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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, October 28, 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 5:04 pm. A quorum was established and in attendance were

Board members: Tommy Brooks, James Douglas, Veda Brown, Isaac Ledesma and Percy Creuzot (entered at 5:16 pm)

Absent: None

Also present were Staff: Brandon Chandler (Superintendent), Julian Ryan, Miranda Bonton, Brianna Perez, Martha Bravo

Counsel: Marcia Johnson (via Zoom), Luckett A. Johnson;

President Brooks called for a moment of silence.

AAL Mission, Vision, and Goals were read by James Douglas

Board Minutes: James Douglas moved and Isaac Ledesma seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 27th board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Parent or Community Resident appearing at the meeting to comment: None

REPORTS/DICUSSION ITEMS:

a. Superintendent's Report

1. Academic Progress Update
2. Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Update
3. Enrollment Update
4. Facilities Committee Update
5. Fundraising Committee Update

b. Financial Reports

1. AAL Financial Review/Report Update
2. Update on status of annual Audit with McConnell & Jones
3. No Changes will be made to The Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc. Depository Bank of public funds for the 2025-2026 school year

c. Board Governance

1. Update and Discussion from Board Members that attended the 2025 Texas Public Charter School Conference
2. TEA Annual Governance Reporting
3. Related-Party Transaction and Fraud Questionnaire for Annual Financial Audit FY2024-2025

Discussion: Superintendent Chandler presented Brianna Perez to update the progress of academics. Ms. Perez started with a short video and reported that the bluebonnet curriculum has been fully integrated at AAL. James Douglas asked how special was Bluebonnet. Perez responded that it helps students prepare for the STAAR testing. She also reported that there was a 15-day assessment of the teachers completed. Douglas asked what skills does STAAR test; recognizing that readiness is the target of the state. Supporting standards help lay the foundation academically. Douglas asked if STAAR tests analytical skills and what percentage. Perez responded yes it does and about 40% of the test in the new component of the tests analytical skills.

Next, Chandler gave an overview of how the SHAC is going to be implemented. Mr. Brooks asked how the SHAC is comprised.

Dr. Brown asked for the basis of the student enrollment loss and was told that moving out of the country and low birth rates were the major contributors. Dr. Brown wants to know if there is an allowance from the state regarding student loss due to certain circumstances.

Facilities at Ashcroft have been completed including the installation of 44 security cameras. Belfort is going to have 50 security cameras installed. Savoy had additional door security installed.

Julian Ryan reported that AAL has applied for four new grants, three private and one state funded. Brooks requested the board be provided a list all grants that have been applied for along with success and fail rates.

Miranda Bonton reviewed the AAL financial data. Mr. Brooks asked what are the projected revenue changes if we close one site? Bonton responded that we would be incurring less expenses so that it would have a positive effect on financials.

Bonton also reported that the auditors will be sent additional information on Friday that will help them produce an audit report earlier this year for review purposes. The state audit deadline has been changed from January to the end of February because guidance for state mandated changes has not been defined yet. We can expect that the state will scrutinize internal controls. As TEA is making changes, Douglas suggested that staff speak to their offices to determine what the changes will be to make sure unnecessary work is not done.

Bonton warned that delay in preparation could put AAL at risk for an automatic fail if the audit if we wait to proceed and not receive timely TEA guidance. Douglas wants to know what has been done to ensure that there are no internal control issues this year. Bonton responded that she has maintained critical reviews of the bank accounts, that she has implemented procedures that require each school to use correct codes and that monthly close outs are conducted correctly. The changes are aligned with the previous audit concerns.

Chandler reported that the depository bank will remain Bank of America.

Governance forms have been given to the board members for completion and return to him for submission to the state.

Executive Session: President Brooks asked for a Motion to recess Open Session and open Executive Session 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

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

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.

The motion was made by Mr. Creuzot and seconded by Mr. Douglas. Motion carried unanimously and Open session recessed and executive session opened at 6:24 p.m. Unanimously passed

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The president announced that the executive session was being conducted

Discussion: Consultation and deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property as authorized by law including property leases and property acquisition.

Mr. Creuzot moved to close Executive Session and resume Open Session. Mr. Ledesma seconded the Motion which carried unanimously without discussion at 7:26 pm. Motion reconvene Open Session by Mr. Creuzot and seconded by Mr. Ledesma at 7:26 pm.

APPROVE ACTION ON ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY

- a) Consider Motion to Nominate and vote on Board Officers for the 2025-2026 school year
- b) Consider Motion to Approve the Cubes K12 Inc. Stratonomics Contract to work with AAL
- c) Consider Motion to Approve and Adopt the Resolution Regarding Student Health Advisory Council (SHAH) Bylaws and Operating Procedures
- d) Consider Motion to Approve the Contract with Vortex Computer Systems for security camera and technology support not to exceed \$200,000
- e) Consider Motion to Approve the Contract with the Emerald Team to complete renovations at the Bellfort site not to exceed \$200,000
- f) Consider Motion to Approve Submission of Letter of Intent to Partner with The Liberation Project, Inc.
- g) Consider Motion to Approve Evaluation of Facilities Use and Plan for Possible Consolidation of sites
- h) Consider Motion to Determine the Future of the Savoy Site
- i) Consider Motion to Approve the Campus and District Improvement Plans for the 2025-2026 school year
- j) Consider Motion to Approve the Amended AAL Board Travel Policy with allocations

ACTION ITEMS

- a) Motion to Nominate and vote on Board Officers for the 2025-2026 school year made by Mr. Ledesma seconded by Mr. Creuzot. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: The board officers discussed the officers remaining the same and were so nominated to keep the officers constituted the same.

Tommy Brooks	aye
James Douglas	aye
Veda Brown	aye
Isaac Ledesma	aye
Percy Creuzot	aye

- b) Motion to Approve the Cubes K12 Inc. Stratonomics Contract to work with AAL made by Mr. Creuzot seconded by Mr. Ledesma.

Discussion: Dr. Brown asked whether a need assessment has been done to address the enrollment and academics that this consultancy would address for those deficiencies. Superintendent has sent out information to get data and he will send out that data. Creuzot felt that at the beginning of the presentation he was not in favor of using the services but through the data and information presented that he saw the value in using the services; he believes that something must be done to help improve the district student performance and enrollment. Dr. Brown wants to make sure this aligns with our problems and if there is way to have a trial basis to see if this is truly what will be beneficial to the district. Also, she inquired about the metrics that will be used to identify consultant success. Douglas expressed concern about spending this sum of money and its effect on the budget.

The Vote

Tommy Brooks	aye
James Douglas	aye
Veda Brown	abstained
Isaac Ledesma	aye
Percy Creuzot	aye

Motion passed 4-0-1

- c) Motion to Approve and Adopt the Resolution Regarding Student Health Advisory Council (SHAH) Bylaws and Operating Procedures made by Mr. Douglas seconded by Mr. Creuzot. Motion passed unanimously.

Tommy Brooks	aye
James Douglas	aye
Veda Brown	aye
Isaac Ledesma	aye
Percy Creuzot	aye

- d) Motion to Approve the Contract with Vortex Computer Systems for security camera and technology support not to exceed \$200,000 made by Mr. Douglas seconded by Dr. Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: The initial work was approved at \$100,000 and work orders will cause it to go over the \$100,000 that is currently looking at \$102,000 but additional charges could happen including permitting cost and technology costs. The funds come from a dedicated security grant with room left in the grant to cover the additional costs.

Tommy Brooks aye
James Douglas aye
Veda Brown aye
Isaac Ledesma aye
Percy Creuzot aye

- e) Motion to Approve the Contract with the Emerald Team to complete renovations at the Bellfort site not to exceed \$200,000 made by Mr. Douglas seconded by Mr. Ledesma. Motion unanimously approved.

Discussion: Dr. Brown wants to know how much we will save by not having outside storage.
Response: About \$700-800 a month.

Tommy Brooks aye
James Douglas aye
Veda Brown aye
Isaac Ledesma aye
Percy Creuzot aye

- f) Motion to Approve Evaluation and Negotiations for Submission of Letter of Intent to Partner with The Liberation Project, Inc. made by Mr. Douglas seconded by Mr. Creuzot. Motion unanimously approved.

Tommy Brooks aye
James Douglas aye
Veda Brown aye
Isaac Ledesma aye
Percy Creuzot aye

- g) Motion to Approve Evaluation of Facilities Use and Plan for Possible Consolidation of students made by Mr. Creuzot seconded by Mr. Ledesma. Motion unanimously approved.

Tommy Brooks aye
James Douglas aye
Veda Brown aye
Isaac Ledesma aye

Percy Creuzot aye

- h) Motion to Evaluate the Future of the Savoy Site and move the site within a 25-mile radius and consider the sale of the Savoy site made by Mr. Ledesma seconded by Mr. Creuzot. Motion unanimously approved.

Tommy Brooks aye
James Douglas aye
Veda Brown aye
Isaac Ledesma aye
Percy Creuzot aye

- i) Motion to Approve the Campus and District Improvement Plans for the 2025-2026 school year made by Mr. Creuzot seconded by Dr. Brown. Motion unanimously approved.

Discussion: These are state requirements that reference how money is spent based on the approved budget and making sure they look to further district goals.

Tommy Brooks aye
James Douglas aye
Veda Brown aye
Isaac Ledesma aye
Percy Creuzot aye

- j) Motion to Approve the Amended AAL Board Travel Policy with allocations made by Mr. Douglas seconded by Mr. Creuzot.

Discussion: Dr. Brown would like the Travel Policy to be revisited on the grounds of checking that the superintendent not have HIPPA related information

Tommy Brooks aye
James Douglas aye
Veda Brown nay
Isaac Ledesma aye
Percy Creuzot aye

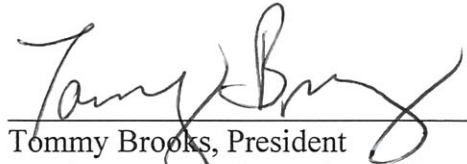
Motion by Dr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Ledesma to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved and meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



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, October 28, 2025.



Tommy Brooks, President
Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc.



Isaac Ledesma, Board Secretary
Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc.