Allegiance STEAM Academy

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Date and Time

Monday September 14, 2026 at 5:30 PM PDT

Location

ONSITE MEETING LOCATION:

5862 C Stree

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Chino, Ca. 91710

SATELLITE MEETING LOCATIONS:

7930 Locust Ave

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Fontana, Ca. 92336

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

		Purpose	Presenter
C.	Approval of Agenda	Vote	Jacob Kaakuahiwi

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

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

Reports

- Principal Reports
  - Chino
  - Fontana
- PACK Reports
  - Chino
  - Fontana
- CEO
- Student Celebrations

		Purpose	Presenter
F.	Public Comments	Discuss	Shantay Thompson

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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. Open Session

III. Consent Items

		Purpose	Presenter
A.	Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes	Jacob Kaakuahiwi

It is recommended that the Board of Directors:

Approve and adopt the Board Meeting Minutes for August 17, 2026.

		Purpose	Presenter
	Approve minutes for Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on August 17, 2026		
B.	Check Registrar - ASA Chino	Vote	Sebastian Cognetta

It is recommended the Board of Directors:

approve the Check Registrar for ASA Chino

C.	Check Registrar - ASA Fontana	Vote	Sebastian Cognetta

It is recommended the Board of Directors:

approve the Check Registrar - ASA Fontana

IV. Governance

V. Items Scheduled for Discussion, Action, Other Business

A.	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]
- Updated Information from August Meeting and Additional Educators

B.	CTC Waiver for Speech Language Pathologist	Vote	Sara Lopez

It is recommended the Board of Directors:

Approve the CTC Waiver for Speech Language Pathologist

VI. Finance

A.	Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for FY 2025-26: ASA Chino	Vote	Sebastian Cognetta

It is recommended the Board of Directors:

Approve the Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for the 2025-26 fiscal year for Allegiance STEAM Academy - Chino.

B.	Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for FY 2025-26: ASA Fontana	Vote	Sebastian Cognetta

	Purpose	Presenter

It is recommended the Board of Directors:

Approve the Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for the 2025-26 fiscal year for Allegiance STEAM Academy - Fontana.

	Purpose	Presenter
C. Revised FY 27 Budget - ASA Chino	Vote	

It is recommended the Board of Directors:

approve and adopt the Revised FY 26 Budget - ASA Chino.

	Purpose	Presenter
D. Revised FY 26 Budget - ASA Fontana	Vote	Sebastian Cognetta

It is recommended the Board of Directors:

approve and adopt the Revised FY 26 Budget - ASA Fontana.

VII. Communications

	Purpose	Presenter
A. Communications	Discuss	Jacob Kaakuahiwi

Communications from CEO & Board.

VIII. 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

Section:	III. Consent Items
Item:	A. Approve Minutes
Purpose:	Approve Minutes
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	Minutes for Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on August 17, 2026

Allegiance STEAM Academy

Minutes

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

Directors Absent
M. Jones

Guests Present
C. Birchler (remote), C. Moreno, C. Valenta, Carmelita Lopez (remote), J. Dizon (remote), K. Holt, M. Felix, 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 Aug 17, 2026 at 5:35 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Approval of Agenda

T. Stevens made a motion to Approve Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors: August 17, 2026.
S. Thompson seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Reports

C. Valenta, Fontana Principal
- Kick off to the year with Launch, school year theme "Every Moment Matters"
- Acknowledgement to staff; Proctors, Teachers, Paraprofessionals
- Classroom visits by Admin
- Welcome to new staff and those changing roles.
- Habits of Intention, Behavior Expectation Assemblies, Meet Your Wolfpack, Back to School Night, Howling with the Community
- Service Learning
- Upcoming: PACK Meeting and Pack Night at the Quakes

PACK, Fontana
N/A

K. Holt, Chino Principal
- Kick off to the year, in August made "Every Moment Matter"
- Packwise, New Staff Orientation
- Meet Your Wolfpack, Back to School Night, Pack voted on a new Board, Howling with the Community
- TNTP Partners, site visit and PLN
- Classroom visits by Admin
- Upcoming: PACK Meeting

PACK, Chino
N/A

S. Cognetta, CEO
- Highlights: Newsletter, Podcasts - Different ways parents can access information
- Grants: First Resident Teacher in Chino, CTE/SWP Implementation, PBL Works
- Staffing
- Board Focus Areas: Board Report Dashboard and Progress - Aligned to LCAP Goals

F. Public Comments

N/A

II. Closed Session

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

Closed Session called to order at 6:21pm
Closed session to discuss Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code § 54957), Title: Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

III. Open Session

A. Report Out of Closed Session

Open Session called to order at 7:51pm

Action to Vote
Renew Contract FY 2026-2027 for Title: Chief Executive Officer (CEO), S. Cognetta.
Passed 6-0
Opposed
Abstained

IV. Consent Items

A. Approve Minutes for July 27, 2026

T. Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Meeting of the Board of Directors on 07-27-26.
S. Odo seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

V. Governance

A. Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the Charter Renewal Petition to Fontana Unified School District (FUSD)

S. Odo made a motion to Approve Resolution 2026:3 Authorizing CEO, Dr. Sebastian Cognetta to submit Charter Renewal Petition for Allegiance STEAM Academy, Fontana to Fontana Unified School District (FUSD).
S. Thompson seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) Plan - Chino

S. Bhojani made a motion to Adopt and Approve the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) Plan - Chino.
T. Stevens seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

Roll Call

T. Stevens	Aye
M. Casas	Aye
S. Odo	Aye

C. Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) Plan - Fontana

S. Odo made a motion to Adopt and Approve the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) Plan - Fontana.
S. Thompson seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

VI. Items Scheduled for Discussion, Action, Other Business

A. CEO Salary/Compensation for the 2026-27 School Year

T. Stevens made a motion to Approve CEO Salary/Compensation for the 2026-27 School Year.
S. Odo seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed
Abstained

Approved salary offering FY 2026-2027 $201,014.80 (3% Increase)
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B.

Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators - Local Assignment Options

S. Bhojani made a motion to Approve and Adopt Authorization of Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators - Local Assignment Options: Course Agreements Consistent with Education Code § 44258.3.
S. Odo seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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

VII. Finance

A. Education Protection Account (EPA) Final Expenditure Report for FY2025-26 ASA Chino

S. Thompson made a motion to Approve and Adopt the Education Protection Account (EPA) Final Expenditure Report for FY2025-26 ASA Chino.
S. Bhojani seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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

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

T. Stevens made a motion to Approve and Adopt the Education Protection Account (EPA) Final Expenditure Report for FY 2025-26 for ASA Fontana.
S. Thompson seconded the motion.

Passed 6-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

VIII. Communications

A. Communications

S. Cognetta, CEO
Thank you to the Board.
All families, returning and new, welcome to the new year.
School Theme, "Every Moment Matters". Commitment to all throughout the year.

M. Casas
Thank you to the Principals for making Back to School Night so welcoming, Fontana is off to a great start. Excited about this year.

S. Bhojani
Thank you to the team for getting the year off to a great start.
Thrive at home is a great initiative; theme for the school year. Good luck to the new school year.

S. Thompson
Excited for the new year.

T. Stevens
New school year, exciting, a lot of hard work put in during the summer.
Constant discussions around Focus areas and goals, LCAP.
Exited about the Podcast.
Sending thoughts to ASA community.

S. Odo
Thank you for welcoming student and families back.

J. Kaaekuahiwi
Thank you for all the summer preparations to have our students return to the classrooms.

In the school space, Dr. Cognetta is received in very high regard in the community. Respect that and all the work to complete.

IX. 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 8:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Kaakuahiwi

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