

Charter School for Applied Technologies

Board Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2025



Public Comments

Minutes

- Minutes from 06.24.2025
 - Motion to Approve – Ian Donnelly
 - Second – Lisa Smith
 - Motion approved.

Mr. Berti announced that the board is looking for a person to replace Jina Gentry on the board, there is an open position.

Presentation: None

Annual Meeting Business

- **Ratification and confirmation of Trustee Terms (vote) – Mr. Loveria**
 - Motion to Approve – Lisa Smith
 - Second – Bryan Carlo
- Motion approved.
- **Reelections of Officers (vote) – Mr. Loveria (pg. 6)**
 - Motion to Approve – Ian Donnelly
 - Second – Bryan Carlo
- Motion approved.
- **Committee Assignments – Mr. Loveria**
 - Add Bryan Carlo to Career Readiness
 - Add Jason Campbell to Finance Committee
- **Bylaws/Code of Ethics – Mr. Loveria (supplement)**
 - No material changes

Administrative Reports – Mr. Lyle

- **Cabinet Report (Bussing and Foundation)**
 - Update: BPS has a new operating officer in charge of bussing. They changed distance requirements to better serve BPS students over charter students. They will not bus within 0.7-1.5 miles for the 2026-2027 school year. It will affect Buffalo charters but not CSAT because we have already signed a contract and paid.
 - Summer Academy students had a problem getting paid through Mayor Summer Youth. SUNY Erie funded us for \$50,000 for students to be able to attend Summer Academy. The foundation put in another \$10,000.
 - NYS testing data has been released. The data is embargoed, but we can speak about this with board and teachers. Ann Morgante discussed the data with the board. The board asked if we can figure out whether students who started with us in K have improved more than transfers.

Permanent Board Committees - NONE

- **QA**
- **Finance**
- **Career Readiness**
- **PTO Report** – has to be recreated so it is not operating under the school. Is working on this currently.

Ad Hoc Board Committees

- **Appeals** – Mr. Donnelly
 - One unique appeal – a holdover case from last year for a K-5 student was represented by someone in the community. No material reason for the appeal, though we will respond to the appeal in a way that could satisfy. The appeal is for a probation.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- 2025-2026 BOCES Ed Law 2d reauthorization (vote)
 - Motion to Approve – Lisa Smith
 - Second – Ian Donnelly
- Motion approved.
- 2025-2026 District-wide Safety (vote) – some very minimal wording changes to the document. Has been posted on website since June.
 - Motion to Approve – John Cinquino
 - Second – Bryan Carlo
- Motion approved.
- 2025-2026 Code of Conduct (vote) - changes to the internet/device policy to comply with the NYS law and the discipline policy related to violation of the law during the school day. Discussion about the implementation of the policy and the items involved in enforcement of the policy.
 - Motion to Approve – John Cinquino
 - Second – Lisa Smith
- Motion approved.

Enrollment – Mr. Loveria

- 2354 currently. Lots of recruitment – Daytime Buffalo included. Family night last Wednesday. 150 people showed up and was open to the community. Tomorrow is “Movie Night” – open to the community, and this weekend is Hispanic Heritage Festival. Braids, Fades, and Waves is on August 25, and commercials are still running.

Personnel Report – Mr. Lyle

- Completely updated report will be available shortly. New Director of HR, greenhouse person was hired (part time), temporary employee rehired, copy center closed so there was realignment, title changes, assigned maintenance leads/coordinator, some resignations discussed.
 - Motion to Approve – Bryan Carlo
 - Second – John Cinquino
 - Motion approved.

5:30pm - Executive session –

Motion - John Cinquino

Second - Bryan Carlo

Executive session – The Board exited executive session at 6:00 with no decisions requiring Board approval or vote taking occurring. Motion to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 6:00pm by John Cinquino, seconded by Lisa Smith. Meeting adjourned.

Agenda Setting

Next meeting is **September 9, 2025**

- - Motion to end the meeting:
- - Second:

Attendance in person: Joseph Berti, Bryan Carlo, John Cinquino, Jason Campbell, Lisa Smith, Ian Donnelly

Others: Andy Lyle, Bob Shannon, Ann Morgante, Garrick Loveria, Tanya Moore, Lindsey Harrington, Patrick Heyden, Dara Seeley, Chris Bigouette, Shane Lynch