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# The Academy of Alameda Charter School Board

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Thursday August 29, 2024 at 6:30 PM

#### Location

The Academy of Alameda  
401 Pacific Ave  
Alameda, CA 94501  
Room 203

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#### Directors Present

A. Price, C. Robie, D. Forbes, J. Laird, J. Laird, K. McCoy, M. Payne, R. Rentschler, W. Schaff

#### Directors Absent

*None*

#### Guests Present

C. Chilcott, D. Espinosa, Jenniferalaird@yahoo.com, macheop@gmail.com

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Call the Meeting to Order

W. Schaff called a meeting of the board of directors of The Academy of Alameda Charter School Board to order on Thursday Aug 29, 2024 at 6:31 PM.

#### B. Record Attendance

## II. Consent Agenda

### A. Approve Draft Meeting Minutes

A. Price made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 06-13-24.

K. McCoy seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

A. Price Aye  
D. Forbes Aye  
J. Laird Aye  
K. McCoy Aye  
J. Laird Aye  
C. Robie Aye  
M. Payne Aye  
W. Schaff Aye  
R. Rentschler Aye

### B. Approve Board Retreat Meeting Minutes

A. Price made a motion to approve the minutes from AoA Board Retreat on 08-04-24.

K. McCoy seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

A. Price Aye  
M. Payne Aye  
W. Schaff Aye  
J. Laird Aye  
C. Robie Aye  
J. Laird Aye  
K. McCoy Aye  
R. Rentschler Aye  
D. Forbes Aye

### C. Check Registers

### D. Credit Card Statements

### E. Vote on Consent Agenda

A. Price made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

K. McCoy seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

W. Schaff Aye

**Roll Call**

D. Forbes Aye  
R. Rentschler Aye  
K. McCoy Aye  
M. Payne Aye  
A. Price Aye  
J. Laird Aye  
C. Robie Aye  
J. Laird Aye

**III. Board Communication**

**A. Accelerated Math Program Presentation**

J. Whatley communicated how she got into the accelerated math program. Post covid all math classes were heterogeneous for 6-8 and algebra was the only advanced class. Zearn allowed seamless grade level acceleration. In order to enroll in the AMP program they have to turn in all of their assignments and maintain a 2.8 or higher in math. She also showed how statistically the students come from all walks of life, all ethnicities, all genders and are progressing well according to the data. A. Price commended J. Whatley's efforts. J. Laird appreciated the race distribution but wondered about the gender distribution. C. Robie appreciated J. Whatley's humility in presenting. R. Rentschler asked if the agency AMP produces the results directly, J. Whatley expressed that AMP has helped students grades so she does see the benefits of it. C. Chilcott expressed her 2 daughters experiences in J. Whatley's AMP program and two different point of views in it and how they both benefitted from it. D. Forbes echoed the thanks and hopes the program expands.

**B. Board Local Authorization Credentials: Resolution #829241**

K. McCoy made a motion to approve resolution #829241 which approves the teachers listed in the resolution to hold their current assignments.

C. Robie seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Price Aye  
J. Laird Aye  
M. Payne Aye  
K. McCoy Aye  
C. Robie Aye  
D. Forbes Aye  
W. Schaff Aye  
R. Rentschler Aye  
J. Laird Aye

**C.**

**Vote on the General Complaint Policy**

C. Robie made a motion to approve the revised General Complaint Policy as presented.

K. McCoy seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

W. Schaff Aye  
K. McCoy Aye  
R. Rentschler Aye  
C. Robie Aye  
J. Laird Aye  
D. Forbes Aye  
A. Price Aye  
M. Payne Aye  
J. Laird Aye

**D. Vote on the Suspension and Expulsion Policy**

C. Robie made a motion to approve the revised Suspension and Expulsion Policy as presented.

D. Forbes seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Price Aye  
J. Laird Aye  
W. Schaff Aye  
M. Payne Aye  
J. Laird Aye  
K. McCoy Aye  
C. Robie Aye  
D. Forbes Aye  
R. Rentschler Aye

**E. Vote on the Suicide Prevention Policy**

M. Payne made a motion to approve the revised Suicide Prevention Policy as presented.

C. Robie seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Price Aye  
C. Robie Aye  
M. Payne Aye  
K. McCoy Aye  
J. Laird Aye  
R. Rentschler Aye  
D. Forbes Aye

**Roll Call**

J. Laird        Aye  
W. Schaff      Aye

**F. Vote on the Administration of Medication**

K. McCoy made a motion to approve the revised Administration of Medication Policy as presented.

J. Laird seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Price        Aye  
R. Rentschler Aye  
J. Laird        Aye  
K. McCoy      Aye  
J. Laird        Aye  
C. Robie       Aye  
W. Schaff      Aye  
D. Forbes      Aye  
M. Payne      Aye

**G. Board Committee Reports**

Finance committee has not officially met but will be meeting on the 9th and will be looking at the financial from last year and will be discussing how to get the budget under control.

Student success committee met today and looked at the descriptors from the retreat and talked about what a successful student is at AoA so as to communicate it to the team. D. Forbes and K. McCoy advised they did not agree with the word positive part of the community and preferred positive contributor to the school community.

Governance committee advised they went over the bylaws extensively and will go over 6 extensively in October and the other 6 in November so as to have them completed and presented to the board in December. D. Forbes asked if the new board members are being trained. C. Chilcott advised that she is following up with them regarding finance training and brown act training.

**IV. Closing Items**

**A. Individual Board Member Reports**

**B. Executive Director Report**

**C. Upcoming Board Meetings**

**D.**

**Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
W. Schaff