



The New American Academy Charter School

Minutes

Academic Excellence Monthly Committee meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday September 22, 2026 at 3:00 PM

Location

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88227784441?pwd=WDhLZ3ZiQmZuQINLRHRZSmRMbU4rQT09>

Meeting ID: 882 2778 4441

Passcode: sisepuede

Committee Members Present

C. Cuellar-Lezcano (remote)

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests Present

D. Mays (remote), J. Trani (remote), O. Gibson (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Cuellar-Lezcano called a meeting of the Academic Excellence Committee Committee of The New American Academy Charter School to order on Tuesday Sep 22, 2026 at 3:05 PM.

II. Check-in

A. Rose, Thorn and a Bud

1. Check-in

1. How are the first few weeks of school?

1. Rose, Thorn and a Bud

1. OG - lost Mr. Williams, 3rd grade have been amazing in ensuring all is smooth;
2. DM - enrollment - K are nice 13 in a class; smooth start; kids settling in ex: fire drill; seem more mature; K/1 teachers - red thread curriculum; teachers are invested
3. JT - new hires; warm and positive energy; invigorating; thorn - enrollment bud - reach for fundraising; plan for the year to offset the decline
4. YB - Going from "good to great" by eliminating reds, strategically planning for mid unit assessments and spiral review days

III. Goals for 2026-2027

A. Patterns from the Survey

1. Patterns [from survey](#)

1. Leading with professionalism
2. Promoting best practices
3. Increasing literacy across the school
4. Having all voices in contributing ideas (perhaps include some partner teachers)
5. Leveraging teacher strengths
6. Concerns over enrollment and increasing family engagement
 1. Relationships with alumni who are doing well and succeeding;
 1. Examples: Curriculum celebrations (half day Fridays) having middle school alumni come and talk to families; using 5th graders too; Miss Stefanie's dance students; Soaring Eagles; Eagle eyes; using students in tours; home visits - during the summer with newer students;

B. Goals for this year

1. Paloma

1. Highlighted Ms. Acosta - leveraging strengths to support students
 2. Unpacking the red threads curriculum
 3. K - planning together; vetting the curriculum together; how to utilize that morning meeting time; teachers are interpreting the lesson differently
 4. OG - new teachers; Ms. V is out; Ms. Joseph
 5. Solidify routines; reinvesting in intellectual teacher prep; unit unpacking; timing and pacing
2. Intellectual Prep - how do we systematize protocols in increasing strong intellectual prep across the school; what is intellectual prep? What does this look like?
 1. Who are effective at IP?
 1. Ms. Joseph
 2. Ms. Paris, Ms. Jones
 3. Ms. Acosta

IV. October's meeting

A. Meetings this year

Will be the last Thursday of the month - next one is October 27

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 4:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. Cuellar-Lezcano