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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, May 13, 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 2:06 pm. A quorum was established and in attendance were

Board members: Isaac Ledesma, James Douglas, Tommy Brooks, Veda Brown

Absent: Percy Creuzot

Also present were Staff: Brandon Chandler (Superintendent), Martha Bravo, Kayla Vaughn, Julian Ryan

Counsel: Marcia Johnson and Lockett A. Johnson;

Other: Denise Nance Pierce and Emily Boney

President Brooks called for a moment of silence.

Reading of the Mission, Vision, and Goals by James Douglas

Board Minutes: James Douglas moved and Isaac Ledesma seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the May 22nd board meeting. The motion to approve the May 22nd carried unanimously.

Parent or Community Resident appearing at the meeting to comment:

Discussion – N/A

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session: Motion to recess Open Session and open Executive Session was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Dr. Brown. Motion carried unanimously and Open session recessed and executive session opened at 2:10 p.m. Unanimously passed

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; And

- a. Legal advice regarding potential board/board member liability for breach of duty
- b. 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; and

- a. 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 executive session.

Dr. Brown moved to close Executive Session and resume Open Session. Mr. Douglas seconded the Motion which carried unanimously without discussion. 2:50 pm. Motion reconvene Open Session by Dr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Douglas at 2:50 pm.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Superintendent Reports:

- i. Marketing and Enrollment Update
- ii. Rice University/Tapia Residential Summer Camp for Current AAL 7th Graders Update
- iii. End of Year Promotional Programs and Events
- iv. Facilities Committee Update
- v. Legislative & Texas Education Agency (TEA) Updates
- vi. Fundraising Report
 - 1) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Agreement between AAL and Educational Excellence Foundation to raise money on behalf of AAL
 - 2) Fundraising Plan
 - 3) Board Fundraising Committee

b. Financial Reports:

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

c. Governance – Board of Directors

- i. Board training at Upcoming Conferences
 - 1) National Alliance of Charter School Conference June 29-July 2, Orlando, FL

2) Texas Public Charter School Association Conference, October 6-8, Houston, TX,
Marriott Marquis Hotel

Discussion Summary

Enrollment and Retention

Thanks to the marketing efforts by the AAL marketing team and staff, 90 new students have been enrolled. However, Mr. Douglas noted that approximately 30% of existing students did not re-enroll; he requested a survey to determine the reasons for this. The Superintendent indicated that location and distance were the primary factors contributing to attrition, with the largest student loss occurring at the Bellfort campus.

Programs and Events

An update was provided on the Rice/Tapia summer camp program, which AAL students will be participating in. The cost per student is \$1,800.

A list of end-of-year events was shared, and it was noted that summer repairs are scheduled to take place across campuses. New signage has been installed at Savoy, and a banner has been placed at Ashcroft.

School Ratings and Virtual Learning

The latest school ratings have been released, and the school will be required to participate in intervention programs. Details of these programs are yet to be outlined.

Schools now have the option to offer virtual learning. The Superintendent expressed interest in exploring virtual schooling in the future, noting that logistical challenges, regulations, and operational parameters would need to be addressed. President Brooks emphasized the need to pursue virtual learning options to remain competitive.

Marketing and Community Engagement

Mr. Douglas stressed the importance of ensuring accurate information about AAL's educational offerings is shared with the community, as decisions are often made based on misinformation. President Brooks suggested identifying and working with certain parents as advocates for AAL marketing efforts.

Fundraising

Dr. Brown inquired about Mr. Rhyne's current fundraising activities, including which past donors and fundraisers have supported AAL and whether they have been re-engaged. She also asked for the fundraising goal for the current year.

Mr. Douglas raised the question of whether AAL tracks students beyond K-12. It was noted that AAL has not done so yet, but Mr. Douglas would like to begin tracking alumni.

The fundraising plan and MOU are scheduled to be presented in June.

Financial Report

The financial report and balance sheet were presented to the board. Financials will be updated through June, with several balance sheet items still pending. Mr. Brooks is working closely with the CFO and financial committee to ensure all statements are finalized accurately by the June meeting.

There was some confusion regarding Board Travel Policy and when discussions on financial allocations for board travel would take place. A plan to address board travel finances is needed.

Board Travel and Conference Planning

Travel arrangements for the upcoming conference have been confirmed, and the board workshop has been scheduled. Mr. Ledesma requested that sensitivity training be included in the workshop. Dates for the Texas Public Charter School Association conference were announced. Mr. Brooks and Dr. Brown emphasized the importance of ensuring that conference funds are not spent on board members who are unable to attend, and they discussed options to recover unused funds.

Next Meeting and Action Items

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 9th at 2:00 PM.

Mr. Brooks requested that Dr. Brown be invited to the next financial committee meeting and that board travel finances be added to the agenda with a formal presentation.

Dr. Brown also requested that sensitivity training for board members be formally scheduled and that a presenter be confirmed.

ACTION ITEMS

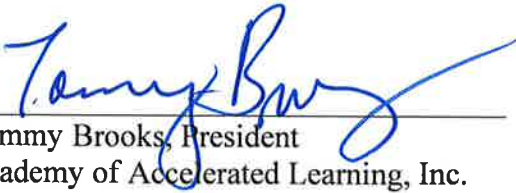
- a) Motion to approve the mediated settlement agreement and authorize the Superintendent to consult with General Counsel before signing made by Mr. Douglas seconded by Mr. Ledesma. Motion unanimously approved.
- b) Motion by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Ledesma to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved and meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.



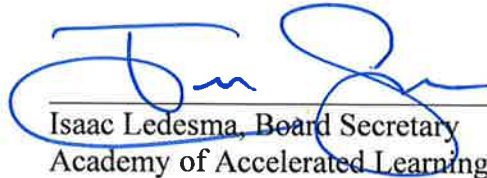
Tommy Brooks, Board President
Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc.

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, May 13, 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 2:06 p.m.
2. The School Board, pursuant to an announcement made by the President, then convened into Executive Session, closed to the public, at 2:10 p.m.

3. Those present in the executive session were:

James Douglas
Tommy Brooks
Isaac Ledesma
Brandon Chandler, Superintendent
Marcia Johnson
Lockett Johnson
Veda Brown

Absent:
Percy Creuzot

4. The executive session included the following agenda items: (attach agenda)
 - a. Bellfort area and site purchase update
 - b. Krystal Chavez Mediation and consultation with attorneys

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 2:50 p.m., and the School Board reconvened in open session at that time.

7. Motion to approve the mediated settlement agreement and authorize the Superintendent to consult with General Counsel before signing made by Mr. Douglas seconded by Mr. Ledesma. Motion unanimously approved.

Discussion: N/A

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