

Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc.

6025 Chimney Rock Houston, TX 77081
Office (713) 773-4766 FAX (713) 666-2532

6711 Bellfort Houston, TX 77087
Office (713) 645-0336 FAX (713) 640-2435

CALLED BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 **BOARD MEETING 2:00 P.M.**

VENUE: **ACADEMY OF ACCELERATED LEARNING DISTRICT OFFICE**
5300 N. Braeswood, Suite 8 Houston, Texas 77096

I. CALL TO ORDER President Brooks called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm

Quorum Established

In attendance -

Board members: Tommy Brooks, Isaac Ledesma, Percy Creuzot

Absent: Veda Brown, James Douglas

*Staff: Brandon Chandler (Superintendent), Gisela Gomez, Krystle Chavez,
Yolanda Cunningham*

Counsel: Marcia Johnson and Luckett A. Johnson

Other: Shawana Spann, George Sues, (via ZOOM)

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Brooks called for a moment of silence.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board shall consider approving the minutes from the special called board meeting convened on November 14, 2023.

Motion to approve minutes of November 14, 2023 board meeting made by Percy Creuzot; second by Isaac Ledesma. Motion carried unanimously

IV. PRESENTATION/RESPONSES/COMMENTS BY PARENTS/COMMUNITY RESIDENTS

NONE

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Closed Session) - EXECUTIVE SESSION OPENS at 3:13 PM

Motion to close Open Session and open Closed Session. Motion by Mr. Creuzot and seconded by Mr. Ledesma. Motion carried unanimously

As Authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code § Section 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076, 551.082, 551.0821, 551.087, 551.129 et seq.

Tex. Gov't Code § 551.071: Consultation with Board attorney regarding all matters authorized by law.

Tex. Gov't Code §551.074: Deliberation regarding appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public school official or employee including matters regarding renewal/revisions of superintendent's contract.

Tex. Gov't Code § 551.072: Consultation and deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property as authorized by law including property leases and property acquisition.

Motion to close Closed Session and resume Open Session. Motion by Mr. Creuzot and seconded by Mr. Ledesma. Motion carried unanimously

Reconvene Open Meeting after Executive Session (Closed Session) at 3:54 pm

VI. REPORTS AND ACTION ITEM

Review and acceptance of the Annual Financial and Compliance Audit and Independent Auditor's Report, for the year ended August 31, 2023. Report presented by McConnell and Jones representatives.

Discussion: Overview of risk as determined by the auditors. The auditors issued three reports including the financial statement. The reports offered three clean opinions with some suggestions for AAL consideration. Auditors recommended that establishing better defined roles for making and approving journal entries. To aid in this development, auditors recommended creating and using a year end checklist to have for year end audit preparation. Auditors presented an overview of how acquisition of new assets affected asset/liability portion of the audit. President Brooks wanted clarification on how the new rules with assets affect the actual asset liability balance. Auditors clarified that it is substantially the same.

A decrease in state revenue was reported. Ms. Cunningham discussed the corrections and alterations that were needed from what previous CFO/financial representatives had done. Now, financial data is reported using the Skyward software. Following auditor's advice, Cunningham reported that there is a checklist that has been created so that each month closing is checked for accuracy and balance purposes for journal entries. The district will work with auditors throughout the year, as allowable to help ensure best practices throughout the year and ahead of the year end audits.

Motion for Acceptance of the Annual Financial and Compliance Audit and Independent Auditor's Report, for the year ended August 31, 2023 by Mr. Creuzot, seconded by Mr. Ledesma. Motion unanimously approved.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT ITEMS/UPDATES

1. Board Member Recognition
2. Incident update for body found at Savoy location on January 9, 2024 prior to the opening of school
3. Registration for National Charter School Conference has been completed, June 30-July 3, 2024 Boston, MA

Discussion:

1. *The superintendent presented the board with drawings created by students in honor of Board Appreciation Month.*
2. *The Superintendent reported that a person was found unresponsive on AAL property, in the early morning of a school day. The death was unrelated to the school and the death is under investigation by appropriate police authority. The students were redirected from the scene and the parents and community were notified of the incident. AAL is establishing emergency protocols to address these and other safety/emergency situations. Step one in that process includes the introduction to all Teachers and staff to an app (Raptor) which they have been provided that can notify all others about an emergency situation, including a school shooting. The systems are campus specific. There is also a Raptor scanning identification software for third parties entering facilities which allows for a soft background check.*

VIII. BOARD INSTRUCTIONS TO PRESIDENT/SUPERINTENDENT ON ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Discussion: Make sure that a statement is prepared that explains why the board made the choice to accept or not accept chaplains after discussions. Need special emergency protocol.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

3:56 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Creuzot

Second: Mr. Ledesma



Tommy Brooks, Board President
Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Type: Consent

RECOMMENDATION:

I request the Board approve the minutes for the following meeting(s):

Regular Board Meeting January 23, 2024

FINANCIAL IMPACT AMOUNT AND FUNDING SOURCE (IF APPLICABLE):

NONE

BOARD RELATED POLICY:

Board Bylaws

ACTION ITEM SUGGESTED MOTION (if applicable):

May I have a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2024?

CERTIFICATE

I certify that these minutes reflect the business of the Board of Directors of the Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc. For the board meeting held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024.



Tommy Brooks, President
Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc.

Isaac Ledesma, Board Secretary
Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc.