



Meeting Minutes of the BFCS School Governing Board

BFCS Central Office - Main Conference Room

690 E. Warner Rd. Suite 114, Bldg. 9

Gilbert, Arizona 85296

Office of the Board
Maricopa County, Arizona

July 8, 2025

1:00pm

1. Call to Order

Name	Action	Time
James Candland	called the meeting to order at	1:00pm

2. Governing Board Member Roll Call

Also in attendance: Diana Dana, Grady Kerr, Kevin Smith, Kimberly Harvin, Max Porter

Name	Present	Absent
James Candland	x	

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Name	Action
Grady Kerr	lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Today's Meeting Agenda

Notes: Today, the meeting is primarily to seek BFCS Governing Board approval for the BFCS Adopted Budget for the 2026 Fiscal Year. A copy of the meeting notice and agenda were posted on June 27, 2025 prior to 1:00pm at each BFCS location and on the BFCSAZ website under "Public Notices". A hard copy of this agenda has been made available for all interested parties to review during this meeting.

Roll Call Vote			
Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
James Candland	x		
Motion to approve:			
The motion :	☒ carried.	☐ did not carry.	Vote: 1-0

5. Approval of Minutes from the 7/9/2024 Meeting:

Notes: The last BFCS Governing Board meeting held was 7/9/2024. The BFCS Governing Board will review these meeting minutes for approval. All BFCS Governing Board public meeting minutes are posted on the BFCSAZ website under "Public Notices". A hard copy of the meeting minutes under review for approval have been made available for all interested parties to review during this meeting.

Roll Call Vote			
Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
James Candland	x		
Motion to approve:			
The motion :	☒ carried.	☐ did not carry.	Vote: 1-0

6. Call to Public

Notes: No public present today.

7. Approve Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2026

Notes: As discussed earlier in the approval of the meeting agenda, the meeting today is being held primarily to seek BFCS Governing Board approval for the BFCS Adopted Budget for the 2026 Fiscal Year. A hard copy of the summary page of the budget has been made available for all interested parties to review. This information is also posted on the BFCSAZ website under “Public Notices”.

Notes:

Kevin Smith, BFCS Accountant, and Max Porter, Chief Financial Officer, present budget and financial highlights:

- No changes to the budget since the proposed budget was presented.
- Revenues are expected to increase by 2.5 million due to higher student counts and the 2% increase per student expected from state.
- Overall expenses are expected increase from 31.7 million in 2025 to 32.6 million in 2026.
- Special education expenditures are expected to increase by 6.5%.
- There is some shifting of expenses from one class to another, but no dramatic changes.
- Budget is proceeding according to plan and expectations are in line with previous years
- Depreciation will increase, but interest is staying level this year.
- Due to recent capital expenditures and campus expansions, depreciation has increased significantly from last year. This year, there is a 1 million dollar increase in principal payments that BFCS is making; this stays constant for the next 25 years. These items are not reflected in the proposed budget but do affect cash flows.
- BFCS is also in compliance with all bond covenants.

Board Comments:

- The state did pass the budget, so this can now be finalized with information that BFCS has been given from the state regarding submission.
- BFCS is ready to submit the budget by the deadline.

Roll Call Vote			
Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
James Candland	x		
Motion to approve:			
The motion :	☒ carried.	☐ did not carry.	Vote: 1-0

8. Next Board Meeting

Notes: Discussion item only - no action needed.

Discussion	Next Board Meeting Date	Location
Board member confirms the next board meeting.	TBA - watch the BFCSAZ website and campus postings for future meeting dates.	TBA

9. Adjourn Meeting

Name	Action	Time
James Candland	adjourned the meeting.	1:09pm