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Academy of Collaborative Education

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday April 15, 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 (remote), Davy Mize, Holly Allen (remote), Kara Maggiore (remote), Latner McDonald, Richard Cannon, Seth Hall

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
Cody Bourque, Hannah Nguyen, Joe Martin

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Approve Minutes from previous meeting

Anna Grimmett made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 02-18-26.
Davy Mize seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Approval of Agenda

Richard Cannon made a motion to approve the minutes from.
Latner McDonald seconded the motion.
Motion to Approve Agenda as presented on 4/15/2026
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Reports

A. Board Chair Report

- Board Retreat this summer and intend to plan today.

B. Executive Director Report

Enrollment 26-27 completed; enrolled 152 with top availability of 160

- Sought increase of student total student enrollment from BESE due to student/parent demand; waitlist deep
- Currently no building space to expand
- Expansion into middle school has increased demand into these grades
- Middle school moved to new space; going well

Staffing update; 100% employees expected to return

- Audit process continues for ACE and Friends of ACE

Progress toward goals continues and gaining in communication and visuals for students
Testing

- No Dibbles numbers yet, student growth across the board
- LAR/NAR testing complete

Employee Handbooks will be presented for review in May, before June Retreat

C. Committee Reports

Finance/Joe Martin

- See EDOPS financials "February 2026 Financials"

- Discussion re: correction of MFP grant issue, inaccurate student count, next steps toward correction

Facilities/Davy Mize

- Minor building work akin to "freshening up" to be completed
- HVAC issues continue on "gym side" of facility; seeking quotes to repair/replace; discussion of grant to cover costs

Academic/Kara Maggorie

- Discuss testing results and reporting of same at Retreat

III. New Business

A. SY26-27 HEAL Contract Renewal

HEAL/Joellen

- Discuss HEAL PSA re: Medicaid
- Form of proposed agreement fine, will clarify language on compensation

B. SY26-27 ACE School Calendar

Joellen /2026/27 School Year

- Summary 23/27 calendar prepared to go home to parents
- Noted various professional development days, holidays, ESY dates, etc. all in keeping with Monroe City School Board
- School dismissal 2:50pm; 5 days per week

C. SY26-27 Food Service Continuation of Contract

Joelle/Food Services Agreement with Monroe City School Board

- Propose to continue Agreement with Monroe City for provision of school meals

IV. Action Items

A. Approval of HEAL Contract

Anna Grimmett made a motion to Approve Joellen to Negotiate HEAL PSA up to maximum of $17,000 Per Packet.
Richard Cannon seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B.

Approval of SY26-27 Calendar

Davy Mize made a motion to Approve 2026/2027 Calendar per Packet.
Seth Hall seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Approval of Continuation of City of Monroe Food Services Contract

Latner McDonald made a motion to Approve Continuation of City of Monroe Food Services Contract per Board Packet.
Anna Grimmett seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

V. Other Business

A. Reminder: Tier 3 Personal Financial Disclosure Statements

Kara Maggiore issued reminder. On completion, report back to Joellen for tracking purposes.

B. Schedule the June board retreat

Tentatively schedule Board Retreat for Saturday, June 27, 2026.

VI. Executive Session

A. Executive Session Discussion

Richard Cannon made a motion to Move Board into Executive Session.
Davy Mize seconded the motion.
Guests left room.

Enter Executive Session
Unanimous consent to Exit Executive Session at 5:00pm
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VII. 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 5:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Holly Allen

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