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Allegiance STEAM Academy

Minutes

Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date and Time
Monday March 3, 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/97435694493

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

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
E. Lee

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 Mar 3, 2025 at 5:32 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Approval of Agenda for the Special Board Meeting March 3rd, 2025

T. Stevens requests to revise the agenda: Opening Items - D (Approval of Agenda for the Special Board Meeting March 3rd) to move to Closed Session next.
Upon conclusion of Closed Session, return to the agenda with Opening Items - C (Pledge of Allegiance).
Agenda change motion: S. Thompson 2nd: S. Odo

Moved to Closed Session at: 5:34pm

E. CEO Report

CEO Report
Authorizers:

- FUSD: NOV - requested meeting w/ authorizer to discuss our NOV response
- CVUSD: met with CVUSD regarding intra-org borrowing, including tonight's agenda's resolutions

Enrollment:

- Chino: 958 (958 in Feb)
- 2025-26: 444 open enrollment submissions; 15 post lottery
- Lottery held: 429 applications in the lottery
- Fontana: 273; (271 in Feb)
    - 2025-26: 131 open enrollment submissions; 47 applications post lottery
    - Lottery held: 84 applications

Audit Appeal:

- ELOP Finding (Chino) of 9 hour day (ASA program was consistent with the ELOP 9 hour day)

2nd Interim reports:

- The first interim financial report covers the period from July 1 through October 31 of the fiscal year. It provides a snapshot of actual revenues and expenditures to date, as well as projected year-end financials and net assets/reserves. A new charter school, like ASA Fontana, may receive a negative certification if its reserves are still building, even if it is not engaged in deficit spending.
- The second interim financial report extends the financial review through January 31, offering a more complete picture of the school's financial position. If the school demonstrates the ability to meet its financial obligations for the current and following fiscal years, it may receive a positive certification, as was the case for ASA Fontana.

Form 700:

- Form 700, also known as the Statement of Economic Interests, is a government-required form that helps ensure transparency and prevent conflicts of interest in public service. For charter schools in California, board members and key officers must complete this form because they make important decisions about school policies, finances, and contracts. The form requires them to disclose any financial interests, such as investments, business relationships, or property ownership, that could influence their decision-making. By filing a Form 700, board members and officers show they are acting in the best interest of the school and its students, rather than for personal financial gain. This promotes trust, accountability, and ethical governance within the school community.

II. Public Announcement for Reason for Closed Session

A. Public Comments on Closed Session Items

None

B. Closed Session - For Discussion / Possible Action

S. Thompson made a motion to Closed Session.
S. Odo seconded the motion.
Moved to Closed Session at: 5:34pm
With a revised agenda upon conclusion of Closed Session, return to the agenda with Opening Items - C (Pledge of Allegiance).
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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

III. Open Session

A. Report from Closed Session

Return from Closed at 7:21pm. Report from Closed Session: Nothing to report from closed session.

B. Public Comments - Items Not On the Agenda

None

IV. Items Scheduled for Consent

A. Approve Minutes

S. Bhojani made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on 02-11-25.
S. Odo seconded the motion.
Passes 5-0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Approve Check Registrar

M. Jones made a motion to Approve Check Registrar.
T. Stevens 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

V. Items Scheduled for Discussion or Action

A. 2nd Interim Financial Report - ASA Chino

S. Bhojani made a motion to 2nd Interim Financial Report - ASA Chino.
S. Odo seconded the motion.
T. Stevens recommends not to adopt. Would like the 2nd Interim Financial Report - ASA Chino on the template.
Board requests an additional Special Board meeting for Thursday, March 13th at 5pm.
Vote: 0 - 5
The motion did not carry.

Roll Call

T. Stevens	No
S. Odo	No
S. Thompson	No
M. Jones	No

Roll Call

S. Bhojani	No

B. 2nd Interim Financial Report - ASA Fontana

S. Odo made a motion to 2nd Interim Financial Report - ASA Fontana.
S. Thompson seconded the motion.
Passes 5 - 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Williams Second Quarterly Report for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year

S. Odo made a motion to Williams Second Quarterly Report for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year.
S. Thompson seconded the motion.
Passes 5 - 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Statement of Work for Annual Audit

M. Jones made a motion to Statement of Work for Annual Audit.
S. Thompson seconded the motion.
Board would like additional bids for Annual Audit

Vote: 0 - 5
The motion did not carry.

Roll Call

S. Thompson	No
M. Jones	No
S. Odo	No
S. Bhojani	No
T. Stevens	No

E. Revision to 2025-26 Academic Calendar

S. Odo made a motion to Revision to 2025-26 Academic Calendar.
M. Jones seconded the motion.
Passes 5 - 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

F. Think Together Spring Break FY25 Proposal

T. Stevens made a motion to Think Together Spring Break FY25 Proposal.
S. Thompson 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. Thompson	Aye
S. Odo	Aye

G. Resolution to Authorize Course Assignment - Ed Code Section 44258.3 (Revision)

S. Thompson made a motion to Resolution to Authorize Course Assignment - Ed Code Section 44258.3 (Revision).
M. Jones seconded the motion.
Passes 5 - 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

VI. Finance

A. FY24 Budget - ASA Chino

S. Odo made a motion to FY24 Budget - ASA Chino.
S. Bhojani seconded the motion.
Board requests additional "early" loan repayment options to be presented at a later date.

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

Roll Call

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

B. FY24 Budget - ASA Fontana

S. Thompson made a motion to FY24 Budget - ASA Fontana.
S. Bhojani seconded the motion.
Passes 5 - 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

VII. Other Business

A. Form 700

Mrs. Lopez sends to Board Members and key officers for completion.

VIII. Communications

A. Communications - Comments from the CEO

Thank you to the Board for making this Special Board meeting. We appreciate your time and dedication to Allegiance. We will continue to strive for our families, students, and staff, and to proactively address any challenges we may encounter. Thank you to everyone for your hard work.

B. Communications - Comments from the Board of Directors

Comments from the Board of Directors:

S. Bhojani - Thank you to everyone! We recognize that students can become more energetic during this time of year. Please continue to focus and persevere. SLCs were a great success!

S. Thompson - No comment

S. Odo - A special "shout out" to the 2nd grade team for their exceptional Dr. Seuss-themed decorations in the Den. Their dedication and creativity are truly appreciated. Additionally, commends the MS team for the work being done with "Shakespeare Unshackled." Excellent work is being done across campus. Encourages everyone to keep up the wonderful work.

M. Jones - Looking forward to the upcoming report cards and expressing gratitude for the successful SLCs. As the parent of an 8th grader, she acknowledges the bittersweet nature of this year, as it marks the final ASA activities for her child; she is cherishing these moments. Excited about enrollment gains. Emphasizes the importance of continued mutual support, reminding everyone that we are a unified team. Looking forward to the Color Run and Spring Break, and is particularly excited to see the ELOP Spring Break program. Lastly, encourages teachers and staff to utilize this time for thoughtful reflection. Prompts them to consider areas for improvement and aspects of their practice(s) they wish to retain for the next academic year. She stresses the value of intentional reflection during this period.

T. Stevens - Thank you to everyone for being here. Challenges everyone to continue working diligently and to persevere. It is crucial to be intentional, to function as a cohesive team (be a teammate), and continue to communicate. The foundation for next year's success is being laid by how we conclude this academic year. Teachers, staff, and students, please strive to finish strong. We are navigating a busy period. Let's channel our energy into sharing the positive news about our programs with the community and those around us. Enrollment numbers are declining statewide, and these students will be attending school somewhere. Let's clearly articulate why ASA will meet their needs. Expresses that he misses the student experience and witnessing the SLCs, firsthand. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing hard work. Let's maintain this momentum and keep it going.

IX. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

S. Odo made a motion to Adjourn meeting.
S. Thompson seconded the motion.
Special Board meeting adjourns at 8:23pm.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

T. Stevens	Aye
S. Bhojani	Aye
S. Odo	Aye

Roll Call

S. Thompson Aye

M. Jones Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Lee

Documents used during the meeting

- January 2025-ASA-Board Summary (2).pdf
- January_2025-ASA-Board_Summary__2_.pdf
- FY25-ASA Fontana-BUDGETandINTERIMReportingTEMPLATE_20240404 2nd Interim.pdf
- WILL-Allegiance_SecondQtrlyRpt-2024-25.pdf
- Statement of Work - Audit Services - ASA 24-25.pdf
- Entity Tax Compliance Statement of Work - ASA 24-25.pdf
- 25-26 Academic Calendar _ Rev 2_14_25.pdf
- FY25 Allegiance STEAM Academy-Think Together Non-Instructional Days Proposal (02.26.2025) (1).pdf
- ASA Board Resolution for Dominic Delfosse, Music (EC 44258.3) Rev030325.docx.pdf
- January 2025-ASA-Board Summary (2).pdf
- January 2025-ASA-Board Summary (2).pdf
- Form_700_2024.pdf

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