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Allegiance STEAM Academy

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date and Time
Monday May 11, 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/91952308661

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Directors Present
J. Kaakuahiwi, M. Casas (remote), M. Jones, S. Bhojani, S. Odo (remote), S. Thompson, T. Stevens

Directors Absent
None

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned
S. Odo

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

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 May 11, 2026 at 5:35 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 7-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Reports

K. Holt, Chino Principal
- 8th grade dance was a lot of fun.
- Teacher/staff appreciation luncheon, taco truck come out. We had a full week of appreciating our staff.
- CASP state testing.
- Softball game coming up, staff versus the eighth grade.
- Alumni reception with students graduating from high school, fun night hearing them give advice to our current eighth grade students.
- Corporate challenge kicked off May 2nd.
- Volunteer appreciation luncheon with parents and families.
- TNTP visit last week, which was a great time for us to shadow, walk them through classrooms, and debrief.
- Tailgate coming up, with a performance tomorrow from first grade.

PACK, Chino

- Staff appreciation, PACK helped a lot with that.
- Preparing volunteers ready for tailgate. Middle school students who have bands will perform this year.

S. Garcia, Fontana Coor. of Special Programs/Admin Designee
- TNTP visit took place on May 5th. It included a meeting with Administration. They observed classrooms, and then had some staff and student leadership groups.
- Completed testing for CAASP.
- Middle school dance was held two weeks ago
- 8th grade kickball game was on Friday.
- May 12th, seventh grade classes will perform, then on May 14th 6th grade class will perform.
- May 14th, STEAM Live from 3 to 6pm.
- May 18th, 8th grade class is going to Knott's for a field trip.
- May 19th, awards ceremony across all grades. And then that same day at 5 o'clock, our 8th grade students are going to walk across the stage at eHigh.
- May 21st, last day of school and field day for eighth graders.
- May 22nd we have our end of year closeout and our reflection for staff.
- May 26th to June thirtieth, we have our summer/ESY program.
- Partnership with the Boys and Girls Club for a new program.

PACK, Fontana
N/A

S. Cognetta, CEO
- PACK gratitude, recognition of hardworking staff.
- Field Trip overhaul rollout.
- June Board meeting updates
- Attendance reports
- Financial and grants update
- Chino, Food Service vendor update
- HR, Meet and Greet for interested candidates - May 14th

F. Student Celebrations

8th Grade
Teacher, K. Cameron
Students, A. Munsey and E. Okamoto
Costa Rica trip for 8th grade students across both campuses.
This year 17 people attended; 4 adults, 13 students
Presentation shown.
Activities included horseback riding, beach visits, and hikes.
Students stated that it brought classmates together/bonding.

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 to order at 6:06pm
Closed session to consider a student discipline matter
S. Odo left at 7:51 PM.

III. Open Session

A. Report from Closed Session

Open Session called to order at 7:54pm

Pursuant to educational code section 48918, following consideration of this matter, the Board voted to continue the matter and extend the student suspension pending completion, the investigation, and further review. No further reportable action was taken.

IV. Items Scheduled for Consent

A. Approve Minutes for April 13, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

M. Jones made a motion to Approve Minutes for April 13, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on 04-13-26.
T. Stevens seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Approve Minutes for April 27, 2026, Special Board Meeting

T. Stevens made a motion to Approve Minutes for April 27, 2026, Special Board Meeting
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors on 04-27-26.
S. Bhojani seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Approve Check Registrar

M. Jones made a motion to Approve Check Registrar for ASA Chino.
J. Kaakuahiwi seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Approve Check Registrar

S. Thompson made a motion to Approve Check Registrar for ASA Fontana.
T. Stevens seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

T. Stevens	Aye

Roll Call

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

V. Governance

A. Board Member Term Expiration Update

Three Board Members with terms expiring in June 2026 will return for new terms.
- S. Bhojani
- M. Jones
- S. Thompson

B. Annual Review and Approval of Homeless Education Policy

M. Jones made a motion to Approve the Annual Review and Approval of Homeless Education Policy.
S. Bhojani seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Annual Review and Approval of Parental Involvement Policy

S. Thompson made a motion to Approve the Annual Review and Approval of Parental Involvement Policy.
T. Stevens seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Thompson	Aye

Roll Call

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

VI. Items Scheduled for Discussion, Action, Other Business

A. Revisions to the English Learner Master Plan

S. Bhojani made a motion to Approve the Revisions to the English Learner Master Plan.
J. Kaakuahiwi seconded the motion.
Approved 6-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

VII. Finance

A. FY26 Budget - ASA Chino

M. Jones made a motion to Approve the FY26 Budget - ASA Chino.
S. Thompson seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B.

FY26 Budget - ASA Fontana

T. Stevens made a motion to Approve the FY26 Budget - ASA Fontana.
S. Thompson seconded the motion.
Approved 6-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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

VIII. Communications

A. Communications

S. Cognetta, CEO
Celebrating our eighth grade class as they finish next week, at both schools. Chino being in operation so long we get to invite our graduating seniors back to share their stories with our current eighth graders. Congratulations everyone!

S. Bhojani
Thank you to all the staff for all the hard work. The idea of celebrating our students four years down the road is really powerful. Celebrating the story of our students, where they go and the experiences we provide for them to take them there. Thank you to the staff on the focus areas. It's helpful to tell our story using data and providing checkpoints as the year goes on. Thank you for everything that you do.

M. Jones.
Thank you to the teachers and all the staff. Congratulations to all of our 8th graders who are graduating next week. Excited for Steam Live to come this week.

M. Casas
Thank you to all the teachers for all their hard work and the students graduating. The presentation on Costa Rica was amazing. This is my first time being on this board, and have had an awesome experience and look forward to the next school year. Thank you to everyone for all the work that they put in.

S. Thompson
Recognition to the staff, and all their hard work.

J. Kaakuahiwi
First year on the board, have enjoyed all the camaraderie amongst the board members and the staff - thank you for all of that. The kids presenting on Costa Rica was a treat.

T. Stevens
Thanks to everybody, it's been a great school year. I'm really excited about the implementation of the educational piece Thank you to the teachers on both sides that put the wheels in motion and get the results out of the kids. I'm excited to see the results of the LCAP at the next meeting.
Thank you to Kathleen Lanathoua. There's a lot of people that have been here since the beginning, and this school has thrived because of individuals who have committed to making the school what it is and this organization what it is. Kathleen goes above and beyond in everything that she does. Thank her for all her services.
Costa Rica, awesome presentation.

IX. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. Stevens