MINUTES OF MEETING

AAHS GOVERNANCE BOARD	
SCHOOL NAME:	ALABAMA AEROSPACE AND AVIATION HIGH SCHOOL
MEETING PURPOSE:	GOVERNANCE BOARD SPECIAL SESSION/WORKING SESSION
MEETING LOCATION:	AAHS CONF. ROOM – 1414 2ND AVE N, BESSEMER, AL
SUBJECT:	GOVERNANCE BOARD Meeting – August 2025

MEETING INFORMATION				
CONFIRMATION OF:	☒	**MEETING**	**DATE HELD:**	8/21/25
	☐	**PHONE CONVERSATION**	**DATE ISSUED:**	9/10/25
	☐	**OTHER**	**RECORDED BY:**	LouAnn Hasenkamp
			LOCATION:	1414 2nd Ave N Bessemer, AL
			ISSUED BY:	LouAnn Hasenkamp

MEETING PARTICIPANTS and DISTRIBUTION		
AAHS Representatives	**Governing Board Members**	**OTHER**
☒ Ruben Morris	☒ Shaella Askew (call in)	☒ Charles Knight
☐ Jasmine Cobb	☒ Courtney French	☒ E.T. Brown
☒ Porsha Allen	☒ LouAnn Hasenkamp	☒ Russell Raney - NSFA
☐	☐ Gabriel Kim	☐
☐	☒ Terry Mills	☐
☐	☒ Al Niles	☐
	☐ Luis Pineda	☐
	☐ Merrick Sims	
	☒ R. J. Smith (Call in)	
	☒ Scott Underwood	
	☒ Tierra Wright (call in)	

MEETING NOTES	
Action Required By	**Item**

	- Roll was taken and Quorum established
	  - Review of AAHS Minutes and vote called and approved.
	  - The board was reminded that July's budgets were already approved at the August 14th meeting
	  - **School Director Report – Porsha Allen**
	  • Two new Faculty Members, one new front office Support Staff Member and one new Substitute Teacher
	  • 11 Students were in the Dual Enrollment Program during the summer break completing 18 courses
	  • Culture & Climate will share a focus on enrollment and rewards programs
	  • Senior Installation was celebrated on August 22, 2025
	  • Preparations will begin for Pre ACTs for Sophomore's and ACTs for the Junior and Senior classes
	  • Developing reward program for Champions for attendance, behavior and successes
	  • New Senior Champions will be celebrated at the Senior Installation

	- **CEO Report – Ruben Morris** • Taylor Jackson completed Alabama Girls State over the summer months • AAHS received a donation of $25K from the Sanders Foundation • Impact Report is in process with Annual Report containing accomplishments • Discussions are being made with the TVA regarding future Internships for AAHS Students and donation of drones the TVA plans to retire • Brief discussion on potential of Alabama Aerospace and Aviation Middle School – more discussions will happen in future - **Financials - Russell Raney of New Schools for Alabama** • Review of Financial/Budget Reports • Review and discussion of Proposed Annual Reports for FY 2026 • Mr. Raney will send out more detailed account of "Roll-over" amount from FY 2025 – about $150K • Motion to approve and motion carried approving July budget and financial reports
	• **New Business -** • County wide local interaction was discussed in an effort to draw new enrollment and community interest • There is a need to get more local businesses and investors involved with donations • E-Sports board member donations were asked for with two tournaments coming un in the very near future – $12K was promised from various board members and a donation from Mr. Brown. • Discussion and explanation of Class Action Lawsuit regarding Charter Schools receiving their fair share of tax monies from Jefferson County – motion to approve and motion carried to approve AAHS entering lawsuit. • Cell Phone & Entertainment Device Policy was introduced prohibiting devices in accordance with Alabama Act 2024-34. This was voted on by the board and approved to take effect immediately. • Conclusion of Meeting Meeting was concluded by call by vote and approved to bring meeting to a close.
	• **Executive Session -** Was called enter a session – this was seconded and commenced • Governance Board Attendance Discussion to replace NSFA with MAEF which was a presentation provided in the 08/14/2025 meeting. Due to time sensitivity this was voted on and approved by all in attendance with the exception of Shaella Askew who abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest with NSFA. • There was discussion of the Governance Board regarding attendance. There is a need to address lack of attendance and determine if there are any participants on the Governance Board that should voluntarily step down due to their non-availability to physically participate on a regular basis

	• There is new consideration to re-introduce Term Limits within the Governance Board. • It was agreed that there needs to be some adjustments to our By-Laws. More discussion will be had to determine these changes. • Discussion of AAHS Compliance Monitoring by the State of Alabama will be commencing in the later part of September
	- Conclusion of Executive Session was called to a vote and approved to bring meeting to a close.

MEETING ATTACHMENTS
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This confirms and records our interpretation of the discussions which occurred and our understanding reached during this meeting. Unless notified in writing within seven days of the date below, we will assume that the following interpretation or description is complete and accurate.