



The Accelerated Schools Regular Meeting Minutes

Date and Time

Wednesday, April 22, 2025, 10:00am (**Unapproved 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), Larry Picus (LP), Binti Yost (BY), and Lindsay Berz (LB).

Board Members Absent: Peter Morrison, Brittany Brooks

Guest Speakers: Amber Sheikh (Sheikh/Impact)

AGENDA

Meeting Called to Order: 10:05 AM

Approval of Board Meeting Agenda: April 22, 2026

- 1st Motion: BY
- 2nd Motion: LP
- Approved 4-0

Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes: February 25, 2026

- 1st Motion: LP
- 2nd Motion: LR
- Approved 4-0

Approval of Finance Committee Meeting Minutes: September 17, 2025

- 1st Motion: LP
- 2nd Motion: LR
- Approved 4-0

Approval of Finance Committee Meeting Minutes: February 25, 2026

- 1st Motion: LP
- 2nd Motion: LR
- Approved 4-0

Approval of Audit Committee Meeting Minutes: February 23, 2026

- 1st Motion: LP
- 2nd Motion: LR
- Approved 4-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS on Non-Agenda Items:

No public comments

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

1. Thank you to everyone for being present and for the materials being provided in advance.

CEO'S PRESENTATION AND REPORT - February 25, 2026 CEO Report

- Promotional Video
 - Video recap of the ACES Music Festival held on March 26, 2026
- WAHS Math Pilot Program Update
 - Provided information on how previous cohorts of WAHS students scored on the Math California state assessment (CAASPP) and Interim Comprehensive Assessment (ICA) in comparison to current 11th graders in the pilot program.
- Material Revision Update
 - TAS Board approved the resolution authorizing the submission of a material revision
 - LAUSD approved, on March 26, 2026, the adjustment of the governance structure and the deletion of the President of Development and Governance Affairs role.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS, AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Information Item: Capital Campaign Update (Amber Sheikh, CEO Sheikh/Impact)

- a. Presented information on our Capital Campaign, which included a feasibility study (groundwork), current progress, which included testing the case for support, campaign timelines, which identified a rough estimate of 18-36 months, and next steps for May-July of 2026.
2. Information Item: Immigration Enforcement Act AB 49 Updates (Director of Operations)
 - a. Reviewed information on AB 49, which included the new requirements and Board actions
3. Information Item: Financial Update (Chief Financial Officer)
 - a. Reviewed the updated Financial Forecast, Fair Market Value (FMV) and one-time revenues, and FMV for March
 - b. Reviewed the enrollment, Average Daily Attendance, and Attendance percentage for each site (ACES, TAS, and WAHS)
4. Action Item: Annual Adoption of Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators - 2026-2027 (Chief of Human Resources)
 - a. Reviewed that this is an annual action item to annually adopt the Declaration of Need for each school, which is a prerequisite for obtaining emergency and limited-assignment permits from the CTC.
 1. Accelerated Charter Elementary (ACES)CDS: 19-64733-0100743
 2. Accelerated (TAS) CDS: 19-64733-6112536
 3. Wallis Annenberg High (WAHS) CDS: 19-64733-0100750
 4. No public comments; No Discussion
 5. Motion to approve annual adoption of Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators - 2026-2027
 1. 1st Motion: LB
 2. 2nd Motion: LR
 3. Approved 4-0
5. Action Item: 990 Return (Chief Financial Officer)
 - a. Review of summary and recommendation
 - b. No public comments; No Discussion
 - c. Motion to approve the 990 Return for submission
 1. 1st Motion: LP
 2. 2nd Motion: LR
 3. Approved 4-0
6. Action Item: Selection of vendor from quotes received for purchase of student Chromebooks (Director of Operations)
 - a. Reviewed the competitive quotes received from three different vendors and the vendor selections
 - b. No public comments; No Discussion

- c. Motion to approve CDW•G as vendor to purchase 450 Dell Chromebooks for TAS and ACES
 1. 1st Motion: BY
 2. 2nd Motion: LR
 3. Approved 4-0

Consent Item for Board approval:

1. Academic Calendar 26-27 for ACES, TAS, and WAHS
2. Board Meeting Dates 26-27
3. Comprehensive School Safety Plan for ACES, TAS, and WAHS
4. Visitor's Policy 26-27 for ACES, TAS, and WAHS

Discussion: No discussion

Approval of items:

- 1st Motion: LR
- 2nd Motion: LP
- Approved 4-0

Adjourn to Closed Session: 10:36 AM

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: CEO
3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency-designated representatives: Dr. Cynthia Foley and Oliver Yee, Employee for Service Employees International Union Local 99 (SEIU)

Reconvene to Open Session: 11:59am

- No action taken

Adjournment: 12:00pm