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Allegiance STEAM Academy

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date and Time
Monday September 8, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Location

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

SATELLITE MEETING LOCATIONS:
7930 Locust Ave.
Fontana, Ca. 92336

https://zoom.us/j/93873255115

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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. Birchler, C. Moreno, 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 Sep 8, 2025 at 5:38 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C.

Pledge of Allegiance

D. Approval of Agenda

M. Jones made a motion to approve the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting for September 8, 2025.
J. Kaakuahiwi seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed 0
Abstained 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

E. Student Celebrations

Chino Campus, Mr. Haras - 5th Grade
Students singing Tour the States, Ivan Hu and Delilah Gonzalez

F. Reports

Principal - Chino, Kathleen Holt
Quick, busy start to the year. Instructional Partners had their launch meeting, along with Director of Teacher Development, and have completed the first round of observations in Math. Site visit will be Thursday. Math night, a community event with the topic "Changing our Mindset" - math can be really fun. About 25-30 families attended, and participated in different stations throughout campus with games, activities, and resources to use at home. Howling with the Community, first of the year, provided a STEAM challenge for families. ELOP kicked off last week with 9 total; 5 sports, clubs, and grades 1-8 tutoring. Benchmark testing is almost complete.

Principal - Fontana, Cyndi Valenta
First Howling with the Community had over 30 families and launched Count Me In. ELOP has 15 clubs, including sports and tutoring, with over 150 students participating. 100% of math walkthroughs have been competed. Instructional Partners will have student and teacher focus groups. Shoutout to the teachers for working hard, and starting the year strong.

PACK - Chino, update provided by Kathleen Holt

PACK has had three meeting already this year. First round of spirit wear sales has completed. Bruster's Ice Cream event was last week; teachers and staff surprised students as scoopers. Fall kick off assemblies will begin. Preparation has begun for Fall Festival scheduled for the first week of October.

PACK - Fontana, update provided by Cyndi Valenta
PACK has started the year strong. Coming up are the Reign game, Chik Fil A night, and Read-a -thon/Book Fair. Thank you to the volunteers who have been coming in to help in the workroom with copies and putting on vests to help outside.

CEO, Sebastian Cognetta
We continue to provide a well rounded, comprehensive experience for students. Clubs and tutoring is underway and will layer attendance recovery which is allowable as Saturdays and after/before school. With additional attendance recovery, funding will continue to support revenue and programs. Central office staff will attend CCSA and CSDC conferences this school year - an invitation is extended to interested Board Members. Both schools are exceeding ADA targets. Spending has been within budgets. Financials for July will be reviewed. Grant activity; application submitted for CTE Program, working on application for Strong Workforce, and Silicon Schools AI Community has been awarded. Operational updates; both schools launched wellness centers. FUSD play and shade structures, waiting on updates from the District to provide communication to families.

T. Stevens arrived at 6:19 PM.

G. Public Comments

N/A

II. Items Scheduled for Consent

A. Approve Minutes for August 11, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

S. Odo made a motion to Approve Minutes for August 11, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on 08-11-25.
S. Thompson seconded the motion.
Passed 7-0
Opposed 0
Abstain 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Casas	Aye
S. Bhojani	Aye
S. Odo	Aye
M. Jones	Aye

Roll Call

J. Kaakuahiwi	Aye
S. Thompson	Aye
T. Stevens	Aye

B. Approve Check Registrar

T. Stevens made a motion to Approve Check Registrar.
S. Bhojani seconded the motion.
ASA CHINO (July, 2025)
Passed 7-0
Opposed 0
Abstain 0

T. Stevens made a motion to Approve Check Registrar.
S. Odo seconded the motion.
ASA FONTANA (July, 2025)
Passed 7-0
Opposed 0
Abstain 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

III. Governance

A. Involuntary Disenrollment Policy

S. Thompson made a motion to approve and adopt the Involuntary Disenrollment Policy.
M. Jones 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
J. Kaakuahiwi	Aye
S. Bhojani	Aye

Roll Call

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

IV. Items Scheduled for Discussion, Action, Other Business

A. 2026-2027 School Calendar

Aim to align calendar to both authorizers and school sites; balancing needs of professional development, breaks, and number of day requirements.
2 options provided: 1) August 6 - May 20 and 2) August 10 - May 27
Feedback from staff is that they prefer August 10 as it provides a better transition.
Recommended to discuss with School Site Council at each campus.

V. Finance

A. FY26 Budget - ASA Chino

S. Odo made a motion to approve and adopt the FY26 Budget - ASA Chino.
S. Thompson seconded the motion.
Passed 7-0
Opposed 0
Abstain 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. FY26 Budget - ASA Fontana

M. Jones made a motion to approve and adopt the FY26 Budget - ASA Fontana.
T. Stevens seconded the motion.
Passed 7-0
Opposed 0
Abstain 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Kaakuahiwi	Aye
S. Thompson	Aye
S. Bhojani	Aye

Roll Call

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

C. Unaudited Actuals - ASA Chino

S. Odo made a motion to approve and adopt the Unaudited Actuals - ASA Chino.
M. Jones seconded the motion.
Passed 7-0
Opposed 0
Abstain 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Unaudited Actuals - ASA Fontana

T. Stevens made a motion to approve and adopt the Unaudited Actuals - ASA Fontana.
M. Jones seconded the motion.
Passed 7-0
Opposed 0
Abstain 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

E. Education Protection Account (EPA) Final Expenditure Report - ASA Chino

S. Odo made a motion to approve and adopt the Education Protection Account (EPA) Final Expenditure Report - ASA Chino.
S. Bhojani seconded the motion.
Passed 7-0

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

Roll Call

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

F. Education Protection Account (EPA) Final Expenditure Report - ASA Fontana

S. Odo made a motion to approve and adopt the Education Protection Account (EPA) Final Expenditure Report - ASA Fontana.
S. Thompson seconded the motion.
Passed 7-0
Opposed 0
Abstain 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

G. Revolving Loan Agreement - ASA Fontana

Loan Resolution provided for review and discussion - amount granted $250,000.
Item will be added to October board meeting for voting.

VI. Communications

A. Communications

Jacob Kaakuahiwi
Happy to be here, learning a lot and looking forward to all that is going on. Been included on a few behavioral emails, thank you to the staff for staying on top of those and ensuring kids are safe.

Shantay Thompson

Shoutout to the students who performed today - great way to learn the capitals. Attended first Howling with the Community. Looking forward to being involved.

Sam Odo
Thank you to the staff for bearing the heat the past couple weeks, and ensuring the kids are safe. Shoutout to the performers, they did a really good job. Looking forward to the fall festival.

Marcilyn Jones
Shoutout to the student performers. Congratulations to both Principals and leadership teams, the participation in clubs, sports, and parent volunteers are all signs of success. All attributed to what is being done as leaders - parents and students feel safe. Continue to do what you do. Excited for fall festival.

Shezad Bhojani
It's a month into school and teachers are already receiving instructional support - it's impressive. Parental involvement, howling with the community, is building capacity for the parents in a way that is fun and engaging. Students being connected to a school is so important. Clubs and sports participation shows a sense of connectedness. Thanks to our staff, keep on rolling and doing what you're doing - it's appreciated.

Martin Casas
Great job to the teachers and staff for their dedication. Thank you very much for all you do!

Troy Stevens
Hearing Sebastian Cognetta's comments about unification of the school and campuses, it starts with the staff and leaders of the school. Camaraderie and teamwork! To see the morale high is so important. Thanks, everyone is doing such a great job! Reach out for support, trust the guidance, and things will move in a good direction. We want those that want to be here and believe in the mission of Allegiance. It is going to be a great school year. Excited about Fontana campus - character and setup, it will be an amazing campus.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

T. Stevens made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.
S. Odo seconded the motion.
Passed 7-0
Opposed 0
Abstain 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. Stevens

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