



Academy of Collaborative Education

Finance Committee Meeting

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Date and Time

Wednesday October 8, 2025 at 2:00 PM CDT

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Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			2:00 PM
A. Record Attendance		Latner McDonald	1 m
B. Call the Meeting to Order	Discuss	Latner McDonald	1 m
C. Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes	Latner McDonald	1 m
Approve minutes for Finance Committee Meeting on September 10, 2025			
D. Approval of Agenda	Vote	Latner McDonald	1 m
Request for amendment to the agenda, or approval of the agenda as presented.			

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II. Finance			2:04 PM
A. Lease for Middle School with Grace	Vote	Joellen Freeman	10 m
Pending contract with Grace to lease the second floor for middle school expansion once fire suppression system is has been confirmed.			
B. SPED Strategies contract	Discuss	Joellen Freeman	10 m
draft of SPED Strategies contract for the current school year (to be paid with CSP funds)			
C. EDOPS	Discuss	Joellen Freeman/Sherah LeBouef	10 m
Joellen will present financials from EDOPS			
D. CSP Funding	Discuss	Joellen Freeman/Sherah LeBouef	5 m
Provide an update on CSP funding remaining			
E. Stipend Updates		Joellen Freeman	5 m
LDOE Stipends for school years 2024/24 & 2025/26, additional funds from LDOE			
F. New contract for APE	Discuss	Joellen Freeman	5 m
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G. Demonstration Model with Medicaid	Discuss	Joellen Freeman	5 m
H. Medicaid/ABA	Discuss	Joellen Freeman	5 m
I. Foward funding	Discuss	Joellen Freeman	5 m
III. Progress-Toward-Goals:			3:04 PM
The committee will discuss each goal regarding its status:			
On-Target — progressing well and on schedule			
Off-Target — falling behind the expected timeline			
At-Risk — requiring monitoring and/or intervention			

A. Finance SMART Goals

ACE FY26 Finance Committee SMART Goals

Goal #1:

By September 2025, the Finance Committee, in collaboration with Accounting Services, will initiate a ***monthly review of the Budget vs. Actual Report*** to enhance financial oversight and inform strategic decision-making. This analysis will ensure that budgetary allocations align with actual expenditures, providing a clear picture of financial health and supporting informed financial planning.

Goal #2:

The Finance Committee will ensure that ***financial statements are and continue to be balanced, current, and accurate*** by September 2025, and ***will review them at each subsequent Finance Committee meeting***. This initiative will involve a thorough review and reconciliation process, ensuring that all financial data is up-to-date and in line with standard accounting practices, thereby strengthening fiscal responsibility and transparency.

Goal #3:

By June 2026, Katie, in collaboration with Accounting Services and the Finance Committee, will ***develop and implement procedures to efficiently expend the CSP budget. This will include meticulous billing processes, ensuring that funds are utilized effectively and in compliance with program guidelines.***

Goal #4:

By August 2025, ***HEAL will begin providing monthly Medicaid billing reports to the ED, Finance Committee, and Accounting Services to manage productivity effectively, with reports completed by the 15th of the following month.*** This goal aims to streamline billing processes, ensuring timely and accurate financial reporting, which will contribute to enhanced financial management and more effective resource allocation.

Goal #5:

By August 2025, Accounting, Joellen, Katie, and the Finance Committee will ***establish, document, and implement comprehensive procedures for the month-end close.*** This effort aims to standardize the closing process, ensuring accuracy and consistency in financial reporting and supporting a smoother and more efficient monthly financial cycle.

Goal #6:

By August 2025, Katie, Joellen, Accounting, and the Finance Committee will ***develop a cost analysis for each classroom, determining the cost per pupil and per classroom.*** This analysis will establish "rules" for decision-making, providing a data-

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driven foundation for resource allocation and financial planning within the educational environment.			
Goal #7:			
By June 2026, procedures will be established by Katie, Joellen, Accounting, and the Finance Committee to <i>increase access to cash through timely billing to CSP and Medicaid, as well as by developing a line of credit (LOC).</i> Additionally, by the same date, Anna will <i>create and implement processes for cash transfers with Friends of ACE,</i> ensuring that liquidity is maintained to support operational needs and maintain financial stability.			
IV. Unfinished Business (Previously visited from an earlier agenda)			3:04 PM
A. Moving Finance Committee to every other month	Discuss	Joellen Freeman	5 m
V. New Business			
VI. Closing Items			3:09 PM
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Latner McDonald	1 m

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