



# The Academy of Alameda Charter School Board

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday December 18, 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, K. McCoy, W. Schaff

#### Directors Absent

M. Payne, R. Rentschler

#### Guests Present

C. Chilcott, D. Espinosa

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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 Wednesday Dec 18, 2024 at 6:33 PM.

#### B. Record Attendance

## II. Open Session

### A. Public Comment

Dr. Kent Carta came to speak about concerns about the dyslexia evaluations about his son a 5ht grader.

## III. Consent Agenda

### A. Approve Draft Meeting Minutes

D. Forbes made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 11-21-24.

K. McCoy seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

M. Payne Absent

C. Robie Aye

K. McCoy Aye

J. Laird Aye

W. Schaff Aye

R. Rentschler Absent

A. Price Abstain

D. Forbes Aye

### B. Check Registers

### C. Credit Card Statements

### D. Vote on Consent Agenda

### E. Special Board Meeting Minutes

D. Forbes made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Board Meeting on 12-09-24.

K. McCoy seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

M. Payne Absent

K. McCoy Aye

A. Price Abstain

D. Forbes Aye

J. Laird Aye

R. Rentschler Absent

C. Robie Aye

W. Schaff Aye

## IV. Board Communication

### A. Special Education Presentation

T. Levine Hall advised there is a very high percent of students who have IEP's here in the school however most schools do have high percentages. He advised at the end of the 22-23 school year there were 68 students with IEP's and this year there will be 106.

Have held or scheduled all 504 meetings.

J. Hughley advised that the case managers are very accessible to them.

D. Forbes asked how does the SELPA support AoA now? T. Levine advised that there are new members and it is less than before. A. Price asked how the 20 mins to one student a month, compares to helping a student. T. Levine Hall advised that came from the prior school and the parents also has more advocacy and their services and requests are coming more. A. Price asked if any of the funding comes from the county. C. Chilcott advised that is the "A Better Way". D. Forbes asked how many student with IEP's have siblings and how many are from Alameda. T. Levine Hall said he will have to look it up. C. Robie said at one point in time we used to say we cannot offer those services here and asked if we can still do that. T. Levine Hall advised we now advised what we do offer to them instead of saying what we cannot do. C. Robie asked if we can reject a child with an IEP. C. Chilcott advised we cannot skip one so if we stop one then we cannot accept any after them either. C. Chilcott also reminded right now siblings also have priority over alameda students.

### B. Vote on Student Support Stipend

C. Chilcott advised that even though it is required that for TK it is required that for TK students to be potty trained more and more are needing to be doing diaper duty and we would like to give them a stipend for it. Board wanted to know who approves it, if it is ED or supervisor.

D. Forbes made a motion to Approve a \$500/semester Student Support stipend as recommended by supervisor and approved by ED. ED will report on an annual basis the list and reason for stipends.

A. Price seconded the motion.

. Definition: Additional student support outside of job description as deemed necessary and outside job description by supervisor

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

#### Roll Call

C. Robie Aye

A. Price Aye

J. Laird Aye

R. Rentschler Absent

D. Forbes Aye

**Roll Call**

K. McCoy     Aye  
M. Payne     Absent  
W. Schaff     Aye

**C. Vote on New Salary Scales**

Deferred until next board meeting.

**D. Board Committee Reports**

Finance- D. Forbes advised they continued to discuss next years budget.

Student Success Committee- no meeting, no comment.

Governance Committee- revised 2 policies which will come to the board in January.  
Focus will be on board recruitment. K. McCoy asked if students will be on the board and A. Price advised that is on the table as a possibility.

**V. Closing Items**

**A. Individual Board Member Reports**

**B. Executive Director Report**

PTSA work group met on Monday and having a hard time filing officer positions, which are 3.

**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 7:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
W. Schaff