S. Espinal (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

L. Rojas called a meeting of the board of trustees of American Dream Charter School to order on Monday Jul 20, 2026 at 5:38 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

L. Rojas made a motion to approve the minutes from ADCS Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting on 06-15-26.

R. Espinal seconded the motion.

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

II. Educational Success

A. Benchmark 1: Student Performance

End-of-year test scores

- Regents examination results. Overall performance showed a mixed picture, with notable strengths in some areas and continued challenges in mathematics.
- Algebra I Regents performance remains an area of concern. The high school Algebra I proficiency rate was reported at 15%. When middle school students taking the exam are included, the overall proficiency rate increases to 27%, indicating that middle school students contributed positively to the combined results. It was noted that the high school Algebra I performance declined compared with the previous year.
- ZM, board member, discussed the current Algebra I curriculum. Dr. Melkonian explained that the course is currently based on a teacher-developed curriculum. A recommendation was made to reevaluate the curriculum and consider adopting **Illustrative Mathematics**, noting that it has been widely implemented by high schools and is regarded as a strong instructional program for Algebra I.
- ZM also suggested using New York City Solves. **New York City Solves** professional development, where teachers receive training on the instructional shifts in mathematics and the implementation of the **Illustrative Mathematics** curriculum. While the curriculum is highly structured, it was noted that it also provides flexibility when teachers are supported in adapting lessons to meet student needs.

- Dr. Melkonian continues with science: Science performance is strong in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, but weaker in Earth and Space Science. In the humanities, our students are doing very well in History, English, and Spanish, which is fitting for a language school.

B. Benchmark 2: Teaching and Learning

Summer Boost is doing great at the middle school

- Summer Boost is in full swing with approximately **140 students** enrolled.
- Students are participating in academic classes and enrichment trips.

C. BENCHMARK 3: Culture, Climate, and Student and Family Engagement

III. Organizational Soundness

A. BENCHMARK 4: Financial Condition

Financial condition given by -NG

B. BENCHMARK 5: Financial Management

C. BENCHMARK 6: Board Oversight and Governance:

- Board assessment is available in Board on Track. Members were asked to complete it.
- The remaining board meeting dates were scheduled for the academic year (on the third Monday of each month).
- **Approval of the 2026-2027 Board Meeting Calendar:**
 - August 17, 2026
 - September 21, 2026
 - October 19, 2026
 - November 16, 2026
 - December 21, 2026
 - January 25, 2027, or January 11, 2027
 - February 22, 2027, or February 8, 2027
 - March 15, 2027
 - April 19, 2027
 - May 17, 2027
 - June 21, 2027

D. BENCHMARK 7: Organizational Capacity

IV. Faithfulness to Charter & Law

A. BENCHMARK 8: Mission and Key Design Elements

B. BENCHMARK 9: Enrollment, Recruitment, and Retention

- **Current enrollment (ROCL report):**
 - Grade 6: **41**
 - Grade 7: **71**
 - Grade 8: **86**
 - Grade 9: **96**
 - Grade 10: **68**
 - Grade 11: **91**
 - Grade 12: **83**
 - **Total Enrollment: 536 students**
- Maximum enrollment is **600**; ADS is currently under-enrolled.
- Some ninth-grade students may move to tenth grade upon earning additional credits.
- Recruitment efforts will begin earlier this year and continue year-round to improve enrollment.

C. BENCHMARK 10: Legal Compliance

- The **Annual Report** is due by **August 1** (or the next business day if the deadline falls on a weekend).
- Annual **Board Financial Disclosure Forms** are required as part of the submission.
- Forms will be pre-filled where possible and sent to board members via **DocuSign** for signature.
- Board members will receive a reminder to complete the forms promptly so the Annual Report can be submitted by the deadline.

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 6:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Rojas