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Allegiance STEAM Academy

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date and Time
Monday October 13, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Location

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

SATELLITE MEETING LOCATIONS:

5862 C St.
Chino, Ca. 91710

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Directors Present
J. Kaakuahiwi, M. Casas, M. Jones, S. Thompson

Directors Absent
S. Bhojani, S. Odo, T. Stevens

Guests Present
C. Moreno, C. Valenta, Carmelita Lopez (remote), J. Dizon (remote), K. Holt, S. Cognetta, S. Lopez

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I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Jones called a meeting of the board of directors of Allegiance STEAM Academy to order on Monday Oct 13, 2025 at 5:15 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D.

Approval of Agenda

J. Kaakuahiwi made a motion to approve the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting for October 13, 2025.
S. Thompson seconded the motion.
Passed 4
Opposed 0
Abstained 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

E. Reports

Principal - Chino, Kathleen Holt
Busy last month. Instructional updates - 30 day instructional visits into all classrooms, checked in with teachers. Round 1 and 2 math observations with all staff. Follow ups, starting round 2. Instructional Partners site visit in September looking for trends and feedback through data; October 16 and 17 with staff and Math Priorities.
Community - Fall fundraiser kickoff assembly. Coop figurines - Harry Potter themed. Successful fundraiser, $87,000 worth in which school received 40%.
Fall festival with greater turnout with lighting and parents stayed until the very end.
Two virtual high school meetings for middle school students and families, showing strenght of our current program. High School Night tomorrow with about 10 schools, showcasing programs, and showing that school choice continues on into high school.
Clash of the Pack will be held in Fontana this year, with students participating in volleyball and football.
Kickoff first service learning project runs during week of October 27th, partnering with Inland Empire Book Project, collecting new and gently used books to distribute to students in need. Slogan is "every child deserves a book." PACK has purchased ad extension to the lunch shelter, with an awning that reaches about 30'. Excited to have that and working with Chino Valley to support that as well.

Principal - Fontana, Cyndi Valenta
Thank you for joining us students and families. Instructional Partners and math walk throughs are happening in Fontana tomorrow through classrooms - finish on Wednesday with Dr. Moreno will join in on Wednesday. Fontana teachers looking forward to collaborating in Chino with teachers on Thursday. Friday back on campus with data collaboration and Ms. Arnett to review project based learning for next year.

Amazing leadership member that will talk about our service learning project. PACK was unable to attend. This is a very busy month. Book fair, read-a-thon, Friday is Reign game - fundraiser that evening "Chuck a Puck", Saturday preparing for Clash of the Pack - volleyball, football, and cheerleaders. Highlighting attendance wolves, TK-2 and 4-8. 8th grade students were asking about little Leo so Proctors and staff will be keeping an eye out and pushing program to continue pride of campus. 3rd annual Veterans day on campus, having our veterans in the community out to honor them. E-High, great partnership, will be coming out next month to present their program to middle school students, families have been invited to attend as well.

PACK - Chino, update provided by Kathleen Holt
Fall festival and fundraiser spoken about in Principals report.

PACK - Fontana, update provided by Cyndi Valenta
Included in Principals report.

CEO, Sebastian Cognetta
Highlights and successes, shoutout to enrollment and recruitment team on October 1st opened enrollment for 2026-2027 school year. Completed so early because, in Chino, facilities request needs to be submitted end of month with interested students. Less than two weeks into October there were 219 total applications received, 150 in Chino and 50+ in Fontana (some were not tagged to a school yet). Both communities, Chino has in 8 years 8% drop of school aged students overall, in Fontana the same time span it is 10%. In both communities expected to grow at 5-6%. Fewer school aged students, so to meet enrollment, we are moving upstream and are proud of our enrollment team. Fontana has a recruiting event October 25th at the Jesse Turner.
Audit has been completed, two months before the statutory deadline.
Administering the staff survey. Looking to provide to board and staff.
Heard from families during Triads, feedback received. Proud of students and staff.
High satisfaction across both schools, but relative to families the weakest part is the way our students are being treated by others. This is a focal point for both our schools, working with staff and are responding in kinds to that, and asking to work with us to do so.
Thank you to BCMG for kind donation, two suites at the Toyota Center for Reign game or other event. Working to provide one to Chino community and one to Fontana community.
Enrollment, Chino 953 - Fontana 359. Strong start with attendance.
Financials, we are spending within parameters and revenue stronger than budget. 2nd consecutive month of repayment from Fontana to Chino.
Grant application with Chaffey College, combined to include both Chino and Fontana, to resources to help add to middle school program and align with high school and community college programs. In November, we should learn application status of Charter Facilities Incentive Grant Program - which will be used to help pay property leases.

Chino facility request Prop 29 request will be submitted November 1st. Received update from Fontana school district, regarding play structure, plans have been submitted to Department of State Architecture and District is awaiting comment or approval.
Staffing, fully staffed with certificated positions across both schools, with exception of Fontana 3rd grade position which is currently interviewing candidates.

F. Student Celebrations

Fontana Campus, Mr. Pang - 6th Grade
Students, Z. Payabyab and G. Enriquez-Zarate
STEAM Activity, Learning about Percentages and Ratios

Leadership Advisor, Ms. Hammond
Student, S. Morales
Hispanic National Heritage Month, showcased several role models within STEAM community. In October, the service project was "Socktober". Purpose of project was to collect socks for women in need for the Women's Steel Union of Fontana. If school reached goal of 100 socks students would receive a free dress day. The winning class to guess the exact amount of socks will win an extra 10 minutes of recess.

Month of November service project will be Thanksgiving food donation baskets through Childhood Cancer Foundation for Loma Linda Children's Hospitals.

Showcase video of Drumline shown - Mr. Thornhill and students.

G. Public Comments

N/A

II. Items Scheduled for Consent

A. Approve Minutes for September 8, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

S. Thompson made a motion to approve Minutes for September 8, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.
J. Kaakuahiwi seconded the motion.
Passed 4
Opposed 0
Abstained 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

Roll Call

J. Kaakuahiwi	Aye
S. Thompson	Aye

J. Kaakuahiwi made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on 09-08-25.
S. Thompson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Approve Check Registrar

S. Thompson made a motion to approve Check Registrar for August, 2025.
J. Kaakuahiwi seconded the motion.
Passed 4
Opposed 0
Abstained 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

III. Items Scheduled for Discussion, Action, Other Business

A. 2026-2027 School Calendar

J. Kaakuahiwi made a motion to approve and adopt the 2026-2027 School Calendar.
M. Casas seconded the motion.
Passed 4
Opposed 0
Abstained 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

T. Stevens	Absent

Roll Call

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

B. Board Resolution Regarding Inability to Operate 30-Day Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) Due to Facility

S. Thompson made a motion to approve and adopt Board Resolution 2026-01 Regarding Inability to Operate 30-Day Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) Due to Facility Transition.
J. Kaakuahiwi seconded the motion.
Passed 4
Opposed 0
Abstained 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Wellness Policy 2025-2026 - Chino

J. Kaakuahiwi made a motion to approve and adopt Wellness Policy 2025-2026 - Chino.
S. Thompson seconded the motion.
Passed 4
Opposed 0
Abstained 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D.

Wellness Policy 2025-2026 - Fontana

J. Kaakuahiwi made a motion to approve and adopt Wellness Policy 2025-2026 - Fontana.
S. Thompson seconded the motion.
Passed 4
Opposed 0
Abstained 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

IV. Finance

A. FY26 Budget - ASA Chino

S. Thompson made a motion to approve and adopt FY26 Budget - ASA Chino.
J. Kaakuahiwi seconded the motion.
Passed 4
Opposed 0
Abstained 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. FY26 Budget - ASA Fontana

M. Jones made a motion to approve and adopt FY26 Budget - ASA Fontana.
J. Kaakuahiwi seconded the motion.
Passed 4
Opposed 0
Abstained 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

V. Communications

A. Communications

Shantay Thompson
Chino Fall Festival - Amazing, wonderful turnout, 3rd year going and always gets better. Nice to see older students that promoted out and excited to see old friends. Good for all, younger and older students, and parents. PACK does an amazing job every year! Nice to see all students present student celebrations, especially new student to jump in and present. Look forward to all things to come. One additional item, have noticed last few weeks lack of crossing guards for students. Important for crossing guards to be present before and afterschool. Shoutout to Mr. Haras, who has been coming out and jumps right in. Tighten up a bit more for the safety of the students.

Martin Casas
Update for suite dates, which will be shared with S. Cognetta. Happy to see the students present.

Jacob Kaakuahiwi
Chance to attend the CSDC conference, and connect with other individuals and leaders there. Good to see the students today. Looking forward to winning the Socktober guess. Email regarding campus events, weekly update - sent from sites.

Sebastian Cognetta
Opportunity to thank all, 100% volunteer based board and governance. Reminder regarding scheduling of Ethics Training. Thank you to Board Member, M. Casas to attend CCSA Conference in February. Echoing thoughts on students attending tonights meeting and presentations. Refreshing to hear both schools service projects, and resurface of topics. Coming out of the CSDC Conference, nice to see other leaders. Attending CEO Convening in San Antonio, Texas. Keynote speaker invited J. Liemandt, Principal at Alpha School in Texas, to share results of AI instructional use.

Marcilyn Jones
Excited about instructional update observations, growth with teachers. Fall Festival, nice to attend together. PACK did an awesome job - more options available, food vendors. Parents were able to communicate and hang out together. Looking forward to the Clash

of the PACK, like the additional of volleyball. Good job to the student presentations! CSDC attendance, sat in S. Cognetta's presentation, transparency and leading through change in difficulty. Created drive to share with information obtained from the conference. Succession plan for the Board to discuss and plan out. Donation of books, October 27th collection boxes next to gate and office.

VI. 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 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Cognetta

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