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Atlanta SMART Academy

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday November 17, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Location
Meeting Password: HJ9SS0

Directors Present
A. Bruce, A. Kennedy, E. Ross, I. Lee, M. Moss, S. Scott, V. Williams, W. Brasher, W. Newman-Johnson

Directors Absent
B. Williams, L. Cofield

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

V. Williams called a meeting of the board of directors of Atlanta SMART Academy to order on Monday Nov 17, 2025 at 5:40 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

I. Lee made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 10-20-25.
A. Bruce seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Executive Director Support and Eval

A. Executive Updates

Executive Director updates included:

A. Student Engagement

1. High School Night - 8th graders and their families engaged with 20 high schools across the 10 counties ASA services to learn about curriculum, testimonials from current high school students, extracurricular activities, school application and prerequisites.
2. World Studies Night - 7th grade students gave presentations on African nations' economy, culture, and history. 6th grade students presented Latin American nations.
3. Hispanic Heritage Month - students immersed in Hispanic history and cultural activities including food truck
4. Project Night - Students presented Q1-Q2 projects followed by a performance

B. Strategic Partnership

1. Produce'd - hydroponic farm partnership to teach students food supply sustainability and hands on cultivation of tower gardens
2. Learning in Color - Volunteers from COX Media partnered with Learning in Color to paint 8th grade wing lockers, inspired by a mural from one of the students.

C. Quarter Benchmarks

1. 1/3 of the curriculum has been taught and mastery levels are expected to average around 40%.
2. All grade levels exceed the 40% benchmark in the ELA category. 5th grade math and 6th-8th grade science meet or exceed the benchmark. 7th-8th grade social studies meet or exceed the benchmark
3. 6th-8th grade Math and 5th grade Science are below the 40% expected benchmark. ASA responded with intense intervention for math + math support classes, reassigned student cohorts based on mastery level, reduced class sizes to provide more specialized instruction, and increased assessment reporting. Mastery levels have shown improvements and official achievement will be shared at the next Board Meeting.

D. SCSC Monitoring & Renewal

1. The following requirements have been completed:

- School Visit
- Health & Safety Visit

- Audit
- Board Training & Certification

2. The following deadlines are forthcoming

- November 4th - Charter renewal application opens
- December 10th - CPF Results
- January 6th - Charter renewal application due

III. Finance, Facility, Development, and Strategic Partnership Committee

A. Discussion

1. Overview of financial reporting from the finance committee meeting
2. Audit of Bill.com vendors whose contracts have not been renewed, can positively impact Accounts Payable ledger
3. Discussed undocumented transactions, confirmed the p-card policy that governs use of the funds, and the school's role in holding card users accountable
4. Received a response from the SCSC on how the QBE score is calculated, however, Prestige did not find it sufficient to revise the budget or funding projections

IV. Other Business

A. Leveraging Network for Fundraising and Engagement

Past Chairman of the Board, Adam Tolliver, presented key activities for Board members to better leverage their personal and professional network for fundraising and fostering strategic partnerships.

V. 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 6:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
V. Williams