A.C.E. Academy

Minutes

A.C.E. Academy Board Meeting 2025-2026

Date and Time
Thursday July 30, 2026 at 7:00 PM

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.

Guest Login: Indistar
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Directors Present
D. Graham, J. Figueroa (remote), K. Best (remote), T. Cline (remote)

Directors Absent
C. Rodgers

Guests Present
D. Hammond (remote), L. Minott (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 Jul 30, 2026 at 7:04 PM.

C. School Mission

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D. Approve Agenda

J. Figueroa made a motion to approve tonight's agenda.
K. Best seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. Approve Minutes

K. Best made a motion to approve the minutes from June 4, 2026 A.C.E. Academy Board Meeting 2025-2026 on 06-04-26.
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. Staff Update/Approval

K. Best made a motion to Approve the staff changes and updates.
J. Figueroa seconded the motion.
Laila Minott provided an exciting update regarding our growing team and new additions for the upcoming school year:
Dean of Students: We are thrilled to welcome our new Dean of Students, who brings a strong background in mental health and student support. He is already making a fantastic impact, building strong connections with both our staff and students.
Athletic Department Leadership: To better support our student-athletes and programs, the Dean of Students role will no longer include Athletic Director duties. Instead, we have established a dynamic three-member staff team to collaboratively lead and elevate the athletic department.
New Teaching Staff: We are delighted to announce the hiring of two new international teachers who will be joining us on visas. Both bring exceptional experience, fresh perspectives, and a wealth of knowledge to our classrooms.

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

B. June Budget Reconciliation

Financial Update: Laila Minott presented the June budget reconciliation report to the Board, detailing the school's fiscal status and financial reporting for review.

C. Pre School Update

Laila Minott presented an update regarding the upcoming launch of the preschool program, confirming that it is scheduled to officially open this Monday.
During her presentation, she addressed an initial hurdle: the school recently learned it cannot accept child care vouchers immediately at launch. This unexpected delay left several registered families unable to attend as planned. However, Laila emphasized that administration is actively working through the approval process to accept vouchers as quickly as possible, ensuring that financial access will not remain a long-term barrier for local families.
To ensure a smooth transition and maintain strong instructional quality, the program will launch with two initial classes. Additional classrooms will be opened incrementally as enrollment numbers grow.

D. Policy Approval

J. Figueroa made a motion to Approve the new attendance policy for the 2026-2027 school year.
K. Best seconded the motion.
Laila Minott presented the newly revised Attendance Policy to the Board of Directors for comprehensive review. She outlined key updates to student attendance expectations, reporting procedures, and compliance tracking to support student engagement. Following the presentation, Ms. Minott requested that board members conduct a final review of the document and entertain a motion to formally vote on and approve the updated policy.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. Enrollment

Laila Minott presented the current enrollment figures to the board, noting that student enrollment remains on track and in a strong position. She also highlighted the hard work and ongoing efforts of the data manager in supporting enrollment processing.

F. Board Member Transitions

J. Figueroa made a motion to Approve the resignation of one board member and to welcome the new board candidate.
K. Best seconded the motion.
Board Member Transition & Appointment:

Resignation for Employment: Laila Minott notified the Board of a current member's transition to a staff position at the school. The Board voted to accept the member's resignation to enable their employment with the school.
New Member Election: Laila Minott presented information on a new candidate for the Board of Directors. After due consideration, the Board voted to officially welcome and appoint the candidate to the Board.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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 8:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
D. Hammond

B. Closed Session

K. Best made a motion to go into close session at 7:13 pm.
J. Figueroa seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
K. Best made a motion to Approve going back into open session at 7:31 pm.
J. Figueroa seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.