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# A.C.E. Academy

# Minutes

## A.C.E. Academy May 22, 2025 Board Meeting

**Date and Time**
Thursday May 22, 2025 at 7:00 PM

**Location**
Join Zoom Meeting https://aceacademycharter-org.zoom.us/j/84445533716?pwd=8fTF0HDnG5DVQQfe3NkMHhWCcyaJKC.1
Meeting ID: 844 4553 3716 Passcode: 246230

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Guest Login: Indistar
Username: GuestS17692
Password: GuestS17692

**Directors Present**
C. Torrence (remote), D. Graham (remote), K. Best (remote), T. Cline (remote)

**Directors Absent**
C. Rodgers, J. Figueroa

**Guests Present**
D. Hammond (remote)

## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

T. Cline called a meeting of the board of directors of A.C.E. Academy to order on Thursday May 22, 2025 at 7:05 PM.

### C. School Mission

A.C.E. Academy will equip students from all backgrounds to succeed in the college and career of their
choice by driving academic excellence, developing strong character, and instilling an entrepreneurial mindset.

### D. Approve Agenda

Motion to Kedric Best.
D. Graham seconded the motion.
Kendric Best motion to approve today 's agenda
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### E. Approve Minutes

Motion to Kendric Best.
D. Graham seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### F. Public Comment

A.C.E. Academy Public Comment Policy is two per meeting for reaction to what has been discussed during the meeting.

## II. Meeting Items

### A. New Hire Update

Motion to Dionna Graham.
K. Best seconded the motion.
Laila Minott asked the board to review and vote to accept the new personnel report.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### B. Welcome New Board Member

Dr. Cline and Laila Minott are excited to welcome Mrs. Torrence to our Board of Directors. Mrs. Torrence brings valuable experience and fresh perspectives that will benefit our school. We look forward to her contributions and leadership.

Motion to Kendric.
D. Graham seconded the motion.
Dr. Cline requested a motion to enter closed session.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
Motion to Dionna Graham.
K. Best seconded the motion.
Dionna Graham motion to come out of closed session.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### C. Construction Update

Motion to Charris Torrence.
K. Best seconded the motion.
Laila Minott updated the board on our construction progress. She reported that we closed on April 22, 2025. With the bond funds secured, we can now proceed with construction on three projects: expanding the middle school, adding a new preschool, and building an additional kindergarten class.

Dr. Cline requested a motion to amend the purpose of the construction update from a vote to an informational session.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### D. ERC Fund Update

Motion to Kendric Best.
C. Torrence seconded the motion.
Mrs. Minott reported the receipt of two tax credit funds: one received initially and another two weeks later. These credits are from a tax form submitted in 2021. Mrs Minott asked the board to approve the current budget
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### E. Bills That Impact Charters

The board reviewed several bills affecting charter schools. House Bill 981 addresses local schools' open enrollment, allowing students to attend schools outside their designated zones. Senate Bill 442, the Parent Protection Act, ensures parents who do not affirm a child's gender are not deemed abusive or discriminatory. House Bill 886 mandates on-site AED and CPR training, cell phone-free instructional policies, mandatory social media and mental health literacy instruction, K-12 suicide and crisis lifeline, information on student ID cards, dyslexia screening for early learners, a meal debt equity policy, and facilitates the statewide hiring of school psychologists. Mrs. Minott announced the creation of policies regarding parent behavior, video or audio recording without awareness, and religious holidays. These policies will be available on our website following approval by the board.

## III. 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 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
D. Hammond

## B. Closed Session