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Allegiance STEAM Academy

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date and Time
Monday December 8, 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, S. Odo, S. Thompson, T. Stevens

Directors Absent
M. Jones, S. Bhojani

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

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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 Dec 8, 2025 at 5:30 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Approval of Agenda

S. Odo made a motion to approve the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting.
T. Stevens seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0
Opposed 0
Abstained 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Reports

Principal - Chino, Kathleen Holt
Student Development: Trimester 1 completed. Awards ceremony, this year added mileage club achievement of 25 miles and classroom attendance awards for those who scored highest average attendance during Tri 1. Paw prints for every class that has 100% daily. Started Bridge and PAWS. Hearing and vision testing completed, and held first Saturday school.
Teacher Development: Completed mid-year evaluations for Teachers. Started second cycle of PLN.
Community Events: Held second School Site Council meeting, Friday Morning Mileage Club, and First Annual Turkey Trot. Upcoming events - PACK Meeting, Howling with the Community, Chino Parade

Principal - Fontana, Cyndi Valenta
Teacher Development: Staff mid-year evaluations. Launch GiveThanks, computer based gratitude program. Program will be called Thankful Thursdays. Genius Initiative, about underachieving students and allowing Tier 1-3 interventions.
Community Events: Central Office provided a Staff Appreciation Luncheon. Upcoming events - Christmas Parade, second year participating in Fontana Santa Toy Drive, and Winter STEAM Day.

PACK - Chino, update provided by Kathleen Holt
Limo lunch for students who sold 25+ items for Fall Festival. PACK provided costumes for Administration during Turkey Trot. Coffee bar for staff prior to fall break. Sponsored Winter Door Decorating Contest, Enrichment Teachers were judges. BMX and Free Flyers Anti-Bullying Assembly.

PACK - Fontana, update provided by Cyndi Valenta

Fundraisers: Book Fair raised $5,000+, Read a Thon raised $6,000+. Fall Festival scheduled for March.

CEO, Sebastian Cognetta
Key Highlights:
- Open enrollment 2026-2027, running October through December. Currently 337 applications; Chino 239 and Fontana 98.
- Leadership Framework and Development
Attendance and Enrollment:
- Chino, 957 enrollment
- Fontana, 360 enrollment
Grant and External Funding:
- California Advance Service Fund Adoption - Broadband Access (Fontana), Awarded
- Career Tech Education Implementation (Chino and Fontana), Awarded
- New Schools Venture Fund (Chino and Fontana), Applied
- After School Education and Safety (Chino), Applied
- After School Education and Safety (Fontana), Applied
Investment:
Exploring investment options for Payment Protection Plan Account

F. Student Celebrations

Fontana Campus, Mrs. Delk - 1st and 7th Grades
Students, M. Ramirez and M. Ramirez
STEAM Activity, Snowflakes
STEAM process and use of specific materials to engineer a snowflake.

G. Public Comments

The floor was opened for public comments - no comments submitted.

II. Items Scheduled for Consent

A. Approve Minutes for November 12, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

T. Stevens made a motion to approve Minutes for November 12, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on 11-12-25.
S. Thompson seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
Opposed 0
Abstained 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
T. Stevens	Aye
M. Casas	Aye
S. Thompson	Aye

Roll Call

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

B. Approve Check Registrar

S. Odo made a motion to approve Check Register.
T. Stevens seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
Opposed 0
Abstained 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

III. Governance

A. Student Education Records Policy

S. Odo made a motion to approve Student Education Records Policy.
M. Casas seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
Opposed 0
Abstained 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Revised Suicide Prevention Policy

T. Stevens made a motion to approve Revised Suicide Prevention Policy.
S. Thompson seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0
Opposed 0
Abstained 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Revised Parent, Guest, and Visitor Civility Policy

S. Odo made a motion to approve Revised Parent, Guest, and Visitor Civility Policy.
M. Casas seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
Opposed 0
Abstained 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

IV. Items Scheduled for Discussion, Action, Other Business

A. Williams Settlement – Fiscal Year 2024–25 Annual Report

S. Thompson made a motion to approve Williams Settlement – Fiscal Year 2024–25 Annual Report.
S. Odo seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
Opposed 0
Abstained 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Kaakuahiwi	Aye
S. Thompson	Aye
M. Casas	Aye

Roll Call

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

B. Allegiance STEAM Academy Organization-Wide Discount Program with Sylvan Learning Centers

Presented by Board Member, M. Casas
Interested in ways to keep students engaged, especially during school breaks. Inquired with Sylvan Learning Center in Chino to work with ASA students. QR code available to share with ASA families. Tutoring is currently available through ASA ELOP. Sylvan Learning Center is optional and participation is paid by families not the school. Communication to be sent to ASA families.

V. Finance

A. FY26 Budget - ASA Chino

T. Stevens made a motion to approve.
S. Thompson seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
Opposed 0
Abstained 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. FY26 Budget - ASA Fontana

S. Odo made a motion to approve FY26 Budget - ASA Fontana.
J. Kaakuahiwi seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
Opposed 0
Abstained 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Thompson	Aye
S. Bhojani	Absent

Roll Call

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

C. Approval of the 2025–26 First Interim Financial Report - ASA Chino

S. Thompson made a motion to approve the 2025–26 First Interim Financial Report - ASA Chino.
J. Kaakuahiwi seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
Opposed 0
Abstained 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Approval of the 2025–26 First Interim Financial Report - ASA Fontana

T. Stevens made a motion to approve the 2025–26 First Interim Financial Report - ASA Fontana.
M. Casas seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0
Opposed 0
Abstained 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

VI. Communications

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Communications

Sebastian Cognetta
End of 2025, grateful for work of team. Leadership framework to provide clarity and support sites. Solid start to school year, including objective measures. Board training to ensure governance is sound, responsible, and best for our students.

Martin Casas
End of the year, continue going strong. Looking forward to 2026.

Samantha Odo
Thank you all, looking forward to next year.

Shantay Thompson
Looking forward to parade. Keep up the good work!

Jacob
Glad to be part of the team.

Troy Stevens
Thank you to the students presenting in the celebrations. Healthy competitions being witnessed on both campuses. Parent involvement makes organizations better.
Safe travels, and happy new year.

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 6:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. Stevens

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