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Academy of Collaborative Education

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday April 16, 2025 at 3:30 PM

Location
Academy of Collaborative Education
505 Glenmar Avenue
Monroe, LA 71201

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Pursuant to Louisiana Open Meetings Law - La. R.S. 42:19, notice is hereby given to the members of the Board of Directors of Academy of Collaborative Education and to the general public that the Board will hold a regular, special, or re-scheduled meeting, open to the public as specified below. To ensure compliance with the Open Meeting Law, recipients of this message should not forward it to other Board members, and Board members should not reply to this message.

In accordance with La. R.S. 42:17.2, this board meeting will be held virtually. Members of the public can access it to the link referenced on the website. Anchor location for the meeting will be the school, Academy for Collaborative Education, 505 Glenmar Ave, Monroe, LA 71201.

Directors Present
Amy Marcus, Anna Grimmett, Carmen Parks, Davy Mize, Holly Allen, Kara Maggiore (remote), Latner McDonald, Richard Cannon, Rob Turner

Directors Absent
None

Ex Officio Members Present
Joellen Freeman (remote), Karen Roberson, Mike Dunn

Guests Present
Diamond Melton, Glenn Pierce (remote), Melissa Corolla (remote), Tammy Morgan

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I. Opening Items

A.

Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Kara Maggiore called a meeting of the board of directors of Academy of Collaborative Education to order on Wednesday Apr 16, 2025 at 3:41 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Carmen Parks made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 03-19-25.
Davy Mize seconded the motion.
Holly Allen and Kara Maggorie abstained from vote.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Approval of April Meeting Agenda

II. Reports

A. Executive Director Report

Joellen Freeman and *** currently in Miami at continuing education.

Current Statistics:
Attendance Record 88%
Enrolled are 117 students for 2025-2026 school year; full capacity is 126.
ACE now contacting "interested" parents to complete paperwork, perform screening, etc.

Returning Teachers - 10
Returning Paraprofessionals - 5
Returning Therapist - 1
Returning Nurse -1
Returning Substitute Nurse 1
Returning Administrative Asst - 1

Leap Connect completed. Leap testing to begin April 22, 2025.
Report cards issued on 4/2/2025. IEP progress reports issued on 4/9/2025.
Charter Audit Visit schedule for 4/23/25.

Significant School Events:
Field Trip Moccasins Practice for grades K-2 and separately for remaining games.
Family Night at Moccasins game successful.
Easter Egg Hunt held 4/16/2025 and was successful.

B. Committee Reports

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

"Governance Committee" Update as reported by Kara Maggiore.

- Currently working to put in place standards for Executive Director evaluation.
- Will bring to Board for approval at next meeting
- Board Retreat is June 14, 2025, from 8-5AM.

"Finance Committee" Update as reported by Mike Dunn.

- Currently working on 2025-2026 budget to include additional income streams.
- Working to bridge potential 2024-2025 deficit.
- Will timely report as necessary to facilitate board approval.

"Facilities Committee" Update as reported by Rob Turner.

- Update on "necessary expansion" regarding 2 - 6th grade classrooms and modifications to tighten security in reception area.
- Update on "desired expansion" regarding nursing space, conference room, etc.
- Continuing to obtain bids.
- Anticipate completion of "necessary expansion" to be appx. 4 weeks.

"Academic Excellence Committee" Update as reported by Carmen Parks.

- Faith Gremillion and Cindy Faust added to committee.
- Calendar for upcoming school year in packet.
- All voting board members approved 2025-2026 School Calendar.
- Diamond Melton Question re: BCBA's on Staff. ACE currently has 2 BCBA's who supervise 14 line-technicians.

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Calendar for upcoming school year in packet.

All voting board members approved 2025-2026 School Calendar.

III. Action Items

A. Approval of the ACE 2025-2026 school year calendar

2025-2026 Calendar Year.
Follow Monroe City School District as closely as possible as they supply ACE food services.
Start August 11 and end May 22, 2026.
Time will be extended by 5 minutes each day to meet required instructional minutes, which maintaining 1/2 day on Wednesday.
Days are built-in to the calendar for teacher in-service and workdays.
3-weeks built into the calendar for ESY.

Rob Turner motioned to approve 2025-2026 calendar.
Richard Cannon seconded the motion.
No questions received from public or board.
Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Other/Old Business

A. Upcoming: May Board Meeting

May 21, 2025 Board Meeting

Discussed possibility of moving board meeting to different location.
Busy Meeting: Budget Approval, Executive Director evaluation and Annual Meeting Agenda.

B. Annual Meeting/Retreat Scheduling

June 14, 2025 Annual Meeting.

V. 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 4:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Holly Allen
Anna Grimmett made a motion to Adjourn Meeting.
Amy Marcus seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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