



Board of Directors  
General Meeting  
January 12, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm

- I. Preliminary
  - a. No Visitors
  - b. Roll Call for Directors and Administration
    - i. Ms. Akerly (presiding)
    - ii. Ms. Manuel
    - iii. Ms. Lang
    - iv. Ms. Horne (via zoom)
    - v. Ms. Tracy (administrator)
  - c. Reading of team norms by Ms. Manuel
  - d. Approval of last meetings minutes
    - i. Motion to approve Dec 1, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes, passed unanimously
    - ii. Motion to approve December 30, 2025 General Meeting Minutes, passed unanimously
  - e. Approval of Tonight's agenda
    - i. Motion to approve agenda by Ms. Akerly, unanimously approved
- II. Committee Reports
  - a. Board Development
    - i. Parent Tour
      - i.1. A recommendation was made to consider a slide show for the Parent Tours. It appeared that there were St. Elizabeth parents with an education background, therefore the questions were more academically aimed. A lot more parents than normal.
      - i.2. Most Parent came from postcards
      - i.3. Feb 4, 2026 - Ms. Akerly accepted Parent Tours Request
      - i.4. March 4, 2026 - Ms. Akerly and Ms. Manuel accepted Parent Tours Request
      - i.5. All board members were asked to respond to the invites
    - ii. Board of Directors Evaluation
      - ii.1. To be completed Feb 2, 2026
    - iii. Coffee and Donuts with the Board Event  
Wednesday, January 21, 2026 8-9 am
      - iii.1. Chrome books and hard copies available for families to take the survey
      - iii.2. Coffee Donated by Ms. Horne
      - iii.3. Pastries Purchased by Ms. Manuel
      - iii.4. Flacon Flash - Recommended to create a sign up sheet for our Coffee and Pastries with the Board

- iv. Begin Town Hall Strategy
  - i. Ms. Manuel - email our Board our Town Hall plan from two years ago.
  - ii. Ms. Akerly, Ms. Manuel, and Ms. Tracy work collaboratively to finalize the communication plan
  - iii. Include Bond Dollars, BEST Grant and submitting a competitive grant, APS Facilities Grant total for the last two years, additional Administration Role, and the Administrative Office Reno

- v. Legal Bylaw and Board Book Review
  - i. Board reviewed legal memo from Bryce Carlson. Ongoing project

- b. Finance
  - i. Motion to approve Fund Expenditure Budgets, appropriating budget from the original amount \$10,043,311 to the revised amount \$ 10,863,834, by Ms Akerly, passed unanimously
    - b.i.1. Board discussed variances in the budget and how BOND dollars have affected that
    - b.i.2. Ms. Akerly addressed several strategic budgetary items requiring clarification and will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

- c. RDC
  - i. Charter third reading
  - ii. RUN FOR FUNDS

- d. Growth Feasibility
  - i. The Board requested Ms. Akerly to bring both the bids for Combined Exterior and Asphalt project to the Finance meeting.
  - ii. Ms Akerly and Ms Lang will review the Facilities Rental agreement.

- e. Personnel
  - i. No recommendations

- f. School Accountability
  - i. Next Meeting March 19, 2026 - Agenda Dates are Inaccurate

### III. Administrators Report

- a. Technology Update - Gadellnet shows our operating size is a small/medium sized network which is based on running devices. Knowing that we want to upgrade our security system, moving to a cloud based phone network, and interactive smart boards for all classrooms will move AACS to the enterprise level.
- b. Firewall is expiring in June, 2026 and the recommendation is to replace our firewall in June. Shante is working to get the firewall approved by March. There will need to be quick decisions made once the pieces start to come together, regarding cost.
- c. Board members received a Gadellnet overview and full discussion of suggested upgrades with cost awareness.
- d. Recommendation is to get fiber through the building and with an ERate discount it is estimated to about 140K

### IV. Public Comment

- a. No public comments

### V. Discussion Items

- a. Administrative Staffing Capacity and Organizational Needs discussion - Looking ahead
- b. Motion to restructure administrative staff by adding third assistant principal, made by Ms. Akerly, unanimously approved after discussion.

- VI. For the Good of the Cause
  - a. Ms. Akerly wants to thank Nicole Striker for hosting and organizing the holiday party. The food was delicious and vast activities created a fun environment.
  - b. Ms. Manuel wants to shout out to success with parent tours thus far
  - c. Ms. Akerly wants to thank all Board Members for dedication, commitment and collaboration to attend the Special Meeting
  - d. Ms. Manuel shout out to Ms Tracy for hosting and organizing Martha's retirement party

Adjournment of General Session 7:44pm

**Next Meeting Date:**  
**General Session-Monday February 9, 2026**