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Allegiance STEAM Academy

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date and Time
Monday April 14, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Location

Meeting of the Board of Directors

ONSITE MEETING LOCATION:
5862 C St.
Chino, Ca. 91710

SATELLITE MEETING LOCATIONS:
7420 Locust Ave.
Fontana, Ca. 92336

Zoom Link:
https://zoom.us/j/97020143958

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that you are in attendance and hope you will visit these meetings often. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our school.

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Directors Present
M. Jones, S. Bhojani, S. Odo, S. Thompson, T. Stevens

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
E. Lee, S. Cognetta (remote)

I. Public Hearing

A. Call Public Hearing to Order

Public Hearing called to order at 5:37pm.

B. Record Attendance

Board members in attendance:

T. Stevens
M. Jones
S. Bhojani
S. Odo
S. Thompson

C. Public Comments on Public Hearing - Independent Study Policy Revision

None

D. Revision to ASA Independent Study Policy

Discuss Revisions to ASA Independent Study Policy

E. Adjourn Public Hearing

Public Hearing adjourned at: 5:39pm

II. 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 Apr 14, 2025 at 5:39 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Public Comments

None

III. Public Announcement for Reason for Closed Session

A. Closed Session

Move to Closed Session at 5:40pm

IV. Resume Open Session

A. Report from Closed Session, if any

Returned from Closed Session at: 7:22pm - Nothing to report from Closed Session

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C.

Approval of Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting April 14th, 2025

D. CEO Report

CEO Updates:

Authorizers

- FUSD: NOV - completed April 12 UCP complaint
- CVUSD: Concerns and requirements (special board meeting for a resolution CVUSD has required us to draft)
- Enrollment
  - Chino: 957 (958 in Mar)
  - Fontana: 275; (273 in Mar)
- LCAP Parent Survey
  - Over 90% completion across schools; results ready to share in May after sharing with staff

E. ASA AI Presentation

ASA AI Presentation

This evening, the Allegiance STEAM Academy (ASA) team, including Mrs. Dizon, Mr. Guillen, Mr. Gancz, Mr. Wayne, and Mrs. Arnett, delivered an insightful presentation to the Board. They shared their valuable participation in the Silicon Schools Fund's AI Exploration Community Cohort, highlighting key takeaways regarding the potential impact of AI on student learning, the automation of systems, and enhanced support for Administration.

Following their presentation and the promising insights gained, the team has requested the development of an AI Policy to help ensure Allegiance STEAM Academy remains current and strategically leverages these emerging technologies responsibly and effectively.

V. Items Scheduled for Consent

A. Approve Minutes

S. Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors on 03-10-25.

M. Jones seconded the motion.

Passes 5-0

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

Roll Call

M. Jones	Aye
S. Odo	Aye
S. Thompson	Aye
S. Bhojani	Aye

Roll Call

T. Stevens	Aye

B. Approve Check Registrar - ASA Chino

S. Bhojani made a motion to Approve Check Registrar - ASA Chino.
T. Stevens seconded the motion.
Passes 5-0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Jones	Aye
S. Odo	Aye
S. Thompson	Aye
S. Bhojani	Aye
T. Stevens	Aye

C. Approve Check Registrar - ASA Fontana

T. Stevens made a motion to Approve Check Registrar - ASA Fontana.
S. Odo seconded the motion.
Passes 5-0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Odo	Aye
T. Stevens	Aye
S. Thompson	Aye
M. Jones	Aye
S. Bhojani	Aye

D. Revision 2024-25 ASA Chino School Calendar (ESY / Summer School Dates)

S. Odo made a motion to Approve and adpot Revision to 2024-25 ASA Chino School Calendar.
M. Jones seconded the motion.
Passes 5-0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Bhojani	Aye
M. Jones	Aye
S. Thompson	Aye
S. Odo	Aye

E. Independent Study (IS) Policy Revision

T. Stevens made a motion to Approve and adopt Independent Study (IS) Policy Revision.
M. Jones seconded the motion.

Approve with adding strike through on the AP line: "The percentage of pupils who have passed an advanced placement exam with a score of “3” or higher, and"
Passes: 5-0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Odo	Aye
S. Thompson	Aye
T. Stevens	Aye
M. Jones	Aye
S. Bhojani	Aye

F. Resolution to Authorize Course Assignment - Ed Code (EC 44258.3)

S. Odo made a motion to Approve and adopt Resolution to Authorize Course Assignments - Ed Code (EC 44258.3).
T. Stevens seconded the motion.
Passes 5-0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Thompson	Aye
T. Stevens	Aye
M. Jones	Aye
S. Odo	Aye
S. Bhojani	Aye

VI. Items Scheduled for Discussion or Action

A. ASA Chino Facilities MOU 2025-2026

S. Bhojani made a motion to Approve and adopt ASA Chino Facilities MOU 2025-2026.
T. Stevens seconded the motion.
Passes 5-0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Bhojani	Aye
T. Stevens	Aye
M. Jones	Aye
S. Odo	Aye
S. Thompson	Aye

B. Amendment to Intraorganizational Loan Agreement

S. Thompson made a motion to Approve and adopt Amendment to Intraorganizational Loan Agreement.
M. Jones seconded the motion.
Passes 5-0

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

Roll Call	
S. Thompson	Aye
S. Odo	Aye
T. Stevens	Aye
M. Jones	Aye
S. Bhojani	Aye

C. ASA Board Recruitment and Selection Process

Informational: ASA Board Recruitment and Selection Process
Sharing ASA policy for Board terms, recruitment, and selection process.

VII. Finance

A. FY24 Budget - ASA Chino

M. Jones made a motion to Approve FY24 Budget - ASA Chino.
S. Bhojani seconded the motion.
Passes 5-0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
T. Stevens	Aye
S. Odo	Aye
S. Bhojani	Aye
S. Thompson	Aye
M. Jones	Aye

B. FY24 Budget - ASA Fontana

S. Odo made a motion to Approve FY24 Budget - ASA Fontana.
T. Stevens seconded the motion.
Regarding S. Bhojani's inquiry about increased payments from ASA Fontana to ASA Chino beyond the current loan repayment schedule, the response is no. Maintaining a 3.5% to 5% surplus and ensuring ASA Fontana's continued financial solvency necessitates adhering to the existing repayment schedule.

Passes 5-0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
S. Bhojani	Aye
S. Odo	Aye
M. Jones	Aye
T. Stevens	Aye
S. Thompson	Aye

VIII. Communications

A. Communications - Comments from the CEO

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The Board's engagement and dedication are greatly appreciated. Our thanks to the AI presentation and its presenters. We extend our sincere gratitude to each of you for your daily contributions to ASA. Congratulations to our administration appointments: Mrs. Holt as Principal, Mrs. Lazo as Director of Teacher Development, Mrs. Dizon as Assistant Principal, and Mrs. Lopez as Assistant Principal. We have a truly wonderful staff!

B. Communications - Comments from the Board of Directors

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S. Thompson: The AI presentation was impressive and generated excitement for its potential use by teachers, administrators, and students. Congratulations on the recent appointments.

S. Odo: Congratulations on the new roles! The AI presentation was wonderful! Love the AI! AI is here to stay! Let's explore how AI can better equip our staff and students for future academic and professional success.

S. Bhojani: Congratulations on the roles everyone! Thanked AI presentation. This is a busy time of year with events and testing; Encouraging students and staff to finish the year strong!

M. Jones: Excited for the upcoming year, particularly with these new role placements. Congratulations to all! The AI presentation was remarkable! It's hard to believe the year is almost over – let's maintain our momentum and finish strong!

T. Stevens: Congratulations to all! The AI presentations were outstanding and generated excitement for its potential to support student and staff growth. While change can bring hesitation, with proper guidance and support, AI can be an extremely effective tool and resource. Thank you to the team for their hard work. Encouraged by cross-organizational communication, teamwork, and alignment.

IX. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

S. Odo made a motion to Adjourn Meeting.

S. Thompson seconded the motion.
Passes 5-0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Jones	Aye
S. Bhojani	Aye
T. Stevens	Aye
S. Odo	Aye
S. Thompson	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Lee

Documents used during the meeting

- Possible Revision for 4_14_25_ ASA Independent Study Policy (1).pdf
- February 2025-ASA-Board Summary (2).pdf
- February 2025-ASA-Board Summary (2).pdf
- DRAFT 24-25 Chino Academic Calendar (1).pdf
- Revision for 4_14_25_ ASA Independent Study Policy.pdf
- ASA Independent Study Policy (2).pdf
- ASA Board Resolution for Antonio Guillen - Leadership (EC 44258.3).pdf
- ASA Board Resolution for Lori Cunningham - Coding (EC 44258.3).pdf
- Final Notification of Facilities Offer for 2025-2026.pdf
- Exhibit A Site Plan.pdf
- Exhibit B Final Amended Facilities MOU 2020-2025 (2025-2026).pdf
- ASA_ DRAFT Amendment to Intraorganizational Loan Agreement revision 25.04.07.pdf
- board-recruitment-and-selection (2).pdf
- February 2025-ASA-Board Summary (2).pdf
- February 2025-ASA-Board Summary (2).pdf

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