



Board of Directors Meeting

June 3, 2026

General Session

I. Preliminary

Called to Order 6:02 p.m.

a) *Welcome to Visitor(s)*

i. Bart Skidmore

ii. Katie Corey

b) *Roll Call*

iii. Ms. Akerly – Presiding

iv. Ms. Manuel (present via phone)

v. Ms. Horne

vi. Ms. Lang

vii. Ms. Tracy – Administrator (Not Present)

c) *Reading of team norms by Ms. Horne*

d) *Approval of the last meeting minutes*

- i. Review and approval of the previous meeting minutes was deferred to the next Board meeting because the draft minutes were not yet complete.

e) *Approval of tonight's agenda*

- i. Motion to approve tonight's agenda, as presented, by Ms. Arnold
Motion carried unanimously

II. Committee Reports

a) *Board Development - Facilitated by Ms. Akerly*

- i. Board of Director Retreat
1. Ms. Horne will send booking information for a virtual review of the upcoming Board Retreat
- ii. Board Content Calendar
1. Ms. Akerly requested that the Board offer support in building out the Board calendar collaboratively during the retreat.

b) *Finance Team – Facilitated by Mr. Skidmore and Ms. Horne*

- i. Mr. Skidmore, the Academy's CPA, presented the proposed budget for Aurora Academy, provided historical financial context, and responded to questions from the Board. Discussion centered on the school's fund balance, reserves, anticipated facility needs, and strategic financial planning to support the school's long-term sustainability.
- ii. Board Recommendation
1. Create a Fund Balance Policy to protect the school's long-term sustainability.
- iii. **Approval of the 2026-2027 Fund Expenditure Budget**
Ms. Horne moved to approve the 2026-2027 Fund Expenditure Budget
Be it resolved by the Aurora Academy Charter School Board in Arapahoe County that the amounts shown in the following schedule be appropriated to each fund as specified in the "Original Budget" for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. Original
General Fund \$ 9,980,302
Building Fund \$ 800,000
Total Appropriation \$10,780,302
Motion Passes Unanimously.

c) **Growth Feasibility - Facilitated by Ms. Akerly**

- i. No Board Recommendation
 1. No GFC Meeting this month
- ii. Administration Renovation and BEST Grant Overview
- iii. Victory Fire Protection
 1. \$11,900 Quote
 2. Identifications of multiple deficiencies within the Academy's fire sprinkler system, including leaking sprinkler heads, outdated components, missing protective devices, required five-year inspections and testing, and other code-related maintenance items. The Board discussed the importance of maintaining a safe learning environment and determined that completing the recommended work was necessary to support the school's life safety systems and ongoing code compliance.

e) **Personnel**

- i. No Report

f) **School Accountability**

- i. No Report

g) **Principal's Report**

- i. **Ms. Horne moved to approve the updated phone policy as presented. Motion Passes Unanimously.**

Technology Policy:

Maintaining a safe environment conducive to learning is of utmost importance. To this end, personal electronic devices are not allowed to be used at school unless students are given express permission by staff.

- Cell phones/"Communication Devices": At school, there is no need for a student to use a cell phone/communication device. Parents needing to get messages to a student can do so through the main office. Some middle school parents wish their child to carry a cell phone. In such cases, cell phones will remain turned off and in the student's locker during the day, and are not to be turned on until the student has left campus.
 - After school, a student may be given permission to use their cell phone/communication device to call home. Permission must be requested and granted or the phone will be confiscated.
 - If a cell phone/communication device is used on school grounds without express permission then the device will be confiscated, and the student may retrieve their device from the staff member at the end of the day.
 - The second time a cell phone/communication device is used on school grounds without express permission, it will be confiscated, and a parent must pick up the device from the Main Office.

(A "Communication Device" is any personally owned device capable of communication, recording, internet access, or digital media use including but not limited to cell phones, smartwatches, and smartglasses.)

- Earbuds and headphones are not allowed on or with students UNLESS the student has been specifically told by a teacher they may use them in class. If a student is seen wearing earbuds or headphones at any other time, those earbuds/headphones will be confiscated. This means: no earbuds or headphones in the halls, at recess, in the lunchroom, etc.
- Smart Watches are allowed; however, they must be on "airplane mode". Placing the watch in this mode prevents the watch from sending and receiving text messages and phone calls. If they become a distraction or a student is seen using communication capabilities, it will be confiscated. The student may then retrieve the watch from the front desk at the end of the school day. Should a student's watch be confiscated a second time, a parent will be required to collect the watch.
- During any state standardized testing, students will be required to turn off and place all personal electronic devices (e.g. cell phones, smartwatches, and any similar items) in their lockers or backpacks as required by the Colorado Department of Education.
- Accommodations and Equity: Aurora Academy is committed to equitable access for students with documented needs. Student Communication Device access may be permitted if explicitly required by IEPs, 504 Plans, and legally reviewed Health Plans. Principals can make exceptions for specific educational purposes

It has been our experience that personal items, especially technology, are easily lost or damaged in a school setting and may serve as a source of conflict between students. Aurora Academy is not responsible for the loss or damage of any item deemed inappropriate for school.

III. For the Good of the Cause

- a) Ms. Manuel
 - i. Shout out to the administration for another successful year
- b) Ms. Horne
 - i. Shout out to the eighth-grade graduation success and all that went into planning

IV. Adjournment of General Session at 6:33 p.m.