



The Accelerated Schools Regular Meeting Minutes

Date and Time

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 10:00am **(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), Larry Picus (LP), Binti Yost (BY), and Lindsay Berz (LB).

Board Members Absent: Brittany Brooks (BB)

Quorum at 10:05 AM

Guest Speakers: N/A

AGENDA

Meeting Called to Order: 10:05 AM

Pledge of Allegiance: Leonard Rabinowitz

Approval of Board Meeting Agenda: September 17, 2025

- 1st Motion: LP
- 2nd Motion: LB
- Approved 5-0

Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes: June 27, 2025

- 1st Motion: LP
- 2nd Motion: LB
- Approved – 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Non-Agenda Items:

1. Cell Phone Policy: A parent agrees that cell phones should not be used during class. The parent does not agree with the policy about no cell phones during lunch. Parent stated that students should be able to make phone calls during lunch.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

1. Shared a Wall Street Journal article.
2. Shared the importance of and appreciation for the Annenberg Grant and the KPMG donation to support our schools.

CEO'S PRESENTATION AND REPORT - September 17, 2025 CEO Report

- Shared The Accelerated Schools Promotional Video
 - Strong Start Video of the 1st day of school when teachers returned to campus.
- Acknowledged KPMG book and backpack distribution
 - Thank you for the donation from KPMG for books and backpacks.
- Presented beginning-of-the-year data for ACES, TAS, and WAHS
 - Comparison in Reading and Math from 2023 - 2025 for i-Ready for elementary sites (ACES and TAS-ES)
 - Comparison in Reading and Math from 2024 and 2025 for NWEA for secondary sites (TAS-MS and WAHS)
- Presented enrollment data
 - Review of budgeted and current enrollment
- Review of Average Daily Attendance (ADA)
 - Review of ADA by school site as of 9.15.25 with budgeted goal for ADA, and year-to-date ADA in 2025. Shared comparison of September 2024 to September 2025 ADA across all three schools. ADA is currently between 95-96% for the organization.
- Provided Strategic Plan Updates
 - Review of implementation of the Strategic Plan
 - Identified what we heard through various surveys
 - Identified what we are doing based on what we heard:

- Priority 1: Launched Arcs of the Year, which highlights specific focus areas during various times of the year
 - Priority 2: Role clarity, recruitment priorities, building career pathways for staff
 - Priority 3: Launched a new Help Desk system and improved the sharing of available financial resources
 - Priority 4: Launch of Core Values Committee
- LA Department of Transportation (LADOT) Update
 - Review of planned improvements that LADOT is working on to provide more safety for our students and staff.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS, AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Action Item: Conflict of Interest Policy
 1. No public comments
 2. Review of Conflict of Interest Policy
 1. 1st Motion: LR
 2. 2nd Motion: BY
 3. Approved – 5-0

2. Action Item: Open Sweep Account at CA Credit Union
 1. No public comments
 2. 1st Motion: PM
 3. 2nd Motion: LR
 4. Approved – 5-0

3. Action Item: Review and approve FY25 Unaudited Actuals (ACES, TAS, WAHS)
 1. Review of Operating Income and Fund Balance for each school
 1. No public comments
 2. 1st Motion: LR
 3. 2nd Motion: BY
 4. Approved – 5-0

4. Action Item: Review and approve resolution to adopt the nationally recognized pre-participation Physical Evaluation Form as the official medical clearance for Wallis Annenberg High School student-athletes, ensuring compliance with California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) requirements and promoting student health and safety
 1. This is a CIF Requirement
 1. No public comments
 2. 1st Motion: LP

3. 2nd Motion: LB
4. Approved 5-0

Consent Item for Board approval:

1. Adjustment to Fiscal Policies 2025-2026
2. FY25 Annual Reports for TAS, ACES, WAHS
3. Los Angeles County Office of Education Certification of signatures for Governing Board members and persons authorized to sign business documents
4. Board resolution for rent between WAHS and TAS
5. Goals and baseline data for strategic plan
6. Contracts - ARC, Cross Country, ExED

Discussion: No discussion

Approval of items:

- 1st Motion: LR
- 2nd Motion: LP
- Approved 5-0

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 10:38 AM

No action taken

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: 11:00 AM

ADJOURN: 11:01 AM