



# Allegiance STEAM Academy

## Minutes

### Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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#### Date and Time

Monday April 13, 2026 at 5:30 PM

#### Location

##### ONSITE MEETING LOCATION:

7930 Locust Ave.  
Fontana, Ca. 92336

##### SATELLITE MEETING LOCATIONS:

5862 C Street  
Chino, Ca. 91710

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/99051838799>

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### **Directors Present**

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

### **Directors Absent**

*None*

### **Guests Present**

C. Moreno, C. Valenta, K. Holt, S. Cogna, S. Lazo, S. Lopez (remote)

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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 Apr 13, 2026 at 5:38 PM.

**B. Record Attendance**

**C. Approval of Agenda**

S. Thompson made a motion to Approve the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting.

M. Jones seconded the motion.

Passed 6-0

Opposed

Abstained

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

**Roll Call**

T. Stevens Aye

S. Thompson Aye

M. Casas Aye

M. Jones Aye

S. Bhojani Aye

S. Odo Abstain

J. Kaakuahiwi Aye

**D. Pledge of Allegiance**

**E. Reports**

Principal - Chino, K. Holt

Color Run, Spring walkthroughs, Bridge Tutoring and ELOP clubs have concluded; Spring Break ELOP held - approx 40 students attended, Math Night Tri 3 - Math in the Real World, Staff spirit - secret spirit week, Field Trips, Middle School Talent Show, City of Chino - Corporate Challenge kick off. State Testing, Volunteer Appreciation event, Alumni Event

Principal - Fontana, C. Valenta

Acknowledged volunteers and PACK. Howl Festival, Math Night, Chino Track participation. ELOP concluded, Field Trips, Gate and State Testing, Volunteer Appreciation Brunch. Service Learning Project - community clean up. Instructional Rounds.

PACK - Chino

Someone Special dance, Color Run. Meeting to be held this week.

PACK - Fontana, President

Hockey Game, Ontario Reign - fundraising booth. Preparing for Staff Appreciation week. Field Day.

CEO - S. Cognetta

Highlights and Successes: AI Taskforce, Field Trip improvement initiative, Attendance Recovery - ELOP

Attendance: ADA

Grants: CTC Teacher Residency Implementation Grant, K12 Strong Workforce Grant, MS Foundation Academy Grant, Learning Communities for School Success Program

Facilities: Chino, shade structure, no action at this time. Fontana, plans for play structure have been approved - no update regarding shade structure.

CalSTRS: Discussion regarding pensions

#### **F. Student Celebrations**

Drumline Student Performance

A. Thornhill, School Counselor & ELOP Drumline Club Leader

6 students (various grade levels)

#### **G. Public Comments**

N/A

### **II. Closed Session**

#### **A. Public Comments on Closed Session Items**

N/A

#### **B. Closed Session - For Discussion/Possible Action**

Closed Session called at 6:16pm

### **III. Open Session**

#### **A. Report from Closed Session**

Open Session called at 7:14pm

No action being taken at this time.

### **IV. Items Scheduled for Consent**

#### **A. Approve Minutes for March 9, 2026, Regular Board Meeting**

S. Bhojani made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on 03-09-26.

T. Stevens seconded the motion.

Passed 6-0

Opposed

Abstained

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

**Roll Call**

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

**B. Approve Check Registrar**

M. Jones made a motion to Approve Check Registrar for February 2026 for ASA Chino.

M. Casas seconded the motion.

Passed 6-0

Opposed

Abstained

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

**Roll Call**

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

**C. Approve Check Registrar**

S. Thompson made a motion to Approve Check Registrar for February 2026 for ASA Chino.

J. Kaakuahiwi seconded the motion.

Passed 6-0

Opposed

Abstained

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

**Roll Call**

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

**V. Governance**

**A. Board Member Term Expiration Update**

Positions expiring, three total.

Move forward with Ad Hoc Committee, to include S. Cagnetta, M. Jones, and J. Kaaehuahiwi

**B. Review and Approval of Form 990 – Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025**

J. Kaakuahiwi made a motion to Review and Approve Form 990 - Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025.

T. Stevens seconded the motion.

Passed 6-0

Opposed

Abstained

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

**Roll Call**

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

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

**A. CVUSD and ASA: Amended Facilities Memorandum of Understanding (2026-2027)**

T. Stevens made a motion to Approve and Adopt CVUSD and ASA: Amended Facilities Memorandum of Understanding (2026-2027).

S. Thompson seconded the motion.

Passed 6-0

Opposed

Abstained

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

**Roll Call**

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

**B. Revisions to the English Learner Master Plan**

Discussion around revisions and basic changes of language  
Criteria around basic skills to English language peers

**C. Appointment of Administrative Panel for Student Expulsions**

T. Stevens made a motion to Approve Appointment of Administrative Panel for Student Expulsions.

M. Jones seconded the motion.

Passed 6-0

Opposed

Abstained

Panel approved to consist of five individuals; Board Members (3) and Administration (2).

M. Casas, J. Kaaekuahiwi, S. Thompson, S. Cognetta, S. Lopez

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

**Roll Call**

J. Kaaekuahiwi Aye

M. Casas Aye

S. Thompson Aye

S. Odo Absent

S. Bhojani Aye

T. Stevens Aye

M. Jones Aye

**VII. Finance**

**A. FY26 Budget - ASA Chino**

T. Stevens made a motion to Approve and Adopt FY26 Budget - ASA Chino.

S. Thompson seconded the motion.

Passed 6-0

Opposed

Abstained

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

**Roll Call**

J. Kaaekuahiwi Aye

T. Stevens Aye

S. Bhojani Aye

S. Thompson Aye

S. Odo Absent

M. Casas Aye

M. Jones Aye

**B. FY26 Budget - ASA Fontana**

S. Thompson made a motion to Approve and Adopt FY26 Budget - ASA Fontana.

M. Jones seconded the motion.

Passed 6-0

Opposed

Abstained

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

**Roll Call**

S. Bhojani Aye

S. Odo Absent

J. Kaakuahiwi Aye

T. Stevens Aye

S. Thompson Aye

M. Jones Aye

M. Casas Aye

**VIII. Communications**

**A. Communications**

S. Cognetta

Last portion of school year. Reminder to all to ramp up, not slow down.

M. Jones

End of year. Shoutout to 6th grade teachers, attended field trip - well organized.

Almost to the end.

M. Casas

Thanks to teachers and Fontana school. Appreciate commitment to all, Chino and Fontana.

S. Thompson

Shoutout to Drumline performance, 5th-8th grades. Attended Chino track meet, all day event - well organized, amazing job.

S. Bhojani

Kuddos to our team, certificated and classified staff.

J. Kaaekuahiwi

Thank you to the staff.

Fontana event was phenomenal, well organized. Looking forward to closing out first year on the Board for ASA.

T. Stevens

Track event, Chino and Fontana won several medals with dedicated coaches starting at 5am.

Thank you everyone. New Board members that joined this year have provided additional insights, conversations, and discussions. Staff, great job on AI moving forward. Looking forward to end of year activities and events. Drumline fantastic.

## IX. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

S. Thompson made a motion to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board.

T. Stevens seconded the motion.

Passed 6-0

Opposed

Abstained

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

#### Roll Call

S. Bhojani Aye

S. Thompson Aye

S. Odo Absent

M. Jones Aye

M. Casas Aye

T. Stevens Aye

J. Kaakuhiwi Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

T. Stevens

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