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Allegiance STEAM Academy

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date and Time
Monday August 11, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Location

ONSITE MEETING LOCATION:
7930 Locust Ave.
Fontana, Ca. 92336

SATELLITE MEETING LOCATIONS:

5862 C St.
Chino, Ca. 91710

https://zoom.us/j/92734798328

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

Directors Absent
None

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
T. Stevens

Guests Present
C. Moreno, C. Valenta, 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

S. Odo called a meeting of the board of directors of Allegiance STEAM Academy to order on Monday Aug 11, 2025 at 5:40 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Presented by Fontana student, Josep Salazar

D.

Approval of Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting August 11th, 2025

M. Jones made a motion to Approve Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting August 11th, 2025.
S. Thompson seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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

E. Reports

Principal - Chino, Kathleen Holt
It's great to be here at the new campus.

- New teachers/staff attended Packwise Meeting.
- Baskets from Central Office were provided with classroom supplies.
- Launch was a great success, created strong connections.
- Back to School Night, general session was well received.
- Student portfolios, information was provided to teachers to build connections.
- Social emotional learning (SEL) - new Counselor, Ryan Fish, provided slides and walkthrough connecting with new students.
- Attendance, working on 98% and student communication.

Principal - Fontana, Cyndi Valenta
Welcome! Moving to the new campus has impacted almost everyone here.

- Thank you to the Casas family and BCMG Construction for their generosity of time and labor. Every family here has been a part of the move. This beautiful gym was filled with furniture which our new Custodian, Sergio Castro walked into. Oversight was provided under the direction of Alex Arellano, and with strong support from Simon Zarazua and Tony Vera - Chino Custodians. Vanessa Okamoto, Chino Teacher, came over to do a deep clean in the staff lounge. Dr. Cognetta's father also provided help.
- Continue to work closely with FUSD to maintain high standards.
- Grateful to the PACK for creating an Amazon wishlist which provided items for the staff lounge - such as snacks, coffee, and games.
- Thank you to Optiva IT's teamwork, working late nights and weekends. Launch was different this year as the team worked to connect wifi.
- Back to School Night was held the first week.

- First PLN of the school year was used to discuss the years math priority and the commitment to 'Count Me In'. Strong collaborations launching this year.

PACK - Chino, update provided by Kathleen Holt
First meeting was held last week.

- Privacy screens were added around areas by the Central Office. Working on additional shade to lunch area.
- Pastries and coffee were provided on the first day.

PACK - Fontana, PACK President Sarah Arroyo
PACK Treasurer also present at the Board meeting.

- Summer donations provided for teachers supplies, break room, and recess items.
- Online Spirit wear available through Friday.
- Board meeting will be held Thursday.
- August 23rd, Quakes night
- October, book fair with Mija Books - specialize in bilingual and multicultural books, including Mandarin
- October 17th, Family Fun Night at Ontario Reign Game

CEO, Sebastian Cognetta
Thanking everyone for being here.

- Milestones...this is our first meeting in Fontana. Busy start to the school year at both sites - closing one year and opening a new one. Thrilled to be in a new facility that is deserved by our students and compliments our program; happy to be together in the space.
- Board aligned monthly report will be provided - more comprehensive report will be delivered each Trimester which will be aligned with Principals.
- Theme for the school year, "Count Me In".
- Welcomed more students than ever before, at over 1300 walking our hallways.
- Push for attendance; revenue is tied to attendance. Budget is built to assume 95% of students will attend regularly. Independent Study program revision by one of our teachers, Gerardo Gancz.
- Enrollment Chino 941 98% of targeted enrollment of 960; one year ago 910 94.8% Enrollment Fontana 356 101.7% of targeted enrollment of 350; one year ago 233 80%

T. Stevens arrived at 5:57 PM.

F. Student Celebrations

Mrs. Harper, Teacher 2nd Grade (FO)

- **Jaxson Harper, 3rd Grade**

Excited to come back with friends, and make new friends. Could always count on me to howl with my friends.

- **Kori Harper, 5th Grade**
  Favorite part this week has been learning decimals. Excited to see new people and make new friends. Count on me to not leave anyone out.

Mr. Wang, Teacher 6th Grade (FO)

- **Ayleen Garcia, 6th Grade**
  Enjoyed seeing teachers and looking forward to the new year.
- **Annelle Sotelo, 6th Grade**
  Second year at ASA. ASA has made her blossom and expand knowledge.
- **Levi Anderson, 6th Grade**
  Shared thoughts with parents, amazing because of people and teachers. Loves school even more, and have never felt left out. Continues to grow.
- **Josep Salazar, 6th Grade**
  Has attended for three years, excited to be back. Likes coming to school so much. Favorite thing is to play soccer. Feels that school is amazing.

G. Public Comments

None

II. Items Scheduled for Consent

A. Approve Minutes for July 22, 2025, Special Board Meeting

S. Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes for July 22, 2025, Special Board Meeting Special Meeting of the Board of Directors on 07-22-25.
T. Stevens seconded the motion.
Passed 7-0
Opposed 0
Abstain 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Check Registrar - ASA Chino

T. Stevens made a motion to Approve Check Registrar - ASA Chino.

S. Odo seconded the motion.
Passed 7-0
Opposed 0
Abstain 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Check Registrar - ASA Fontana

M. Jones made a motion to Approve Check Registrar - ASA Fontana.
S. Bhojani seconded the motion.
Passed 7-0
Opposed 0
Abstain 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. James & Genevieve Wilson Foundation

S. Odo made a motion to Approve James & Genevieve Wilson Foundation.
S. Thompson seconded the motion.
Passed 7-0
Opposed 0
Abstain 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Casas	Aye
T. Stevens	Aye
S. Odo	Aye
J. Kaakuahiwi	Aye
M. Jones	Aye

Roll Call

S. Thompson	Aye
S. Bhojani	Aye

III. Governance

A. Revised Fiscal Policies and Procedures - General Purchasing Procedures

M. Jones made a motion to Approve Revised Fiscal Policies and Procedures - General Purchasing Procedures.
T. Stevens seconded the motion.
Passed 7-0
Opposed 0
Abstain 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Attendance Recovery Policy

S. Odo made a motion to Approve Attendance Recovery Policy.
M. Jones seconded the motion.
Passed 7-0
Opposed 0
Abstain 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Revised Attendance Policy

S. Odo made a motion to Approve Revised Attendance Policy.
S. Thompson seconded the motion.
Passed 7-0

Opposed 0
Abstain 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

IV. Items Scheduled for Discussion, Action, Other Business

A. Board on Track Renewal

T. Stevens made a motion to Approve Board on Track Renewal.
S. Odo seconded the motion.
Passed 7-0
Opposed 0
Abstain 0
Approved for max amount of $10,595.00, with caveat of possible 2 year contract under approved amount.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Attuned Spark Survey

T. Stevens made a motion to Approve Attuned Spark Survey.
M. Jones seconded the motion.
Passed 4-3
Opposed 3
Abstain 0
Approval of one year contract at $14,500.00
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Jones	Aye
J. Kaakuahiwi	Aye

Roll Call

S. Thompson	No
S. Odo	No
S. Bhojani	No
M. Casas	Aye
T. Stevens	Aye

C. 2026-2027 Board Calendar

T. Stevens made a motion to Approve 2026-2027 Board Calendar.
S. Odo seconded the motion.
Passed 7-0
Opposed 0
Abstain 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Williams 4th Quarterly Report 24-25 ASA Chino

S. Odo made a motion to Approve Williams 4th Quarterly Report 24-25 ASA Chino.
S. Bhojani seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed 0
Abstain 1
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

V. Finance

A. FY25 Budget - ASA Chino

S. Odo made a motion to Approve FY25 Budget - ASA Chino.

M. Jones seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed 0
Abstain 1
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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

B. FY25 Budget - ASA Fontana

S. Odo made a motion to Approve FY25 Budget - ASA Fontana.
S. Bhojani seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed 0
Abstain 1
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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

VI. Communications

A. Communications

Jacob Kaakuahiwi
Glad to be here. Thank you for the opportunity to serve - great group of people. Excited to be a member of the team.

Shantay Thompson
Shoutout to the students in today's celebrations. Welcome back to school. Attended Meet Your WolfPACK which was amazing. Looking forward to a great year ahead. Welcome to Board Members.

Samantha Odo

Welcome to Jacob and Martin. Attended Meet Your WolfPACK and Back to School Night, the initial meeting with families was packed, amazing, and well organized. Welcome back to the students. Thank you to the staff for working throughout the summer.

Shehzad Bhojani
Great start to the new year. Custodians and families have worked together. Schools have created a sense of belonging with students and them Count Me In. Authorizer support. The teachers are off to a good start. Great to see PACK here in attendance. Attended Back to School Night, well organized and well done. Looking forward to a new year.

Martin Casas
Thank you for the opportunity. You can definitely 'count me in'. Shoutout to Cyndi Valenta and Sebastian Cognetta for moving a full school.

Troy Stevens
Welcome everyone back. Thank you to those that worked over the summer. Everyone's excited to have the new campus. With the new year back, we will continue to serve our stakeholders and make it the best before they head on to high school. Appreciate everyone of you. Accolades to the students, team, and everyone behind the scenes.

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 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. Stevens
