Academy of Collaborative Education

Board Meeting

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Date and Time

Wednesday October 29, 2025 at 3:30 PM CDT

Location

The Center for Children and Families, Inc.
622 Riverside Dr.
Monroe, LA 71201

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Members of the public can access the board meeting through the link on the website or attend in person. The meeting's anchor location will be The Center for Children and Families, Inc., located at 622 Riverside Dr., Monroe, LA 71201.

Any individual who wishes to make a public comment on one or more agenda items but cannot attend the meeting must submit their comment to boardchair@aceforasd.org at least 24 hours before the board meeting. The comment should include the individual’s full name and the name of the agenda item on which they are commenting.

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During the board meeting, once the Board President/Chair calls for public comment on a specific agenda item and recognizes the speaker, the individual wishing to make an in-person public comment on an agenda item should be prepared to speak for no longer than 3 minutes. Before commencing with their public comment, the individual must state their full name.

The names of all individuals submitting public comments in person and via email shall be recorded in the meeting minutes.

It is the practice of the board to hear public comments but not respond instantly. The board will confer with the ED, and, depending on the issue, either the Board Chair or ED will respond to you within 24 hours.

Agenda

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
I.	**Opening Items**			**3:30 PM**
A.	Record Attendance		Holly Allen	1 m
B.	Call the Meeting to Order		Amy Marcus	1 m
C.	Approve Minutes from 9.17.25 and 10.22.25 (Special)	Approve Minutes	Amy Marcus	1 m
D.	Approval of Agenda	Vote	Amy Marcus	1 m

Request for amendment to the agenda, or approval of the agenda as presented.

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II.	**Reports**			**3:34 PM**
A.	Executive Director Report	Discuss	Joellen Freeman	45 m

The Executive Director reports on the organization's performance, strategic progress, financial health, and any significant risks or opportunities.

1. Enrollment statistics

2. Staffing Update

3. Updated Financials

4. Audit progress

5. Sixth-grade expansion update

6. Update on accounting firm transition

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7. Progress—Toward Goals for SY25-26

8. Cross Keys Resolution to withdraw funds and close account

9. Progressive Resolution to change signatories

10. State Police Background Check Policy

11. Wood Electronics Proposal

12. Differentiated Compensation Plan (Stipend)

13. SPED Strategies Contract

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B.	Committee Reports	FYI	Amy Marcus	20 m

Board committee chairs will report on important business, including proposed actions needing full board approval. Committee Chairs will also give an update on their goals. Draft minutes from the last committee meeting are attached for your review.

Committees will report in the following order:

- Governance (Holly Allen)
- Finance (Latner McDonald)
- Academic Excellence (Amy Marcus)
- Facilities (Davy Mize)

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C.	Board Chair Report: Proposed Committee Schedule Changes	Discuss	Amy Marcus	15 m

Proposed change to November Governance meeting date:
Move from November 26th to November 11th due to Thanksgiving Break

Proposed updates to the Academic Excellence meeting schedule: quarterly on Dec. 3, March 2, and May 6.

Proposed changes to the Finance Committee meeting schedule:
The meetings will be held every other month.

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The November meeting will still occur as scheduled, and then the meetings will continue on an every-other-month basis.

Proposed changes to the Facilities Committee meeting schedule:
The meetings will be held every other month.
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III. Other/Unfinished Business (Previously visited from an earlier agenda)

IV. Action Items — 4:54 PM

A.	Vote on Cross Keys Resolution	Vote	Amy Marcus	5 m

Resolution to withdraw funds and close the Cross Keys account

B.	Vote on Progressive Resolution	Vote	Amy Marcus	5 m

Resolution to remove Amy as signatory and add Anna and Latner

C.	Vote on State Police Background Check Policy	Vote	Amy Marcus	5 m

Adopt this policy for Academy of Collaborative Education

D.	Vote on Wood Electronics Proposal	Vote	Amy Marcus	5 m

Fire Safety proposal for Grace site

E.	Vote on Differentiated Compensation Plan (Stipend)	Vote	Amy Marcus	5 m

Vote to approve stipend for certified SPED teachers

F.	Vote to approve SPED Strategies Contract	Vote	Amy Marcus	5 m
G.	November Governance meeting change due to Thanksgiving Break	Vote	Amy Marcus	5 m

Vote to move from 26th to 11th

H.	Vote to approve the Academic Excellence Committee calendar changes	Vote	Amy Marcus	5 m

Quarterly on December 3, March 2, and May 6th of 2025

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I.	Vote to approve changes to the Finance Committee Calendar	Vote	Amy Marcus	5 m
	Change to every other month after their November meeting			
J.	Vote to approve changes to the Facilities Committee Calendar	Vote	Amy Marcus	5 m
	Move to every other month after the November meeting			
K.	Nomination of Kara Maggiore to the ACE Board of directors	Vote	Amy Marcus	5 m
	Vote to nominate and approve Kara Maggiore as a board member for the Academy of Collaborative Education			
L.	Nominate Kara Maggiore for Interim Board Chair for the Academy of Collaborative Education	Vote	Amy Marcus	5 m
	Vote to approve Kara as the Interim Board Chair through June 2026			

V. D.O.N.

DECISIONS made:

OWNERS:

NEXT steps:

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
VI.	**Closing Items**			**5:54 PM**
A.	Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Amy Marcus	1 m

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