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Minutes

April Governance Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday April 8, 2025 at 3:30 PM

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Committee Members Present
Amy Marcus (remote), Holly Allen (remote), Joellen Freeman, Kara Maggiore (remote)

Committee Members Absent
None

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Joellen Freeman called a meeting of the Governance Committee of Academy of Collaborative Education to order on Tuesday Apr 8, 2025 at 3:37 PM.

C. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes

Holly Allen made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance Committee Meeting - March 2025 on 03-17-25.
Joellen Freeman seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Governance

A. Report: Executive Director Update

GuideOne Insurance has exited Louisiana, so churches and schools it previously insured are left searching for other options.

Instead of consolidating policies as in GuideOne, ACE is now forced to purchase different policies through different companies.

And the price increase is substantial.

The main questions to bring before multiple committees for advice are: Do we renew our cybersecurity insurance? And do we purchase Non-Owned Auto insurance for the staff that pick up school lunches daily?

Holly suggested checking with organizations associated with our population, such as the National Autism Association, to see if they may have insurance-related resources.

Joellen will discuss this with the team at SFACS next week.

Update on Medicaid: ACE will move forward with billing Medicaid with the assistance of HEAL.

Update on possible ABA Clinic leasing space from Friends of ACE: An ABA contractor would lease space from Friends of ACE, and our students would receive therapy on the ACE campus via said clinic. The clinic would manage the line techs and RBTs.

Joellen will research compliance and insurance relative to an on-site ABA clinic.

Holly will review contracts as they are constructed and inform the Governance Committee when questions arise.

Joellen will research how Emerge in Baton Rouge transitions students from clinic to the academic day and vice versa.

Currently, two ABA contractors are being considered.

Before this can happen, the ACE Board of Directors must approve a resolution finalizing the on-site ABA clinic.

B. Report: Update on Executive Director Evaluation Progress

Members of the Governance Committee received a sampling of CEO/ED evaluation questions obtained from BoardOnTrack.

The members will consider the content of the documents before the next meeting.

Dr. Beck will make her recommendations using the same documents for reference.

The Governance Committee will present to the full board for approval at the May board meeting.

III. Other Business

A. Update: Annual Board Meeting / Retreat

The annual board retreat will be held June 14th in Monroe 8-5.

The agenda will be roughly:
Board business, budgeting and contracts, school-leader evaluation and goal-setting, committee work, and how to ask good questions in board meetings.

B. Committee Meeting Scheduling

The next Governance Committee Meeting will be held May 13th @ 3:30.

IV. 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 4:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Marcus

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