



THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date and Time

Wednesday, June 11, 2025 **(Approved Minutes)**

Location

4000 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90037 (MPR)

Teleconference location: TAS 2 – 119 E. 37th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90011

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Members Present: Leonard Rabinowitz (LR), Peter Morrison(PM), Brittany Brooks (BB), Lindsay Berz (LB- arrived at 10:22am)

Board Members Absent: Larry Picus, Binti Yost

Quorum at 10:22 AM

Guest Speakers: N/A

AGENDA

Meeting Called to Order: 10:22 AM

Pledge of Allegiance: Brittany Brooks

Approval of Board Meeting Agenda 6.11.25

- 1st Motion: LR
- 2nd Motion: PM
- Approved

Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes: 4.23.25

- 1st Motion: LR
- 2nd Motion: BB
- Approved

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Non-Agenda Items:

No Public Comments

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

1. The Wallis Annenberg Foundation grant
 - a. The grant from the Wallis Annenberg Foundation of \$3 million over 3 years was vetted and approved by the foundation, and the first million dollars has been received.
 - b. The Grant will specifically be used to support a robust approach to Math learning at WAHS, including reducing math class size, increasing math learning hours, a math tutor, and additional math teachers
 2. Thank you to Jesse and the team for providing the Board meeting materials early
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CEO'S PRESENTATION AND REPORT - June 11, 2025 CEO Report

- Senior Grad Walk Video Presentation
- Network Professional Development Committee (PDC) Update (with Kayla Kohn - WAHS English Teacher)
 - PDC meets at least twice per school year, 1 time per semester, to focus on:
 - Intentionally sequenced Professional Development
 - Planning, Instruction, and Data Prioritization
- Enrollment - Healthy for the 25-26 school year
 - Presentation of projected enrollment summary
 - Presentation of 6 new enrollment marketing billboards
- Academic Data - Presented current and projected academic data for the available California Dashboard Indicators for each site
 - Presented the 2024 State averages, our internal 2024 site scores, and our 2025 predicted scores
 - Suspension, Chronic Absenteeism, ELA, and English Learner Progress
- Math Center Presentation
- 3-Year Strategic Plan Presentation: Review of our four priorities, the goals for each priority, and the measures of success for each priority; Presented how we came to this plan through data collection, listening sessions, and research

Public Comment:

- No comments

STAFF PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS, AND ACTION ITEMS

- Information Item: Report out from Finance/Audit Committee meeting on May 5, 2025
- Action Item: Approve TAS Consolidated and Site Financial Reports Through April 2025 TAS/ACES/WAHS
 - 1st Motion: LR
 - 2nd Motion: LB
 - Approved
 - Presented key takeaways from April Financials and Days Cash on Hand

- Information Item: Highlights of Governor’s May Revise budget for 2025-26
 - Reviewed themes from 2025-2026; may revisions from School Services of California
 - Presented on California Economy - LA Fires and other key drivers
 - Reviewed “Big 3” Taxes
 - Reviewed Risks to the economy and the State budget
 - Reviewed Proposition 98 Rainy Day Fund Implications
- Information Item: Preliminary TAS Network Budget Preview for 2025-26
 - Review of “headwinds” going forward
 - Review of salary schedule for UTLA through 2026-27 and UTLA Final Summary
 - Review of SEIU Statement through 2025-2026
 - Review of Budget by site and Home Office with multi-year projections
 - Liquidity Update
 - Charter Reauthorization (fiscal) update
- Information Item: Public Hearing: Curriculum Adoption
 - Update on English Language Arts Curriculum and recommendation for approval for ACES and TAS
- Action Item: Ratification of Curriculum Adoption 25-26 - Wonders and EL Education (TAS and ACES)
 - 1st Motion: LR
 - 2nd Motion: BB
 - Approved
- Action Item: The Accelerated Schools Three-Year Strategic Plan
 - 1st Motion: LR
 - 2nd Motion: LB
 - Approved
- Action Item: The Accelerated Schools Organizational Dashboard Measures of Success
 - 1st Motion: BB
 - 2nd Motion: LB
 - Approved

Recommendations and bring back items:

- A link to the video of the Grad Walk will be sent to the Board and also posted on the organization's website.
- Cabinet will develop baseline data metrics aligned to each strategic priority and present the findings to the Board at the Fall 2025 Board meeting.
- Recommendations for forming teacher committees to support content learning will be shared with the Board.
- A recommendation to identify programs and partnerships aimed at supporting college success will be submitted to the Board.
- An analysis of the cost of hiring an in-house back office accountant—comparable to the services currently provided by ExED—will be sent to the Board.
- A list of fundraising options and packaged strategies to support the capital campaign for a new math center building will be provided to the Board.

- The Board President will receive a year-over-year comparison of revenues and expenditures both within each school site and across all school sites.
- The Board will receive a comparative expenditure analysis of employing in-house substitutes versus contracted substitute services.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Reading Screener Adoption for ACES and TAS
2. Revised Fiscal Policies & Procedures for ACES/TAS/WAHS
3. Title I Policy and Compact for ACES, TAS, and WAHS
4. The Accelerated Schools 2020 Title IX Policy dated January 2025 for ACES, TAS, and WAHS (Reinstatement)
5. 2025-26 TAS – ExED Notice of Terms Supplement
6. DKC Strategy Contract Amendment
7. Atman Advising LLC Contract Amendment

Discussion:

No discussion

Approval of items:

- 1st Motion: LR
- 2nd Motion: LB
- Approved

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 12:07 PM

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: 12:47 PM

Action taken on closed session items: No action taken on any closed session items.

ADJOURN: 12:45 PM