



The New American Academy Charter School

Minutes

TNAACS Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday June 18, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Directors Present

C. Cuellar-Lezcano (remote), C. Kelly (remote), D. Dula (remote), F. Monroe (remote), H. Hunt (remote), V. McDonald (remote)

Directors Absent

None

Guests Present

J. Trani (remote), L. Parquette Silva

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Kelly called a meeting of the board of directors of The New American Academy Charter School to order on Thursday Jun 18, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

C. Cuellar-Lezcano made a motion to approve the minutes from TNAACS Board Meeting on 05-21-26.

D. Dula seconded the motion.

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

II. Finance & Data

A. Monthly Financials and The TNAACS Budget for 2026/2027

Elaine Schmiedeshoff from CSBM shared our monthly financials from May 2026 with the board. TNAACS continues to have a robust amount of cash on hand. Elaine shared there were few changes from the previous month in revenue, and that TNAACS's bottom line continues to improve.

Elaine then moved onto sharing the TNAACS school budget for 2026/2027.

C. Kelly made a motion to Approve the 2026/2027 TNAACS School Budget.

D. Dula seconded the motion.

Elaine shared the budget for the 2026/2027 school year. After discussion the board voted to approved the budget for the upcoming school year. The vote was unanimous.

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

B. TNAACS Data Share

Jenny Trani shared the schools End of Year iReady Data in ELA and math with the goal of reflecting on professional learning needs and supports for teachers/students based on the data data.

She shared that as a school, TNAACS iReady data in both reading and math were considered to be high growth and high achievement. While we did not meet our school wide goal of having no students perform in the red in reading or math, the percentages of students in the red dropped, with 3% in the red in math and 6% in the red in ELA. In all, 60% of TNAACS students performed in the green or double green in math and 66% of our students performed in the green or double green in ELA.

Jenny also shared some feedback and observations from our teachers:

- Students are burnt out from testing by June.
- Too much screen time. Students are more engaged in book studies and reading real books (1st and 3rd grade).
- Some students just don't try as hard after state exams. They vocalize it. Example: "I don't care. I'll try harder in middle school."
- Some students can read accurately but struggle with nonsense words and phonics assessments.
- Some students did not use the Four Square organizer and chose not to.
- Some MLL students perform worse when taking the math test in Spanish because they learn academic vocabulary in English.

- Some students continue to not meet their usage goals. They need extrinsic motivation.
- Vocabulary impacts math achievement as well.
- Students need to be able to articulate their thinking both orally and in writing. (Paloma Saez).

Next Jenny shared enrollment data trends with the board and the steps the school is taking to increase enrollment. These initiatives include:

- Vanguard Mailing in July/Aug
- Bus Shelter ads
- Continue Social Media Posts
- Have Ms. Tatum work tours and registrations during summer school
- Continue Getting Ready for K Workshops- 37 attendees across 4 workshops- Survey Request for Math
- Giving out free uniforms if registered by June 5
- More canvassing with Underdog

III. Governance

A. Academic Excellence Committee

The Academic Excellence Committee shared they had reviewed our iReady data with the DTLS at their most recent meeting.

B. Annual Report Board of Trustee Financial Disclosure Form

Lisa Silva reminded TNAACS Board members to complete their Financial Disclosure forms for the 2025/2026 Annual Report, due on August 1st.

C. TNAACS Holdover Appeals

C. Kelly made a motion to To deny the parent holdover appeal for one of TNAACS's first grade students.

C. Cuellar-Lezcano seconded the motion.

Lisa Silva shared data about a 1st grade student the school was recommending for retention in grade, whose parent was appealing the holdover. She shared tha based on Light's Retention Scale the student was a Fair Candidate for Retention, with most students in this range will show academic gains if retained. She shared that while the student had stared in December, she had accumulated 14 absences. This was despite the SST team working with mom to improve attendance. On both iReady assessments the student did not reach typical or stretch growth and their classwork is significantly below grade level. The student scored in the K range in both subjects on iReady.

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

IV. Other

A. Board Professional Development Resources

Lisa Silva shared Professional development resources provided by Board on Track for TNAACS board members. She asked that the forms be submitted by June 19th.

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 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Parquette Silva