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Academy of Collaborative Education

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday February 18, 2026 at 3:30 PM

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.

Directors Present
Anna Grimmett, Curtis Eberts, Davy Mize, Holly Allen (remote), Kara Maggiore, Latner McDonald, Richard Cannon, Seth Hall

Directors Absent
None

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

Guests Present
Joe Martin, Katie Kahmann (remote)

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 Feb 18, 2026 at 3:33 PM.

C. Approve Minutes from 11.19.25

Richard Cannon made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 11-19-25.
Kara Maggiore seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Approval of Agenda

Anna Grimmett made a motion to Approve Agenda of 2/18/2026.
Kara Maggiore seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Reports

A. Board Chair Report

Kara Maggiore:

- Updated enrollment table for LDOE
- ACE in compliance with enrollment allowance per material amendment

B. Executive Director Report

SY 2026-2027:

- 116 currently enrolled; 110 accept with 4 declining
- 56 new applications with Kindergarten applications representing over 30 of the new applications.
- Staffing full
- 4-6 graders to attend play in 2-weeks
- 2 events hosting parents put on by parent organization

Financials:

- Cash flow good due in part to increased IDEA funding, IEP submissions, CSP funding\

Audit:

- Lori Woodard and team still working throught audit and its on track

6th Grade Expansion:

- Still working through process
- Fire inspection on hold pending elevator repairs
- Security and fire safety in place
- ADA compliant with everything
- Lighting changes made to receive LDH approval

Communication Goals Met/Exceeded:

- Communication boards around school
- Nonverbal means of communicating in place
- Communication moments in classroom substantially increased

C. Committee Reports

Financials (Joe Martin with Ed Ops):

- Most of LOC reserved (appx. 200K)
- Received significant CSP reimbursement
- IDEA funding positive impact on financials
- Strategies in place to stretch resources and meet obligations
- Fundraising efforts will further positive impact
- Continue in seeking grant funding (Charter School Growth Fund; New Schools Venture Fund; Lamar Family Foundation; Living Will Foundation; YAS Foundation)
- Meeting scheduled with bank Friday, February 20, to increase line of credit
- SY 2026-27 Projections: 650K accrual and 750K cash

Facilities Committee (Davey Mize):

- Expansion work in progress and almost complete
- Elevator in repair
- Searching for new exterminating company

Governance and Academic Excellence Committees

- no new business

III. New Business

A. Executive Session

Latner McDonald made a motion to go into Executive Session.
Richard Cannon seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Discussed:

- Pending employee claim with legal representation;
- Complaint of former employee to Board Chair and LDOE (now resigned);
- Parent complaint and LDOE findings.

Kara Maggiore made a motion to Move out of Executive Session.
Davy Mize seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. Other Business

A. Reminder: Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosure Statements

- Reminder to file Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement

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 4:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kara Maggiore

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