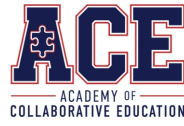


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Academy of Collaborative Education

Minutes

Governance Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday August 5, 2026 at 3:30 PM

Location

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Committee Members Present

Anna Grimmatt (remote), Curtis Eberts (remote), Holly Allen (remote), Joellen Freeman (remote)

Committee Members Absent

None

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Curtis Eberts called a meeting of the Governance Committee of Academy of Collaborative Education to order on Wednesday Aug 5, 2026 at 3:32 PM.

C. Approval of agenda

Holly Allen made a motion to Approve.
Joellen Freeman seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Approve Prior Meeting Minutes

Joellen Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes from May 24, 2026 Governance Committee Meeting on 05-27-26.
Holly Allen seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Old Business

A. ACE Transportation

Transportation Contract:

Unable to reach transportation contract with Monroe City for 2026-2027 SY but will continue efforts to reach agreement, even if not in place until midyear. Continue to use JPS Transportation with total of 12-seats in interim. Contract with City would allow for considerably more available seats.

III. New Business

A. Approval of ED's time off

Leave Documentation:

ACE Executive Director's leave usage is not currently documented in the leave system. Discussion of ways to address and ultimately discussed that best practice would be to

amend "Policy and Procedure Manual" to outline steps for Director of Operations to document Executive Director leave usage and for notification to Board President of Executive Director's leave usage.

Holly Allen made a motion to Recommend to Board approval of amendment to Policy and Procedure Manual Re: Executive Director leave documentation (see above).

Curtis Eberts seconded the motion.

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

B. ACE Residency Program

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ACE negatively impacted because the school does not receive funding to issue teachers a 13th tax clean-out check. ACE developed a residency program available to certain paraprofessionals that creates a pathway for these professionals to advance toward teacher certification. Those enrolled in program would receive an increased salary.

C. AFLAC

Consider offering employee benefits through AFLAC and specifically, a cafeteria plan. ACE would not be responsible for cost as all cost would be absorbed by employee and directed deducted from their paycheck.

All agreed to notify Board at next meeting that this option will be made available to employees.

IV. Action Items

A. ACE Residency Program

Anna Grimmatt made a motion to Recommend to Board the Approval of ACE Residency Program.

Curtis Eberts seconded the motion.

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

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Curtis Eberts made a motion to Adjourn Meeting.

Anna Grimmatt seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Holly Allen

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