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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **Tuesday, April 8, 2025** **BOARD MEETING**
VENUE: **ACADEMY OF ACCELERATED LEARNING DISTRICT OFFICE**
 5300 N. Braeswood, Suite 8 **Houston, Texas 77096**

President Brooks called the meeting to order at 2:09 pm. A quorum was established and in attendance were
Board members: Isaac Ledesma, James Douglas arrived 2:24 pm, Tommy Brooks, Veda Brown and Percy Creuzot
Absent: James Douglas until 2:24 pm
Also present were Staff: Brandon Chandler (Superintendent), Martha Bravo, Kayla Vaughn, Miranda Moore
Counsel: Marcia Johnson and Luckett A. Johnson;

President Brooks called for a moment of silence.

Dr. Veda Brown read the AAL Mission, Vision, and Goals.

Mr. Percy Creuzot moved, and Isaac Ledesma seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 25th board meeting. The motion to approve February 25th minutes carried unanimously.

No Parent or Community Resident appeared at the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session: Mr. Creuzot moved and Mr. Ledesma seconded Motion to recess Open Session and open Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously without discussion. Open session recessed and executive session opened at 2:14 p.m.

The president announced that the executive session was being conducted 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.; and

Tex. Gov't Code § 551.071: Consultation with Board attorney regarding all matters authorized by law; including legal advice regarding potential board/board member liability for breach of duty and legal advice regarding potential consequences of such breach

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; specifically, superintendent's annual performance evaluation

Tex. Gov't Code § 551.076: Deliberations regarding security devices or security audits; and

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.

Discussion: Matters as authorized by law were discussed in the executive session.

Mr. Douglas moved to close Executive Session and resume Open Session. Dr. Brown seconded the Motion, which carried unanimously without discussion. Open session reconvened at 3:55 p.m.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Superintendent Reports:

- i. Marketing Update
- ii. Enrollment and Staffing Update
- iii. Discuss and consider structures for the establishment of a fundraising committee with update
- iv. Texas Education Agency (TEA) and Legislative Update for 89th Legislative Session and advocacy

b. Financial Reports:

- i. AAL Financial Review/Report Update
- ii. Finance Committee Report

c. Governance – Board of Directors

- i. Facilities Committee Report
- ii. Board Training Opportunities – National Alliance for Public Charter Schools Conference (June 29 – July 2 – all Board members have been registered)

Discussion:

The Superintendent presented an update on the district's marketing strategy and plan created by the student intern. His presentation included a breakdown of the different platforms used for marketing and the tracking tools used to track viewership and effectiveness. Mr. Douglas asked whether the tracking included data on students that desire to attend AAL. The superintendent responded that they would try to track that data in the future. He reported that the school hired another marketing professional, who will help increase enrollment over the next year. The cost for those services is \$20,000. The marketing budget will be presented in full to the board during the budget workshop and board meeting for approval. Douglas requested the district track this same enrollment data around the same time each year.

The superintendent reported that a staffing snapshot was taken for next year to ensure that the district had a

full complement of staff.

The superintendent then reported that a foundation had been established to help AAL with fundraising goals. Mr. Brooks asked how the foundation was related to AAL. The superintendent reported that foundation is a separate legal entity and its scope and relationship with AAL will be determined by an MOU to be presented to board for review, discussion and consideration in time for the vote at either the May or June regular board meeting. The superintendent then provided a legislative update of what is happening in session.

The CFO presented the financial data and responded to questions regarding the receivables. She reported that receivables have now reversed out since the audit. She also reported that progress has been made to reconcile and get the finances as up to date as possible, which she expects to be noticeable and accurate during future board presentations.

There was some discussion about the Charter School Conference in Orlando and the superintendent offered to drive to reduce cost to AAL.

The board finance committee will present their goals at the next regular meeting as they work to update all financial records. They reported that they have had their initial meeting and have begun looking back at the past audit(s) so that there is more transparency to the board as well as addressing all issues identified in the audit.

ACTION ITEMS

- a) Dr. Brown made a motion seconded by Mr. Creuzot to approve TEKS Certification 2025-26 Form made by. Motion unanimously approved.
- b) Mr. Creuzot made a motion seconded by Mr. Douglas to approve an update to the AAL 2025-2026 Academic Calendar. Motion unanimously approved.
- c) Motion to approve and amend the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024- 2025. NO ACTION
- d) Mr. Douglas made a motion seconded by Mr. Ledesma to approve the Texas Open Education Resources (OER) Transition Plan for AAL to access and utilize TEA allocated funds for High Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM). Motion unanimously approved.
- e) Mr. Creuzot made a motion seconded by Mr. Douglas to purchase the Bellfort site. Motion approved after a Vote of 4 ayes and 1 nay. Dr. Brown voted nay

Motion by Dr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Douglas to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.


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

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, April 8, 2025.



Tommy Brooks, President
Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc.



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

CERTIFIED AGENDA
Executive Session of the
School Board for the
Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc.
Houston, Texas
Tuesday, April 8, 2025

1. The School Board convened an open Board meeting at 2:09 p.m.
2. The School Board, pursuant to an announcement made by the President, then convened into Executive Session, closed to the public, at 2:14 p.m.

3. Those present in the executive session were:

Tommy Brooks
Veda Brown
Percy Creuzot
Isaac Ledesma
James Douglas
Brandon Chandler, Superintendent
Marcia Johnson
Luckett Johnson

Absent:

None

4. The executive session included the following agenda items: (attach agenda)
 - a. Bellfort area and site purchase or lease
 - b. Board fiduciary duties
 - c. Superintendent Evaluation
5. The executive session was pursuant to:
Texas Government Code §§ 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney),
Texas Government Code §§ 551.074 (Deliberations about School Official of Employee)
Texas Government Code §§ 551.072 (Consultation and deliberation regarding the purchase...)
Texas Government Code §§ 551.076: Deliberations regarding security devices or security audits
Texas Government Code §§ 551.082: Deliberate cases involving discipline of a public-school child or in which a complaint or charge is brought against an employee of the school district by another employee and the complaint or charge directly results in a need for a hearing.
6. The President announced the end of the executive session at 3:55 p.m., and the School Board reconvened in open session at that time.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, as Presiding Officer of the executive session described above, hereby certifies that this document is a true and correct record of the proceeding.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

by:

Tommy Brooks, President

