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Allegiance STEAM Academy

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date and Time
Monday September 14, 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/92872280032

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

Directors Absent
S. Thompson

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
M. Jones

Guests Present
C. Moreno, C. Valenta (remote), Carmelita Lopez, J. Dizon, K. Holt, M. Felix (remote), R. Lucatero, S. Cognetta, S. Lazo, S. Lopez

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I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Kaakuahiwi called a meeting of the board of directors of Allegiance STEAM Academy to order on Monday Sep 14, 2026 at 5:31 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Approval of Agenda

T. Stevens made a motion to Approve the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting.
S. Odo 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	Absent
S. Bhojani	Aye
M. Casas	Aye
S. Thompson	Absent
S. Odo	Aye

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Reports

Principal Chino, K. Holt
TNTP classroom visits
Coaching cycles
New Teacher Training - Packwise University
ELOP, Clubs-Sports-Tutoring
Leadership, welcoming students
Mental Health Awareness
Benchmark Testing 09/28-10/02
Events:

- Howling with the Community
- ELAC
- Family Night 10/7
- Information Night, 6th Grade 10/8
- High School Informational Meeting/Showcase, 8th Grade 10/8

PACK Chino
Ms. Barajas - First year in office, with new Board
Strong start, working on spirit wear.
Events:

- Fall Festival 10/9

Principal Fontana, C. Valenta
Welcomed Dr. Foster, along with FUSD Members for an oversight visit.
Teachers are completing Benchmarks and preparing for Triads
ELOP, Clubs-Sports-Tutoring
Attendance Recovery, holding second Saturday Session
Service Learning Projects:

- Red Friday

Events:

- Monday Live
- Hispanic Heritage Month

PACK Fontana

- Picnic
- Book Fair, October

CEO, S. Cognetta
Organization Wide Updates
Renewal, Fontana
2025-2026 Impact Report
FUSD Oversight Visit
Overnight Trips for Spring Break
Budget, Financials - Chino/Fontana Surplus', Intraorganizational Loan
Silicon Schools AI Exploration Grant
Facilities
Staffing
Board Focus Areas Review

Student Celebrations
Chino Campus, Teacher S. Hameister - 6th Grade Students
M. Jones arrived at 5:49 PM.

F. Public Comments

N/A

II. Consent Items

A. Approve Minutes

S. Odo made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on 08-17-26.
T. Stevens seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Check Registrar - ASA Chino

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

Roll Call

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

C. Check Registrar - ASA Fontana

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

Roll Call

S. Bhojani	Aye
T. Stevens	Aye
S. Odo	Aye

Roll Call

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

III. Items Scheduled for Discussion, Action, Other Business

A. Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators - Local Assignment Options

T. Stevens made a motion to Approve and adopt Authorization of Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators - Local Assignment Options: Course Assignments Consistent with Education Code 44258.3.
M. Jones seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. CTC Waiver for Speech Language Pathologist

S. Bhojani made a motion to Approve the CTC Waiver for Speech Language Pathologist.
S. Odo seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

IV. Finance

A.

Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for FY 2025-26: ASA Chino

T. Stevens made a motion to Approve the Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for the 2025-26 fiscal year for Allegiance STEAM Academy - Chino.
S. Bhojani seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for FY 2025-26: ASA Fontana

S. Odo made a motion to Approve the Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for the 2025-26 fiscal year for Allegiance STEAM Academy - Fontana.
M. Casas seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Revised FY 27 Budget - ASA Chino

T. Stevens made a motion to Approve and adopt the Revised FY 27 Budget - ASA Chino.
M. Jones seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Revised FY 26 Budget - ASA Fontana

S. Odo made a motion to Approve and adopt the Revised 27 Budget - ASA Fontana.
M. Casas seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed
Abstained

*Note update to SY 26, should be noted as 27.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

V. Communications

A. Communications

S. Cognetta, CEO
Welcomes input on updates
Annual Governance Training

S. Bhojani
Thank you! Flow, triads on the horizon
Afterschool Program
Impact Report acknowledgement. Appreciation for effort.

T. Stevens
Thank you for all the input.
Board is content to receive all the information
Thank you to students presenters

Looking forward to the rest of the school year

S. Odo
Student Presentations - future scientists.
Thank you for all the hard work - informative.
Thank you to the Principals.
Alumna will be completing an Eagle Project at the Chino campus, Saturday and Sunday.
Thank you to the PACK for support of the Eagle Project

M. Casas
Impressed by the students - testament to the hardwork
Thank you for the Impact Report - visuals and percentages

J. Kaakuahiwi
Impact Report 93 89 - understanding our students; students are feeling seen and heard, and succeeding academically
Board Member interest in attending annual charter school conferences - CSDC/CCSA

M. Jones
Thank you to students and leadership.
Impact Report

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

S. Odo made a motion to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board.
M. Casas seconded the motion.
Passed 6-0
Opposed
Abstained
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Kaakuahiwi

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