APPROVED

The Academy of Alameda Charter School Board

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday May 22, 2025 at 6:30 PM

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

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

Directors Absent
R. Rentschler

Guests Present
C. Chilcott, D. Espinosa

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 May 22, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Public Comment

A. Schlenk wanted to show appreciation to Christine for a meeting she had with her showing the plans for future meeting and committee plans. She also encouraged the board to attend the open house

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Draft Meeting Minutes

K. McCoy made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 04-24-25.
C. Robie seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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

B. Check Registers

C. Credit Card Statements

D. Prop 28 Annual Spending Plan

E. AUSD and AoA 25-26 General, Fiscal, and Operational MOU

F. Vote on Consent Agenda

K. McCoy made a motion to Approve the consent agenda.
C. Robie seconded the motion.
J. Laird asked if there was any changes in item E from previous years. C.Chilcott advised none.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
J. Laird	Aye
M. Payne	Aye
A. Price	Aye
W. Schaff	Aye
K. McCoy	Aye
C. Robie	Aye

Roll Call

R. Rentschler	Absent
D. Forbes	Aye

III. Board Communication

A. Approve Provisional Internship Permit Request for the 2024-2025 School Year

D. Forbes made a motion to Approve the provisional internship permit as presented.
K. McCoy seconded the motion.
A. Price asked why it was rejected. C. Chilcott advised it was likely a wording issue. The teacher has been currently working and the board just needs to revote on the permit with the corrected language.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Review LCAP

C. Chilcott along with A. McGeorge provided an update to the LCAP. They advised of what AoA is doing for parent engagement as well as absenteeism. A. McGeorge advised AoA is outperforming the state in both English and Math. They also advised the data is not showing updated information as students are currently in the process of taking the tests. C. Chilcott explained that we are no longer a part of the Williams Walkthrough since we passed everything that was required of us in the three year cycle. C. Chilcott and A. McGeorge advised that every aide will be trained in special ed supports, literacy and math so as to help wherever is needed. They also advised that currently a huge problem in the school due to vaping which is increasing suspensions. They also spoke about the elementary attendance and the lessons learned from TK and how to start portraying it differently to families so as not to think it is optional. PTSA has been implemented as to help achieve goal #3. They also presented the 2025-2026 LCAP goals.

J. Whatley wanted to appreciate whoever honored the IEP placements. She also wanted to advise that there is so much hard work done to make sure our students don't get to the level of suspension. She advised there is a lot that is outside of our ability but we do give as much support as we can. She also advised that when subs come in it does create a disadvantage but currently there is a use it or lose it for PTO so teachers feel the need to use their PTO and this may be something to keep in mind.

A. Schlenk commented she is thankful that there will be talk about the larger classrooms as she is worried since there may be many students with IEP's in a class of 30 students.

A. Price advised that AoA is not the only school dealing with issues such as vaping but it is horrifying. She also liked J. Whatley's ideas of supporting the students and suggested possibly speaking to some students to see how they suggest this may be taken care of. She also asked where the LCAP metric goals come from. C. Chilcott advised that some of the metrics need to be looked at since they haven't been evaluated currently.

C. Robie asked if we have any teachers that are certified in second language development. A. McGeorge advised we do.

D. Forbes asked if grouping the students by language is more beneficial to show data. C. Robie advised that in AUSD it is not broken down by language.

A. Price asked if AoA is showing a decline of enrollments due to feeling unsafe. A. McGeorge advised that the families and students both know we are there for them even if at the moment they may not like what they are hearing from us.

C. Robie said the terminology "school culture" is a teaching word and she asked if maybe we can change that word so as to get a better response from the parents. C. Chilcott advised they are all preset questions.

C. Preview the 25-26 Executive Board Slate

D. Board Retreat Discussion

C. Robie asked Board on Track to provide training for the board at the board retreat and it would be in the afternoon from 4pm-9pm on either a Tuesday and Wednesday or a Wednesday and Thursday instead of a Saturday.

A. Price advised that she would prefer a Saturday but will try depending on the day to make it work.

They will check with Board on Track to see if August 18-19 would work. They said as a backup August 5-6 would work.

E. Board Committee Reports

Finance committee- previewed budget and will be coming to board for budget approval next month.

Student success committee- today reflected on what they know about the student success committee. The definition of student success is still being looked at so as to get a comprehensive view of what everyone think that implies. They also discussed the increase of students with special needs.

Governance committee- reviewed two policies which will be voted on next month. Spoke about board recruitment and have some perspectives in the works.

IV. Closing Items

A. Individual Board Member Reports

A. Price encouraged everyone to listen to an Ezra Klein podcast about the was AI is affecting education.

B. Executive Director Report

C. Chilcott advised S. Perkins attended the Alameda construction project which will close out one lane of each tunnel lane and it may be pushed to fall which should help in our enrollment and not losing anyone.

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 8:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. Schaff