



A.C.E. Academy

Minutes

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

Date and Time

Thursday August 27, 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.

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Directors Present

A. Anderson (remote), D. Graham (remote), J. Figueroa (remote), K. Best (remote), T. Cline (remote)

Directors Absent

None

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 Aug 27, 2026 at 7:05 AM.

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

K. Best made a motion to approve the meeting agenda.

J. Figueroa seconded the motion.

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

E. Approve Minutes

K. Best made a motion to approve the minutes from A.C.E. Academy Board Meeting 2025-2026 on 07-30-26.

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. Welcome New Board Member

The Board of Directors officially welcomed Mr. Anderson as a new board member."

B. Staff Update/Approval

J. Figueroa made a motion to Approve the new hires.

K. Best seconded the motion.

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

Staffing Updates:

Kindergarten: Ms. Minott confirmed the hiring of Ms. Kanaswamy as a kindergarten teacher under an H1 visa.

6th Grade Math: The 6th-grade math position remains open. Two experienced interim staff members are currently covering instructional duties while Dr. Reese conducts candidate interviews.

Enrollment: Total K–8 enrollment reached 464 students—an increase of 30 students compared to the previous academic year, though below the target goal of 500.

Preschool Operations: The preschool received official licensure from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and has been approved for voucher reception. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for September 8, from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM.

C. 2028 Renewal

2028 Charter Renewal Discussion Ms. Minott provided an overview of the 2028 charter renewal timeline and requirements, noting that preparation will formally begin in 2027.

Requirements & Timeline: Submission of a \$500 renewal fee and completion of a comprehensive self-study due November 30.

Action Items:

Dawn Hammond: Assist in identifying and retrieving two sets of closed-session meeting minutes required for the self-study.

Dr. Terry Cline: Review the school's current bylaws (last revised in 2014) for potential updates and alignment.

D. Pre School Ribbon Cutting

Ms. Minott announced that the preschool has received official licensure from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and is now approved to accept child care vouchers. A ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the opening is scheduled for September 8, 2026, from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM.

E. K-8th Enrollment

K–8 Enrollment Update Ms. Minott reported that current K–8 enrollment has reached 464 students, representing an increase of 30 students compared to the previous academic year, though remaining below the targeted goal of 500 students.

F. Meeting Schedule

1. July 30, 2026
2. August 27, 2026
3. September 24, 2026
4. October 29, 2026
5. November 19, 2026
6. January 28, 2027
7. February 25, 2027
8. March 25, 2027
9. May 27, 2027
10. June 24, 2027

Dr. Cline will schedule an orientation session with Mr. Anderson to provide an overview of board operations and bring him up to speed on current initiatives.

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 7:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
D. Hammond

B. Closed Session

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board entered into closed session to discuss a confidential student/parent matter and receive guidance, as permitted by privacy regulations and open meeting laws.

J. Figueroa made a motion to go into close session.

K. Best seconded the motion.

The closed session began at 7:33 pm

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

D. Graham made a motion to close the executive session and return to open session at 7:41 pm.

K. Best seconded the motion.

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