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Academy of Collaborative Education

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday February 26, 2025 at 3:30 PM

Location

Academy of Collaborative Education

505 Glenmar Avenue

Monroe, LA 71201

Amy Marcus is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: ACE Board Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

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Directors Present

Amy Marcus, Carmen Parks (remote), Holly Allen (remote), Kara Maggiore (remote), Latner McDonald, Richard Cannon, Rob Turner

Directors Absent

None

Ex Officio Members Present

Anna Grimmatt, Joellen Freeman, Karen Roberson

Non Voting Members Present

Anna Grimmatt, Joellen Freeman, Karen Roberson

Guests Present

Diamond Melton, Dr. T. Moody, Glen Pierce, Tammy Morgan

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Recognize a Quorum

B.

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Call the Meeting to Order

Amy Marcus called a meeting of the board of directors of Academy of Collaborative Education to order on Wednesday Feb 26, 2025 at 3:43 PM.

C. Approve today's Agenda and last meeting's Minutes

Holly Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 01-15-25.

Richard Cannon seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. CEO Support And Eval

A. Policy Review and Approval

Record Retention Policy: Describes how certain records are maintained and disposed of in compliance with LDOE recommendations and in compliance with governing laws (HIPPA, etc.). Kare Maggorie moved to approve policy; Richard Cannon 2nd motion. No public comment. Policy passed, no objection.

Transportation Policy: ACE required to provide transportation to students located in district in which school applies for Type 1, in our case, in Monroe City. Richard Cannon motioned to approve; Rob Turner 2nd motion. No public comment. Policy passed, no objection.

Testing Policy: Policy in connection with taking of various required testing measures. ACE is in compliance currently. Richard Cannon motion to approve; Latner McDonald 2nd motion. Policy passed, no objection.

B. ED/CEO's Report

C. Board and CEO/ED SURVEY

ED - Joellen Freeman

Discussed 2 topics from recent Board Survey and specifically, (1) Board Composition - Skills Composition poor, work to pull in diverse board members and meet our gaps. (2) Number of Board Members - work to 11

III. Academic Excellence

A. Chair's Report

Chair: Carmen Parks

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Working to update Thomas System to include all ABA service notes, treatment plans, etc. January 6, 2025 forward is good; working to input old data.

IV. Finance

A. Chair's Report

Chair: Latner McDonald

LDOE Stipend: Continue to work with LDOE to obtain stipend for our teachers.

Budget Update: Correcting "projected" budget to account for actual student numbers, etc. Created budget for 98, actual number is 92.

Budget Review: Work on cash flow, fundraising, growth, etc.

V. Facility/Development

A. Chair's Report

Chair: Rob Turner

Discussed use of existing facilities to accommodate future growth into 6th grade. Remodeling costs currently approximate \$40,000. Significant cost related to electric systems. Continuing to seek bids. Will have hard numbers by next meeting.

VI. Fundraising/Development

A. Chair's Report

Chair: Richard Cannon

Looking to have 2 big fundraising events each year.

September 26, 2025: Golf Tournament, 2 flights. Goal is \$40,000.00.

River Rat Challenge. We netted approximately \$2,000 last year.

VII. Governance

A. Chair's Report

Chair: Kara Maggorie

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Board Retreat is June 7, 2025. Morning is full board meeting collectively. Afternoon broken out into committees.

CEO Evaluation in Governance Committee meeting.

VIII. Principal's Report

A. Staff count and vacancies, student count, interviews, substitutes, etc.

10 teachers. Down 1-line tech.

Teacher vacancy filled by rotating teachers.

Student count at 92

Continue to use retired teachers as substitute teachers.

April is "Autism Awareness Month." Planning field trip to hockey game.

B. Update on standardized testing (LEAP, LEAP CONNECT, ETC.)

Leap connect testing going well.

Leap Assessment testing will be in April. Karen Roberson working on this.

IX. New Business

A. Anna Grimmatt - candidate for the ACE board

Anna Grimmatt nominated to Ace Board. All board members voted to approve.

B. Action Items:

Review Board documents. Bring questions to next meeting.

Bring Laptops to next meeting. Amy will ensure connection for all committee meetings.

X. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Marcus

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Holly Allen

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