



The Academy of Alameda Charter School Board

Minutes

AoA Board Retreat

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Date and Time

Sunday August 2, 2026 at 9:30 AM

Location

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

The Academy of Alameda Summer Board Retreat

Directors Present

A. Cooley, A. Price, C. Robie, J. Laird, K. McCoy, R. Brown, R. Rentschler, W. Schaff

Directors Absent

None

Guests Present

C. Chilcott

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Laird called a meeting to order on Sunday Aug 2, 2026 at 9:39 AM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

II. Open Session

A. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

B. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Closed Session

A. Executive Director's 26-27 Goal Discussion

The board and ED Chilcott went into closed session to discuss ED Chilcott's 26-27 goals.

IV. Open Session

A. Report Out From Closed Session

There was no action taken in closed session.

V. Main Agenda

A. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

B. Welcoming Activity

Due to the timing, J. Laird and the board agreed to pass on the welcoming activity and move onto the next item.

C. Discuss Retreat Agenda Items: Goals Review, Program Updates, Data and Information Discussion

ED Chilcott gave updates on the African-American Family and Student Engagement Program including the work that she, Principal McGeorge, Coach Burger, and Coach Vic had been doing over the summer to prepare. She shared that Coach Burger and Coach Vic were starting with mentoring groups while she and Principal McGeorge were identifying parents to speak with in small focus groups. ED Chilcott shared that she would be sharing the program information with the full staff when they returned back to school on Tuesday, August 4, 2026. A. Cooley advised the board that this work will likely move slowly with this first year being a listening year, so not to expect large gains of improvement right away. C. Robie asked about professional development for the staff

and ED Chilcott mentioned they are speaking with two different organizations about possible facilitation of the PD.

ED Chilcott reviewed the data calendar with the board and discussed when testing is done throughout the year, what tests are school assessments (Star test) and what is state testing (CAASPP and CAST). She explained that Star is the test the board should monitor for the most accurate data because it is tracking the same group of students and testing them at four different times in the same school year. ED Chilcott also asked the board to decide how they want data and what demographic data they want included when it's reported to them so she and her staff can create those reports and timelines in advance, and not go back and forth gathering additional data once she has delivered reports. C. Robie shared that it would be helpful to get the data in a synopsis format with information on what the staff plans to do with the data, and a link to the data tables for anyone who wants to review the numerical data. C. Robie noted that the board has a tendency to get into the weeds when looking at data and they need to keep each other accountable to stay out of that space. ED Chilcott shared she would share the data she has on a new monthly ED report she was creating and enrollment would be a regular reporting item, and that she would check with Principal McGeorge when the board could expect academic updates since monthly may not be possible.

VI. Closing Items

A. Meeting Wrap Up

K. McCoy shared that the Board Governance Committee will be interviewing a potential new board member and he and R. Rentschler may be reaching out to other board members to participate in the interview.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. Chilcott