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# Allegiance STEAM Academy

## Minutes

### Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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#### Date and Time

Monday March 9, 2026 at 5:30 PM

#### Location

##### ONSITE MEETING LOCATION:

5862 C Street  
Chino, Ca. 91710

##### SATELLITE MEETING LOCATIONS:

7930 Locust Ave.  
Fontana, Ca. 92336

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/91444391125>

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**Directors Present**

J. Kaakuahiwi, M. Jones, S. Bhojani, S. Odo, T. Stevens

**Directors Absent**

M. Casas, S. Thompson

**Guests Present**

C. Moreno, C. Valenta (remote), J. Dizon, 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 Mar 9, 2026 at 5:36 PM.

**B. Record Attendance**

**C. Approval of Agenda**

M. Jones made a motion to Approve Agenda for March 9, 2026.

T. Stevens seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

Opposed

Abstained

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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

**D. Pledge of Allegiance**

**E. Reports**

Chino Principal Holt and Fontana Principal Valenta reported on recent events at each site.

Dr. Cognetta, CEO, provided updates on enrollment, grants, facilities, and authorizers.

**Principal - Chino, Kathleen Holt**

**PACK - Chino, Kathleen Holt**

Discussed community events and teacher progress.

- School-wide service learning project, Student Led Celebrations, Chinese New Year celebration, Annual Crosstown Showdown between our two campuses. Completed second cycle of PLNs, spring walkthrough with Instructional Partners, began classroom walkthroughs for math focus. Trimester 2 awards assemblies, LCAP survey, Math Night, Gate testing, field trips, and spring break ELOP days.

- PACK is hosting Color Run, discussing hosting Someone Special event on campus

**Principal - Fontana, Cyndi Valenta**

**PACK - Fontana, Cyndi Valenta**

Discussed community events and teacher progress.

- Report cards, Thank you to Chino for hosting the Crosstown Showdown, Clover Challenge, Awards Assembly, celebrated Chinese New Year, PLNs, Instructional Partners visit, classroom walkthroughs, Math Night

- PACK hosted Fontana festival - theme is "One school, one culture". Held the first Someone Special event,  
Thank you to Mr. Casas for his donation.

**CEO, S. Cagnetta**

Schools received special education annual determination letters from the California Department of Ed. Kicking off field trip improvement initiative. Staff Meeting scheduled for 26-27 budget forecast and compensation overview.

Thank you to BCM Group and Martin Casas, our board member, for their donation.

Discussed attendance and enrollment updates, financials, grants, facilities updates.

Fontana campus had a county fire prevention office visit, and received great feedback on the safety plan, and the facility. Staffing update: Vacancies and filled positions, recruitment events, employment letters. Review of trimester board focus area report.

**F. Student Celebrations**

**Chino Student Celebrations**

**4th Grade Students, STEAM Teacher L. Cunningham**

California Missions, cross curricular with homerooms  
3D Designs and Printing

**8th Grade, Visual Presentations in the Den - Gravitational Pull**

**G. Public Comments**

N/A

**II. Items Scheduled for Consent**

**A. Approve Minutes for February 10, 2026, Regular Board Meeting**

T. Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on 02-10-26.

S. Odo seconded the motion.

Approved 5-0

Opposed

Abstained

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

T. Stevens     Aye

M. Casas        Absent

S. Bhojani      Aye

J. Kaakuahiwi Aye

M. Jones        Aye

S. Odo            Aye

**Roll Call**

S. Thompson Absent

**B. Approve Check Registrar**

M. Jones made a motion to Approve Check Registrar - ASA Chino.

S. Bhojani seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

Opposed

Abstained

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

M. Jones Aye

T. Stevens Aye

M. Casas Absent

J. Kaakuahiwi Aye

S. Thompson Absent

S. Odo Aye

S. Bhojani Aye

**C. Approve Check Registrar**

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

S. Odo seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

Opposed

Abstained

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

T. Stevens Aye

S. Thompson Absent

S. Bhojani Aye

M. Casas Absent

M. Jones Aye

J. Kaakuahiwi Aye

S. Odo Aye

**III. Governance**

**A. Board Member Term Expiration Update**

Board members with pending term dates end of June

- S. Bhojani

- M. Jones

- S. Thompson

**B. Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) Filing Requirement Reminder**

Form 700 to be sent electronically to Board Members and designated employees.

**IV. Items Scheduled for Discussion, Action, Other Business**

**A. Charter Renewal Plan (2026–27) –ASA Fontana**

Discussion regarding plan implementation.

**V. Finance**

**A. FY26 Budget - ASA Chino**

S. Odo made a motion to FY26 Budget - ASA Chino.

T. Stevens seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

Opposed

Abstained

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

T. Stevens Aye

M. Jones Aye

S. Bhojani Aye

J. Kaakuahiwi Aye

S. Thompson Absent

M. Casas Absent

S. Odo Aye

**B. FY26 Budget - ASA Fontana**

T. Stevens made a motion to FY26 Budget - ASA Fontana.

J. Kaakuahiwi seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

Opposed

Abstained

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

S. Bhojani Aye

M. Jones Aye

M. Casas Absent

S. Thompson Absent

T. Stevens Aye

S. Odo Aye

J. Kaakuahiwi Aye

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

T. Stevens made a motion to Approval of the 2025–26 Second Interim Financial Report - ASA Chino.

J. Kaakuahiwi seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

Opposed

Abstained

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

J. Kaakuahiwi Aye

T. Stevens Aye

M. Jones Aye

S. Bhojani Aye

M. Casas Absent

S. Odo Aye

S. Thompson Absent

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

S. Odo made a motion to Approval of the 2025–26 Second Interim Financial Report - ASA Fontana.

J. Kaakuahiwi seconded the motion.

Passed 5-0

Opposed

Abstained

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

T. Stevens Aye

S. Odo Aye

M. Jones Aye

S. Bhojani Aye

J. Kaakuahiwi Aye

S. Thompson Absent

M. Casas Absent

**VI. Communications**

**A. Communications**

**M. Jones**

Thank you to the students and parents for SLCs. Color Run coming up, everyone loves it. Field Trip stakeholder, excited about the opportunity. Welcome to the new staff in Chino and Fontana.

**J. Kaakuahiwi**

Student celebrations, thank you for coming out. Conference, California Charter School Association, it was nice to see staff present.

**S. Bhojani**

Thanks for all the hard work. Nice to see all the students and parents

**S. Odo**

Favorite part is the Student Led Celebrations. Thank you to the students, parents, and teachers. Great job to the leadership teams; kindness grams, clovers. 8th grade projects look amazing. Looking forward to the color run. Good luck to the students attending the Costa Rica trip, student and chaperones.

**S. Cognetta**

Thank you to the Board Members. Thank you to our staff for a robust report. Thank you to the entire staff about our candor; our students and families deserve that. Shout out to Optiva, Christian and Rodrigo for putting Board Meetings together.

**T. Stevens**

Appreciate the staff and putting the report together, following guidelines of transparency to stakeholders and community. Goal is always to get better! Discussion of renewal, goal is to reach the higher tiers. 8th grade projects look great. Keep our ASA family close; to Steve C. and his family, our organization stands behind you.

**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 7:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
T. Stevens

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