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Albany Leadership Charter School for Girls

Minutes

Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday April 28, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Location

19 Hackett Boulevard Albany NY

Trustees Present

A. Harrison, E. Bowman (remote), E. Harris, J. Celestine (remote), M. Moree

Trustees Absent

D. Getto, E. Robertson, V. Rhodes

Guests Present

C. Rowell, D. Romero, R. Large, T. Smith

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Harrison called a meeting of the board of trustees of Albany Leadership Charter School for Girls to order on Tuesday Apr 28, 2026 at 5:07 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

A. Harrison made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting on 03-24-26.

M. Moree seconded the motion.

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

II. Accountability

A. Leadership Report Out

Dr. Large presented the Accountability Report along with his leadership report, in the absence of Ms. Getto. He reviewed in some detail the middle school testing; noted that the faculty had also completed 3 days of mock regents with some positive results.

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III. Finance

A. Budget Development 2026-27

Ms. Moree and Ms. Harrison reviewed various elements of the draft budget under development. With the report due to SUNY on May 1, the focus has been on ensuring that the overall staffing structure under development aligns with ability to provide an

educational program for our students. The proposed budget has been developed with an overall employee FTE of 43, in support of an enrollment of 275. Ms Getto has been working closely with Ms. Smith and Mr. Romero on ensuring that the scheduling is tight and efficient, noting that the current processing is not as efficient as it can be, and some classes are so underenrolled that programming needs to be more thoughtfully planned and executed. Ms. Moree and Ms. Harrison are working with other members of the leadership team to look for efficiencies in all other areas of spending -- from technology, to facilities, to support services. The goal is that the budget will be further refined through the end of June when the board votes on the budget.

Separately Ms. Moree updated the board on the ongoing discussions with bondholders; she noted a draft forbearance had been prepared and submitted by counsel in early April and that no response had yet been received from bondholder counsel. The submission mirrored what the bondholder consultants - FUSE - had recommended and was based on their fiscal analysis.

B. Enrollment (Attraction & Retention)

Ms. Rowell provided an update on new applications and returning student commitments, in hand. A discussion ensued which reinforced that the obligation to SUNY CSI on May 1st is a draft budget, tied to applications in-hand, and that the work on recruitment and retention will continue through the first day of school in September.

The Board acknowledged the very focused work of the Enrollment Team and all in leadership engaged in connecting with families and students to arrive at a very strong April "applications in hand" number of 269. It is so very close to the SUNY CSI number of 275 and it is clear Ms. Rowell led the strategy and all team members through a very busy, but successful initial enrollment season. The work will continue through May on ensuring those applications become viable for the 2026-27 school year.

IV. 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 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Moree

Documents used during the meeting

- Board Accountability Report - April_2026.pdf

- EnrollmentDB427.png