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## Advanced Math & Science Academy Charter School

# Minutes

## Board of Trustees Meeting

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### Date and Time

Tuesday July 30, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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The Board plans to go into executive session at the beginning of open session to discuss strategies regarding negotiations with non-represented personnel, as doing so in open session would be detrimental to the process. The Board will reconvene in open session.

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### Trustees Present

Bela Gorman (remote), Christine Tridante Fahey (remote), Darren Rose (remote), Dwayne Stanley (remote), Evan Przyborowski (remote), Gregory Theos (remote), Maura Webster (remote), Sheila Kelly (remote)

### Trustees Absent

James Carter

### Trustees who left before the meeting adjourned

Darren Rose

### Ex Officio Members Present

Lisa Mobley (remote)

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### Non Voting Members Present

Lisa Mobley (remote)

### Guests Present

Liana McLaren (remote), Sara Snow (remote)

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Call the Meeting to Order

### B. Record Attendance

Chair Maura Webster called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.. Attendance was called. Maura called for a motion to go into executive session.

## II. Call for a Motion to go into Executive Session

### A. Vote to go into Executive Session

Darren Rose made a motion to go into executive session to discuss strategies regarding negotiations with non-represented personnel, as doing so in open session would be detrimental to the process. The will reconvene in open session.

Dwayne Stanley seconded the motion.

Liana McLaren was invited to join executives session.

Greg Theos (Teacher Rep) recused himself from executive session.

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

#### Roll Call

Sheila Kelly	Aye
James Carter	Absent
Darren Rose	Aye
Bela Gorman	Aye
Maura Webster	Aye
Christine Tridente Fahey	Aye
Evan Przyborowski	Aye
Dwayne Stanley	Aye
Gregory Theos	Aye

### B. Board will Reconvene in Open Session

The Board reconvened at 6:20pm.

## III. Public Comment

### A. Public Comment

There were no requests for public comment.

#### IV. Consent Agenda Items

##### A. Construction Budget Updates

The Board has reviewed the documents and there is no need for further discussion.

#### V. Votes

##### A. Vote to Approve Amended Contract Language

The Executive Director's contract has been amended to clarify language via an addendum.

Dwayne Stanley made a motion to approve language made to the contract via addendum.

Christine Tridente Fahey seconded the motion.

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

##### Roll Call

Dwayne Stanley	Aye
Sheila Kelly	Aye
James Carter	Absent
Evan Przyborowski	Aye
Maura Webster	Aye
Christine Tridente Fahey	Aye
Bela Gorman	Aye
Gregory Theos	Abstain
Darren Rose	Aye

Darren Rose left at 6:24 PM.

##### B. Approve BOT Meeting Minutes from the June 6, 2024

Evan Przyborowski made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Trustees Annual Meeting on 06-06-24.

Sheila Kelly seconded the motion.

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

##### Roll Call

Gregory Theos	Aye
Sheila Kelly	Aye
James Carter	Absent
Darren Rose	Absent
Christine Tridente Fahey	Aye
Dwayne Stanley	Aye
Bela Gorman	Aye
Maura Webster	Aye
Evan Przyborowski	Aye

**C. Approve BOT Meeting Minutes from June 12, 2024**

Bela Gorman made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Board of Trustees Meeting on 06-12-24.

Christine Tridente Fahey seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Darren Rose	Absent
Evan Przyborowski	Aye
James Carter	Absent
Christine Tridente Fahey	Aye
Sheila Kelly	Aye
Bela Gorman	Aye
Maura Webster	Aye
Gregory Theos	Aye
Dwayne Stanley	Aye

**D. Approve 2023-2024 Annual Report**

Comments from the board included:

The discipline data needs review and priority attention regarding disproportionality with subgroups.

Lisa responded that the data is always lagging by a year and the administration is aware and taking actions to improve disproportionality.

"High needs" includes students with disabilities (504 and IEP), low income status, and ELL status. Other criteria can exist that could be included as high needs.

Question: If AMSA does not meet their accountability goals, is that a problem?  
AMSA's objectives are intentionally lofty and are difficult to meet or exceed. The administration is looking to review and revise the objectives and measures that will demonstrate progress in the 2025-2030 charter term accountability plan.

Gregory Theos made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Annual Report allowing for any factual and grammatical corrections that may be needed prior to submission.

Bela Gorman seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Evan Przyborowski	Aye
Christine Tridente Fahey	Aye
Gregory Theos	Aye
Darren Rose	Absent
James Carter	Absent
Dwayne Stanley	Aye

**Roll Call**

Sheila Kelly	Aye
Bela Gorman	Aye
Maura Webster	Aye

**E. Approve the Application for Charter Renewal 2025-2030**

Bela Gorman made a motion to approve and Application for Charter Renewal and Appendices A-E, allowing for any factual and grammatical corrections that may be needed prior to submission.

Evan Przyborowski seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Maura Webster	Aye
Christine Tridente Fahey	Aye
James Carter	Absent
Darren Rose	Absent
Gregory Theos	Aye
Evan Przyborowski	Aye
Sheila Kelly	Aye
Bela Gorman	Aye
Dwayne Stanley	Aye

**VI. Updates**

**A. Capital Campaign**

Maura Webster provide an update for Marci Eckel.

Marci has met with the Imagine Team twice.

2 new business partners, Workers Union and Avidia Bank.

Important dates:

The Golf Tournament is on August 6

Fun Run in October 30

Marci has joined the Charter Association Development Discussion group.

There will be a Stem Soaring Eagles meeting in September. B

Lisa reminded the Board about the Bourbon Raffle. The goal is to raise 10-15K.

Maura gave kudos to the amazing work accomplished by the tournament team

Auction is open...you can still bid.

Maura thanked Christine and Roger for donating auction items.

**B. Parent Representative Update**

Dwayne reported that there were no Updates from parents.

However, he did attend the last PTO meeting.

They are still looking for members. but they have a full board.  
They plan to start recruiting members to shadow the officers in the fall and winter.  
They are working on the teacher luncheon that happens during the week before school when the teachers are back for orientation.  
Missy Galvin and Andrea Silva Robbins have joined the PTO as officers.

### **C. Faculty Representative Update**

Grag did not have anything to report. No news is good news. although, he said that teachers are excited to see the new contract.

### **D. Executive Director Report**

Executive Director Lisa Mobley provided a brief update.  
Teacher have received the master schedule and it will be released soon in August.  
Mike and Amanda assumed the responsibility of building the schedule. Lindsay Currello was very helpful.  
We have a full staff now with all positions filled.  
Staff attrition: We lost three teachers, one left for her dream job as a librarian, and two for higher salary.

Dan Amaral has decided to return to teaching.  
We have a new Associate Dean, who has worked with Anthony before.  
The new building is making progress, but there is no transformer yet, which is causing some delay  
They are drywalling the classrooms now.  
WT Rich will have to refine the construction cost numbers due to the delay.  
It looks like the renewal site visit may be on Thursday, September 5. We will need BOT members to attend Trustees focus group. We will be reaching out to you with dates looking for attendees.  
Although the site visit is very early in the year, the good news is that staff will be happy to be returning.

Board reminders:

Thursday, August 22 is the PTO sponsored Teachers Orientation Luncheon....please come!

Eagles Academy was successful. Having the young kids, rising 6th graders on campus was exciting for them. They are having a great time and it helps to relieve anxiety on orientation day.

Tuesday, Aug 20 AMSA will host the Open Door Day and an ice cream social. All AMSA families are welcome and the BOT is welcome.

We have several pot luck dinners planned this year to encourage family engagement.

Lisa added that the maximum enrollment amendment is in the works.

She would like the Board to vote to approve the amendment request in early September.

ACTION: Put amendment vote on the agenda. The amendment is due September 25. Lisa said she and some of her team are meeting with Alyssa Hopkins tomorrow to discuss the amendment process.

The enrollment expansion would begin in the 2025-2026 school year. We may stagger the increase in enrollment to avoid creating a bubble.

Clarification: Siblings always have admission preference.

## **VII. Chair Business**

### **A. Appoint Board members to the Academic Department Chair Negotiation Committee**

Maura asked the board to consider volunteering to join the Academic Department Chair Negotiation Committee. Three is usually a good number.

Who is interested? We just negotiated in fall so the time commitment should not be great.

Evan Przyborowski and Christine Tridente Fahey offered to join the committee.

Maura or Bela will reach out to Jim Carter to see if he would be interested in joining the committee.

They hope to schedule a negotiation committee meeting in September.

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

### **A. Development**

### **B. Finance**

Bela Gorman reported that the Finance Committee met earlier this month. They discussed the construction budget. There is a contingency amount that is built into budget that has not been spent down, which allows us to pay for other things such as the pavement and retaining wall. They did a soft financial review and all looks good.

AMSA will be getting a lot more interest this year. because the bank has allowed us to get interest on loan, but that will not be the case next year..

Roger created a committee topic calendar, which will help to drive the Finance agenda.

### **C. Governance**

Sheila Kelly reported that Governance did not meet in July, but will be meeting in August. The committee will discuss policies and the possibility of revisions.

### **D. Education**

Evan Przyborowski reported that the Education Committee has not yet decided on a new chair for the committee, but they will discuss this at the next meeting.

## IX. Review Action Items

### A. Previous Meetings

Board policy review will be discussed at Governance and brought to the board for discussion.

### B. New Action Items

Maximum enrollment amendment for September agenda.  
Appoint and confirm Committee Chairs.

## X. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

Bela Gorman made a motion to adjourn.  
Dwayne Stanley seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

Darren Rose	Absent
Gregory Theos	Aye
Sheila Kelly	Aye
Bela Gorman	Aye
Maura Webster	Aye
James Carter	Absent
Evan Przyborowski	Aye
Christine Tridente Fahey	Aye
Dwayne Stanley	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sara Snow

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## Documents used during the meeting

- 7-30-24 Financial Statements June 24.xlsx
- 7-30-24 Contingency Draw Down Tracking.pdf



- !! AMSA Annual Report 2023-2024 FINAL DRAFT .docx
- !!AMSA Application for Renewal of a Public School Charter Final Draft July 30 2024.docx
- !! Appendices B-E.pdf