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# Allegiance STEAM Academy

## Minutes

### Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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#### Date and Time

Monday December 9, 2024 at 5:30 PM

#### Location

##### ONSITE MEETING LOCATION:

5862 C St.  
Chino, Ca. 91710

##### SATELLITE MEETING LOCATIONS:

7420 Locust Ave.  
Fontana, Ca. 92336

Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98271743601>

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**Directors Present**

S. Odo, S. Thompson, T. Stevens

**Directors Absent**

M. Jones, S. Bhojani

**Guests Present**

C. Moreno, C. Valenta, J. Williams, K. Holt, M. Moon, S. Cognetta, S. Lazo, S. Lopez

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**I. Opening Items****A. Call the Meeting to Order**

T. Stevens called a meeting of the board of directors of Allegiance STEAM Academy to order on Monday Dec 9, 2024 at 5:34 PM.

**B. Record Attendance****C. Approval of Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting December 9th, 2024**

T. Stevens made a motion to Move Item III A. of Governance Training to a later date.  
S. Odo seconded the motion.

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

**D. Pledge of Allegiance**

**E. Student Celebrations**

4th grade students and teachers presented their PBL Roller Coaster Projects.

Romero- Paige Hanafi, Annie Wei

McGuire - Sharad Patel, Hannah Vincent

Hunter - Saanvi Goti, Brooklyn Tan

Jennings - Sadie Pulido, Roman Morales

**F. Principal Reports**

Chino - Lazo

Thank you for the new Den decorations that have been added today. Thank you for the encouragement from the Board. We are currently doing our employee evaluations. Thursday Dec 18th Howling with the Community. Our Debate team of 24 students competed in Chino Valley this past weekend. The annual Christmas Parade is this weekend. Thank you to all who is helping to make this parade amazing Saturday.

Fontana - Valenta

Thank you to staff and families. TK/K has a performance and they were amazing. Welcome to our new counselor who started today and shadowed Mrs. Wendy. Ayden Thornhill welcome to ASA. We partnered with the Fontana School Police to do a toy drive this holiday season. They will also provide to 5 of our families in need. Our parade is this Saturday as well. Hoping for no wind. We are under way with our teacher evaluations as well. Great time to collaborate and work with our teachers. Howling with the Community will be this Thursday as well. Mrs. Arnett will be doing a STEAM presentation as well. Wish everyone the best.

**G. PACK Reports**

Chino - Kathleen Holt

Fall Festival huge success. We celebrated our fundraiser winners with 57 students to lunch at Red Robin in a Limo. Holiday Boutique this week. 8-10 pallets are arriving tomorrow of our fundraiser results to pass out.

Fontana - Cyndi Valenta

Spring Festival is planning. PACK has been very involved in transforming the Den into ASA colors. Custom Ink for spirit wear is underway. They are a small team but are working so hard.

## H. CEO Report

CEO - Dr. Cognetta

1. Shout out:
  1. Paras/Proctors - teachers, office manager, special programs clerk, compliance coordinator
2. Compliance
  1. PACK Fiscal Management Training (next Thur - reps from both PACKS registered);
  2. Title IX and UCP follow up trainings (this Wed)
3. Partnerships:
  1. AGILE AI
4. Staffing and Culture:
  1. Attuned Spark Survey: Data presented
  2. Student Survey: Data presented
5. CA School Dashboard - Dr. Moreno presented
  1. Chino - Complete Dashboard
  2. Fontana - No State Indicators until 25-26
6. Fontana Loan Update
  1. Draft Repayment Plan attached
  2. Borrowing ended in October
  3. Meet with CVUSD in Jan (moved from Dec)
  4. 5 year repayment (including current year); contingencies based on higher enrollment/ADA
7. *Enrollment*
  1. *Chino: 959; 1 offers (958 in Nov)*
  2. *Fontana: 262; 1 offers out; 3 processing (262 in Nov)*
8. Open Enrollment 25-26 under way
  1. Chino: 338 (10 transfereed to 24-25)
  2. Fontana: 59 (4 transfereed to 24-25)
9. 2025-26 Recruitment Plan
  1. Niche- optimize web searches
  2. Improving lead/source tracking to better ID which recruitment efforts are the most effective
  3. Grassroots efforts:
    1. I9 sports, little league, daycares, other areas where families gather, farmers markets - Howling with Community/CEO Update - sign ups

## I.

## **Public Comments - Items not on the Agenda**

No Public Comments

## **II. Items Scheduled for Consent**

### **A. Approve Minutes**

S. Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on 11-21-24.

S. Odo seconded the motion.

Motion passed 3-0

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

### **B. Approve Check Registrar**

S. Thompson made a motion to Approve Check Registrar.

T. Stevens seconded the motion.

Motion Passed 3-0

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

## **III. Governance**

### **A. Governance Training - Procopio**

### **B. Fundraising Policy**

S. Thompson made a motion to Approve Fundraising Policy.

T. Stevens seconded the motion.

Troy asked for clarification on the last paragraph with the transfer of funds and deciding on where exactly the funds will go. He does not want the language to support ASA telling PACK where money needs to go.

Motion Failed 0-3

The motion did not carry.

## **IV. Items Scheduled for Discussion or Action**

### **A. Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Williams Annual Report**

S. Thompson made a motion to Approve Fiscal Year 2034/2024 Williams Annual Report.

T. Stevens seconded the motion.

Motion Passed 3-0

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

### **B. Resolution to Authorize Course Assignment - Ed Code Section 44258.3**

S. Odo made a motion to Approve Resolution to Authorize Course Assignment - Ed Code Section 44258.3.

T. Stevens seconded the motion.

Motion Approved 3-0

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

### **C. Declaration of Need for ECLAD**

S. Thompson made a motion to Approve Declaration of Need for ECLAD.

S. Odo seconded the motion.

Motion Passes 3-0

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

## **V. Finance**

### **A. FY24 Budget - ASA Chino**

S. Odo made a motion to Approve FY24 Budget - ASA Chino.

T. Stevens seconded the motion.

Motion Passes 3-0

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

### **B. FY24 Budget - ASA Fontana**

S. Thompson made a motion to Approve FY24 Budget - ASA Fontana.

S. Odo seconded the motion.

Motion Passes 3-0

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

## **VI. Communications**

### **A. Communications - Comments from the CEO**

CEO - Dr. Cognetta

Happy Holidays and New Year! Thank you all. Go rest and come back to do the wonderful things you do. Proud of our student presenters.

### **B. Communications - Comments from the Board of Directors**

Shantay - Enjoyed the presenters. Attended the Holiday Boutique and the debate team. It is busy and I recognize all hard work.

Sam - So impressed by all the student presenters. Thank you to all teachers who helped with this. Holiday Boutique is such a highlight for the students. Happy Holidays and looking forward to the break.

Troy - Great job to all students and staff presenting. Thank you for all the hard work that has been happening and all the updates. Looking forward to the break. We are making great strides in enrollment and we are definitely trending up. Would like to see the 25-26 student applications increase. See you all soon.

## **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 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
M. Moon

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