



Advanced Math & Science Academy Charter School

Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday July 29, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Location

This meeting will be held via remote participation.

This meeting is being held via remote participation. The public has been invited to view or dial-in (audio only). The public will have the opportunity to make public comment if requested.

Trustees Present

Andrea Grych (remote), Darren Rose (remote), Dwayne Stanley (remote), Jessica Bowen (remote), Mary Swartz (remote), Maura Webster (remote)

Trustees Absent

Bela Gorman, Evan Przyborowski, James Carter, Stephan Richter

Ex Officio Members Present

Lisa Mobley (remote), Sara Snow (remote)

Non Voting Members Present

Lisa Mobley (remote), Sara Snow (remote)

Guests Present

Liana McLaren (remote), Mike Nawrocki (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Maura Webster called a meeting of the board of trustees of Advanced Math & Science Academy Charter School to order on Tuesday Jul 29, 2025 at 6:03 PM.

The Chair announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Attendance was called.

B. Record Attendance

II. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

There were no requests for public comment.

III. Consent Agenda

A. Construction Budget Tracking

The consent agenda items did not require discussion.

IV. Votes

A. Approve BOT Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2025

Darren Rose made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Trustees Annual Meeting on 06-10-25.

Dwayne Stanley seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Stephan Richter	Absent
James Carter	Absent
Mary Swartz	Abstain
Darren Rose	Aye
Jessica Bowen	Abstain
Andrea Grych	Abstain
Evan Przyborowski	Absent
Dwayne Stanley	Aye
Maura Webster	Aye
Bela Gorman	Absent

B. Approve Minutes from June 26, 2025

Darren Rose made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Trustees Meeting on 06-26-25.

Dwayne Stanley seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Mary Swartz	Abstain
Jessica Bowen	Abstain
Bela Gorman	Absent
James Carter	Absent
Maura Webster	Aye
Dwayne Stanley	Aye
Andrea Grych	Abstain
Stephan Richter	Absent
Darren Rose	Aye
Evan Przyborowski	Absent

C. Approve the 2024-2025 Annual Report

Dr. Mobley reported on the highlights from the 2024-2025 Annual Report.

The Annual Report serves to inform the public of the school's Key design elements, listed below, and how the school measures progress toward meeting goals related to AMSA's Accountability Plan:

- Celebrate academic knowledge and inspire an appreciation of learning.
- Implement an educational model that is highly structured, and each year consists of continuous, logically organized, and interconnected multi-year courses in which teachers introduce, and build upon, fundamental concepts and theories in math, science , computer science, and the humanities, preparing students for college and professional life.
- Cultivate a generation of leaders (and collaborators), especially in math, science, and technology that requires full commitment from the school to ensure that every students is challenged at the maximum of their ability and current intellectual preparedness with the goal of further advancing this "maximum" level.

The Year-Over-Year Comparison of Student Discipline has seen a significant decrease (35%) from the previous year among all students and especially among our high-needs population. The ELL group has zero incidences.

The Counseling Team, administration, and the deans have put forth a great effort to ensure a high attendance rate.

The Accountability goals and measures were developed pre-COVID. Some measures were not met due to the disruption to the academic program. We will be following the newly approved Accountability Plan for the next five-year charter term.

Dwayne Stanley made a motion to approve AMSA's 2024-2025 Annual Report.

Darren Rose seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Mary Swartz	Aye
Andrea Grych	Aye
Maura Webster	Aye
Bela Gorman	Absent
Darren Rose	Aye
James Carter	Absent
Stephan Richter	Absent
Evan Przyborowski	Absent
Dwayne Stanley	Aye
Jessica Bowen	Aye

D. Approve Updates to the 2025-2026 Student Parent Handbook

(See attached ED Report)

Highlights of the Student Handbook Updates

1. Media Opt-Out: clarification of the process.
2. Student Publications: Allows principal to be in the know and set the timeline for release... NOT Censorship.
3. Extracurricular Eligibility: Ensures focus is on academics and establishes a pause until the student is back on track. Proposed by the chairs who reported staff struggling to get kids to stay after school for support due to extracurricular participation (generated after setting high accountability goals such as 85% of AMSA's grade 9 students with disabilities will pass all courses.) This will allow credit recovery and a solid intervention to increase support for loss of academic credit.
4. Attendance: Instead of not receiving credit, the new language proposes attending credit recovery and institutes a probation from extracurricular activities as mentioned above. The goal is to increase support prior to the loss of academic credit.

Jess Bowen asked if the Student Publication policy was just about the AMSA Voice and Literary Magazine. Lisa responded that the policy is to ensure that the Principal is aware of what is being published, not to censor what is published. Does The Quill and The Voice need to be read by Mike first? Lisa said yes, but again, there is no censorship. The administration wants to be prepared for questions and responses from the parents. Jess reported that Steve Smyth said he would not run the magazine if student publications had to be read first and wanted this on the record. Darren wants to be on record against censorship, but he feels that there should be awareness and review. Mr. Smyth is aware of the issues and Lisa has full confidence in Steve and the literary supervisors to review all publications prior to posting. The administration just wants to know what is being published and in order to be prepared to address emails from parents. This is not vetting them!

Was the policy a collaborative effort with the teachers? Mike said there was a lot of back and forth with Mike Finkle and Steve Smyth last November when there was an issue with

a student's article. Steve mentioned that he appreciated how the issue was handled. They engaged in good discussion and exchanged many emails, but they did not have an official meeting. Mike said he has been working with Steve for 14 years and has never asked Steve not to publish.

It was decided to approve all the handbook updates **except the Student Publication policy** in order to allow additional time for review and further discussion when teachers return.

Dwayne Stanley made a motion to approve all items in the handbook updates memo except the Student Publication section in order to provide additional time for review and discussion.

Jessica Bowen seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Andrea Grych	Aye
James Carter	Absent
Stephan Richter	Absent
Darren Rose	Aye
Dwayne Stanley	Aye
Bela Gorman	Absent
Jessica Bowen	Aye
Evan Przyborowski	Absent
Mary Swartz	Aye
Maura Webster	Aye

V. Updates

A. Fundraising Update

The Golf Tournament is on August 11 and tickets are almost sold out! They are working on the online auction. People can attend just for dinner too. It is at the Marlborough Country Club. Also, the 20th anniversary swag store is open!

B. Parent Representative Update

Dwayne did not have an update since he has had no communication from parents this summer, most likely due to summer vacation.

C. Faculty Representative Update

Jess Bowen also reported that she has not heard from faculty members. She said this is her fifth term as the Faculty Representative and she is excited to be a member of the board again.

D. Executive Director Report

(See attached ED Report and Accountability Plan Goals and Measures)

The Accountability Plan was approved on July 21 by the Commissioner. A charter school's new Accountability Plan is considered a charter amendment.

Lisa wanted to say thanks to the administrators and Dept Chairs for coming up with great goals.

Liana McLaren provided a Facilities Update and showed slides that followed the construction progress of the retaining wall. Impressive!

Lisa announced that Liana is retiring in December. Liana has been her right-hand person and Lisa has appreciated her knowledge and all the time she has spent helping her get up to speed with charter finances. Liana is amazing! The board and leadership team will get together to discuss a job description and get it posted. Lisa is happy that Liana will be able to work side by side with the new Business Manager for a few months to help with a smooth transition.

Darren and others wanted to thank Liana for all she has done for AMSA!!!!

VI. Chair Business

A. Board/Committee Meeting Dates for the 2025-2026 School Year

The Board discussed the 2025-2026 Board and Committee meeting dates.

Maura proposed that the Board skip the August board meeting since they may not have a quorum due to vacation plans.

It was agreed to move the next BOT meeting to September 23.

ACTION

Add vote to approve the IT Policy to the September agenda.

Sara will upload policy into September agenda.

Committee assignments for new members:

Andrea Grych: Governance

Mary Swartz: Education

Jess Bowen: Education

VII. Committee Reports

A. Development

Development Committee did not meet in July. Their report will be moved to September 23.

B.

Finance

Finance Committee did not meet in July. The Finance Report will be moved to September.

C. Governance

Governance Committee did not meet in July. They will come back to the Board with the IT Policy on September 23 after they have discussed the policy during the next Governance Committee meeting.

D. Education

Stephan is not in attendance to report on the Staff and Family Surveys. The survey report will be moved to September 23.

VIII. Review Action Items

A. Previous Meetings

All Board members are to use their AMSA emails for all Board business.
IT Policy recommendations will be brought to the board on September 23.

B. New Action Items

Governance will continue to work on recommendations for changes to the bylaws.
The Administration will provide scheduling updates.

Mike provided a quick update regarding next year's class schedule:

First, he wanted to welcome Andrea and Mary to the Board and welcome back Jess. He also wanted to echo what everybody else was saying about Liana, that she will be missed...greatly!

At the June 10 BOT meeting Mike presented some information on class enrollment numbers, in particular, AP classes and accelerated courses. Draft schedules were distributed to all students in 9th through 12th grade for the upcoming year. Teachers are able to access their schedule and class rosters in PowerSchool. Families and students will be able to access and view everything online. Our school counselors come back the week of August 18th, but our students have the opportunity to email their counselors over the summer. Our middle school grade six through eight schedules appear to be very well balanced and everything falls within the constraints of the union contract regarding class size.

New Action items

Further discussion on the handbook update regarding student publications.

IT Policy
Family and Staff Survey Results
Determine the 2025-2026 BOT and Committee Meeting dates
Handbook memo for Student Publications

IX. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Jessica Bowen made a motion to adjourn.
Darren Rose seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Evan Przyborowski	Absent
Maura Webster	Aye
Mary Swartz	Aye
Andrea Grych	Aye
Jessica Bowen	Aye
Darren Rose	Aye
Stephan Richter	Absent
James Carter	Absent
Bela Gorman	Absent
Dwayne Stanley	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maura Webster

Documents used during the meeting

- AMSA 2024-25 Annual Report Final.docx
- 7-29-25 2025 2026 AMSA Student and Family Handbook Draft.pdf
- 7-29-25 Handbook Changes 25-26 Memo.docx
- 7-29-25 ED Report.pdf
- BOT Meeting Calendar 2025-2026 7-29-25.docx
- July 29, 2025 ED Report.pdf