Allegiance STEAM Academy

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Date and Time

Monday August 17, 2026 at 5:30 PM PDT

Location

ONSITE MEETING LOCATION:

7930 Locust Ave

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Fontana, Ca. 92336

SATELLITE MEETING LOCATIONS:

5862 C Stree

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Chino, Ca. 91710

Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/92872280032

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Agenda

		Purpose	Presenter
I.	**Opening Items**		
A.	Call the Meeting to Order		Jacob Kaakuahiwi
B.	Record Attendance		Jacob Kaakuahiwi

- Jacob Kaaekuahiwi, Chair
- Martin Casas, Treasurer
- Shantay Thompson, Secretary
- Marcilyn Jones, Member
- Shehzad Bhojani, Member
- Samantha Odo, Member

		Purpose	Presenter

- Troy Stevens, Member

C.	Approval of Agenda	Vote	Jacob Kaakuahiwi

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting.

D.	Pledge of Allegiance		Jacob Kaakuahiwi
E.	Reports		Sebastian Cognetta

Reports

- Principal Reports
  - Chino
  - Fontana
- PACK Reports
  - Chino
  - Fontana
- CEO

F.	Public Comments	Discuss	Shantay Thompson

Members of the public may address the Board at Regular Board meetings on Agenda or Non-Agenda items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board, and at Special Board meetings on Agenda items only.

Speakers may be called in the order requests are received, or grouped by subject area. No individual presentations shall be for more than three (3) minutes. By law, the Board is allowed to take action only on items on the agenda. The Board may, at its discretion, refer a matter to school staff or calendar the issue for discussion at a future Board meeting.

II. Closed Session

A.	Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code § 54957).	Discuss	Jacob Kaakuahiwi

Title: Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

III. Open Session

A.	Report Out of Closed Session	FYI	Jacob Kaakuahiwi

The Board President will report out any action taken during the Closed Session, if applicable.

	Purpose	Presenter
IV. Consent Items		
A. Approve Minutes for July 27, 2026	Approve Minutes	Jacob Kaakuahiwi

It is recommended that the Board of Directors:

Approve and adopt the Board Meeting Minutes for July 27, 2026.

	Purpose	Presenter
V. Governance		
A. Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the Charter Renewal Petition to Fontana Unified School District (FUSD)	Vote	Sebastian Cognetta

It is recommended that the Board of Directors review and approve:

approve Resolution 2026:3 authorizing CEO Dr. Sebastian Cognetta to submit the charter renewal petition for Allegiance STEAM Academy Thrive, Fontana.

	Purpose	Presenter
B. Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) Plan - Chino	Vote	Sebastian Cognetta

It is recommended that the Board of Directors:

Adopt and approve the ELOP Plan for ASA Chino

	Purpose	Presenter
C. Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) Plan - Fontana	Vote	Sebastian Cognetta

It is recommended that the Board of Directors:

Adopt and approve the ELOP Plan for ASA Fontana

	Purpose	Presenter
VI. Items Scheduled for Discussion, Action, Other Business		
A. CEO Salary/Compensation for the 2026-27 School Year	Vote	Jacob Kaakuahiwi

It is recommended that the Board of Directors:

	Purpose	Presenter

Review and approve the salary and compensation package for the Chief Executive Officer for the 2026-2027 academic year. *(Note: A summary of the recommended compensation will be orally reported prior to taking final action).*

	Purpose	Presenter
B. Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators - Local Assignment Options	Vote	Sara Lopez

It is recommended the Board of Directors approve and adopt:

Authorization of Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators - Local Assignment Options: Course Agreements Consistent with Education Code § 44258.3]

VII. Finance

	Purpose	Presenter
A. Education Protection Account (EPA) Final Expenditure Report for FY2025-26 ASA Chino	Vote	Sebastian Cognetta

It is recommended the Board of Directors:

Approve and adopt the Education Protection Account (EPA) Final Expenditure Report for FY2025-26 ASA Chino.

B. Education Protection Account (EPA) Final Expenditure Report for FY 2025-26 for ASA Fontana

It is recommended that the Board of Directors:

Approve and adopt the Education Protection Account (EPA) Final Expenditure Report for FY 2025-26 for ASA Fontana

VIII. Communications

	Purpose	Presenter
A. Communications	Discuss	Jacob Kaakuahiwi

Communications from CEO & Board.

IX. Closing Items

	Purpose	Presenter
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Jacob Kaakuahiwi

It is recommended that the Board of Directors adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board.

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Coversheet

Approve Minutes for July 27, 2026

Section:	IV. Consent Items
Item:	A. Approve Minutes for July 27, 2026
Purpose:	Approve Minutes
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	Minutes for Special Meeting of the Board of Directors on July 27, 2026

Allegiance STEAM Academy

Minutes

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Directors Present
J. Kaakuahiwi, M. Casas, M. Jones, S. Bhojani, T. Stevens

Directors Absent
S. Odo, S. Thompson

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
M. Casas

Guests Present
C. Moreno, C. Valenta (remote), K. Holt, M. Felix (remote), R. Lucatero, S. Cognetta, S. Lazo, S. Lopez

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I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Kaakuahiwi called a meeting of the board of directors of Allegiance STEAM Academy to order on Monday Jul 27, 2026 at 5:32 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Approval of Agenda

M. Jones made a motion to Approve the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting.
T. Stevens seconded the motion.
Passed 4-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Jones	Aye
S. Bhojani	Aye
M. Casas	Absent
S. Thompson	Absent
S. Odo	Absent
T. Stevens	Aye
J. Kaakuahiwi	Aye

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Reports

CEO Report, S. Cognetta

- Highlights: Employee Handbook, Safety Plans, Summer Work.
  Near completion of ASA Fontana petition.
  Leadership framework. Supervisor Training.
- Monthly Board Report
- Financial Report
- Grants
- Facilities
- Staffing
- Instructional
- Community and Stakeholder Involvement

M. Casas arrived at 5:41 PM.

F. Public Comments

N/A

II. Consent Items

A. Approve Minutes for June 8, 2026

M. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on 06-08-26.

S. Bhojani seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Bhojani	Aye
M. Jones	Aye
S. Odo	Absent
S. Thompson	Absent
J. Kaakuahiwi	Aye
T. Stevens	Aye
M. Casas	Aye

B. Approve Minutes for June 10, 2026

T. Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on 06-10-26.
S. Bhojani seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Odo	Absent
J. Kaakuahiwi	Aye
S. Thompson	Absent
M. Casas	Aye
M. Jones	Aye
S. Bhojani	Aye
T. Stevens	Aye

C. Check Registrar - ASA Chino

M. Jones made a motion to Approve and Adopt the Check Registrar - ASA Chino.
S. Bhojani seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Jones	Aye
S. Bhojani	Aye
J. Kaakuahiwi	Aye
S. Odo	Absent

Roll Call

T. Stevens	Aye
M. Casas	Aye
S. Thompson	Absent

D. Check Registrar - ASA Fontana

M. Casas made a motion to Approve and Adopt the Check Registrar - ASA Fontana.
J. Kaakuahiwi seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Thompson	Absent
J. Kaakuahiwi	Aye
S. Bhojani	Aye
M. Casas	Aye
T. Stevens	Aye
S. Odo	Absent
M. Jones	Aye

III. Governance

A. Policies for Promoting Safe Environments for Student Learning and Engagement

S. Bhojani made a motion to Approve and Adopt the Policies for Promoting Safe Environments for Student Learning and Engagement.
M. Casas seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Jones	Aye
S. Odo	Absent
T. Stevens	Aye
S. Thompson	Absent
M. Casas	Aye
S. Bhojani	Aye
J. Kaakuahiwi	Aye

IV. Items Scheduled for Discussion, Action, Other Business

A. 2026-2027 Employee Handbook

M. Jones made a motion to Approve and Adopt the 2026-2027 Employee Handbook.
S. Bhojani seconded the motion.
Passed 4
Opposed 1
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Jones	Aye
S. Odo	Absent
S. Bhojani	Aye
M. Casas	Aye
T. Stevens	No
S. Thompson	Absent
J. Kaakuahiwi	Aye

B. Fiscal Policies Review

S. Bhojani made a motion to Approve and Adopt the Fiscal Policies Review.
T. Stevens seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Thompson	Absent
T. Stevens	Aye
M. Jones	Aye
S. Odo	Absent
M. Casas	Aye
S. Bhojani	Aye
J. Kaakuahiwi	Aye

C. Job Description: Board-Certified Behavior Analyst

S. Bhojani made a motion to Approve and Adopt the Job Description: Board-Certified Behavior Analyst.
M. Jones seconded the motion.
Passed 4
Opposed 1
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Bhojani	No
M. Jones	Aye
T. Stevens	Aye

Roll Call

J. Kaakuahiwi	Aye
S. Odo	Absent
M. Casas	Aye
S. Thompson	Absent

V. Finance

A. Revised FY 26 Budget - ASA Chino

S. Bhojani made a motion to Approve and Adopt the Revised FY 26 Budget - ASA Chino.
T. Stevens seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

T. Stevens	Aye
J. Kaakuahiwi	Aye
S. Odo	Absent
M. Casas	Aye
S. Thompson	Absent
M. Jones	Aye
S. Bhojani	Aye

B. Revised FY 26 Budget - ASA Fontana

T. Stevens made a motion to Approve and Adopt the Revised FY 26 Budget - ASA Fontana.
M. Casas seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Kaakuahiwi	Aye
M. Jones	Aye
S. Bhojani	Aye
S. Odo	Absent
S. Thompson	Absent
M. Casas	Aye
T. Stevens	Aye

VI. Communications

A.

Communications

S. Bhojani
Thank you for summer work, leadership, handbook review.

M. Jones
Thank you, enjoy the last few weeks of summer.

M. Casas
Thank you for the hard work, looking forward to the next year.

T. Stevens
Looking forward to the new year. Reports have been helpful.
Glad to see enrollment almost break 400 in Fontana. Great work everyone, appreciate all of you.

J. Kaaekuahiwi
Looking forward to the new school year. Thank you!

S. Cognetta
Thank you to all. Staff working hard closing out the year and starting the new one. Thank you to our Authorizers. Appreciate the shared insight and perspective by Board.

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 7:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Kaakuahiwi

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