



COLOGNE ACADEMY

School Name Cologne Academy			
Charter Number 4188-07			
Date Tuesday, August 25, 2026			
Address 1221 Village Parkway, Cologne, MN 55322			
Board Member Names	Present	Absent	Year
Brian Goldie (BG)	X		1/12
Michael Griesinger (MG) Virtual	X		2/12
Craig Johnson (CJ)	X		1/12
Nathan Kells (NK) Virtual	X		1/12
Preeti Subramanian (PS)	X		2/12
Helen Suhr (HS)	X		2/12
John Zwanziger (JZ)	X		2/12
ex-officio Lynn Peterson (LP)	X		2/12
Others Present: Traci LaFerriere			
1. Call to Order / Reading of the School Vision & Mission Statement			
By CJ		Time 7:36 pm	
School Vision - Create a content-rich learning environment that prepares K-8 children to achieve their best as scholars and as people of character who will contribute skill and knowledge to their communities. Mission Statement - To prepare scholars for academic success through excellence in literacy by integrating the Core Knowledge Sequence. Review of mission statement and any applicable updates related to it. Board Member Testimonials and 5 minutes silent solo write. Testimonials: Craig Johnson - Testimonial - Kids were excited to go back to school. Bed early, ready for school, etc. A little nervous if not ready but all went well.			
2. Public Comment to Agenda Items / Guest Speakers			
Public comment to agenda items is an open forum portion of the meeting and is an opportunity to present an issue, concern, or other statement to the Board of Directors. Individuals wishing to address the Board regarding an agenda item/s must sign up prior to the Call to Order and will be allotted three (3) minutes. Total public comment will be limited to twenty-one (21) minutes. Public Comments - None Guest Speaker - None			



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3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest if any			
Board members read the agenda and if they have any real or perceived conflict of interest with any agenda item. No conflicts			
4. Approval of the Agenda			
Approval of agenda as submitted including: -No changes to the agenda			
Motion to:			
Made by:		Seconded by:	
Discussion:			
Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain
School Leader Report and Dashboard Review			
5. Approval of Consent Agenda			
Motion to approve consent agenda items: School leader report developments, policies, facilities updates, leader reports, and enrollment Dashboard including School Leader Report as written & July Board Meeting minutes • Although Board action is required, it is generally unnecessary to hold discussion on these items. In the event a Board member wishes to discuss an item, that item will be moved for separate consideration ○ July Payments - checks & electronic payments ○ Formal Disclosure of Potential Conflict of Interest			
Made by: HS		Seconded by: BG	
Vote Roll Call: All attending board members present in person:			
7	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	7	0	0



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6. Organizational Meeting			
Motion to approve			
Made by:		Seconded by:	
Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain

7. Policy Development, Review, and Revision			
Motion to			
Made by:		Seconded by:	
Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain

8. Treasurer's Report - Zwanziger/LaFerriere			
Meeting 8/26 with Tracy. Cash balance - 5.4M - Same last year at this time. In line with the budget. Budget was made with a higher ADM. Approx \$300K short. Not many updates until the Audit is completed. Operating in a net loss environment. John mentioned what would need to be cut if we continue to run in the net loss environment. LP - Overstaffed but planning for time off, etc. Having the extra staff = employee value. LP- Led discussion about long-term vitality of charters in MN given state's implied indifference towards public charter schools and funding disparities.			
Motions to Approve:			
Made by:		Seconded by:	
Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain



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9. Strategic Plan Update and Review of Progress Toward Contract Goals	
Motion to	
Made by:	Seconded by:

10. Board Business (old and new)			
Motion to			
Made by:		Seconded by:	
Discussion:			
Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain

10. Board Training			
Charter Source Board Member Annual Training / Log			
 <u>August Trainings</u>			
• Understanding Financial Statements • You are a new board chair, now what?			
 <u>September Trainings</u>			
• Practices of High Performing Boards • Understanding Student Data-MCA			
 CharterSource.org			
MACS Training Calendar			
Trainer : CharterSource.org			
Date: Monthly			
11. Identify Items for Next Month's Agenda			



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12. Adjournment			
Motion to Adjourn at 8:55 pm			
Made by: CJ		Seconded by: HS	
Discussion			
Vote			
7	Yea All	Nay	Abstain
	7	0	0
Next meeting: Regular Board meeting Tuesday, September 22, 2026			
Name and		Contact Information of the Charter School's Authorizer:	
Friends of 13570 Grove Maple Grove, Beth Topoluk,		 Education Drive #261 MN 55351 Executive Director topoluk@FoEmn.org	