



Academy of Collaborative Education

Board Meeting

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Date and Time

Wednesday April 15, 2026 at 3:30 PM CDT

Location

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

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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 |
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| I. Opening Items | | | 3:30 PM |
| A. Record Attendance | | Joellen Freeman | 2 m |
| B. Call the Meeting to Order | | Kara Maggiore | 1 m |
| C. Approve Minutes from previous meeting | Approve Minutes | Kara Maggiore | 3 m |

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| Motion: Move to approve meetings from the February 18, 2026 meeting of the governing ACE Board of Directors as presented in the board packet. | | | | |
| Approve minutes for Board Meeting on February 18, 2026 | | | | |
| D. | Approval of Agenda | Vote | Kara Maggiore | 3 m |
| Motion Option #1: Move to approve the agenda as presented. | | | | |
| Motion Option #2: Move to approve the agenda as amended by board discussion to include <insert amendment>. | | | | |
| Request for amendment to the agenda, or approval of the agenda as presented. | | | | |

II. Reports 3:39 PM

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| A. | Board Chair Report | FYI | Kara Maggiore | 5 m |
| Update only | | | | |
| B. | Executive Director Report | FYI | Joellen Freeman | 15 m |
| The Executive Director reports on the organization's performance, strategic progress, financial health, and any other significant updates. | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SY26-27 Enrollment • Staffing Update • Updated Financials • Audit progress • SY25-26 Progress to Goals • The employee handbook revisions will be going out to board members for review prior to June retreat | | | | |
| C. | Committee Reports | FYI | Kara Maggiore | 10 m |
| Board committee chairs will provide a brief update on committee work as it stands prior to full board meeting. | | | | |

III. New Business 4:09 PM

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| A. | SY26-27 HEAL Contract Renewal | Discuss | Joellen Freeman | 5 m |
| Review and discuss HEAL contract renewal for SY26-27. | | | | |

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| B. SY26-27 ACE School Calendar Review and discuss the proposed SY26-27 ACE School Calendar. | Discuss | Joellen Freeman | 5 m |
| C. SY26-27 Food Service Continuation of Contract Review and discuss the attached existing contract for food service. | Discuss | Joellen Freeman | 8 m |
| IV. Action Items | | | 4:27 PM |
| A. Approval of HEAL Contract Motion: Approve SY26-27 HEAL contract as presented in the board packet. | Vote | Kara Maggiore | 2 m |
| B. Approval of SY26-27 Calendar Motion: Approve SY26-27 Calendar as discussed and presented in board packet. | | Kara Maggiore | 2 m |
| C. Approval of Continuation of City of Monroe Food Services Contract Motion: Approve continuation of food services contract with City of Monroe public school system as discussed and presented in the board packet. | Vote | Kara Maggiore | 2 m |
| V. Other Business | | | 4:33 PM |
| A. Reminder: Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosure Statements Board members must file annual Tier 3 personal financial disclosure statements with the Louisiana Board of Ethics by May 15, 2026. | FYI | Kara Maggiore | 1 m |
| B. Schedule the June board retreat Discuss dates/times for the June board retreat. | Discuss | Kara Maggiore | 5 m |
| VI. Executive Session | | | 4:39 PM |
| Motion: Move for the board to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. | | | |
| A. Executive Session Discussion | FYI | Kara Maggiore | 10 m |
| VII. Closing Items | | | 4:49 PM |
| A. Adjourn Meeting | Vote | Kara Maggiore | 1 m |

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