Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc.

Chimney Rock
7419 Ashcroft Dr.
Houston, TX 77081
Office (713) 773-4766
Fax (713) 666-2532

Bellfort (Academic Campus and District Office)
6711 Bellfort
Houston, TX 77087
Office (713) 645-0336
Fax (346) 618-5661

SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **Monday, August 24, 2026** **BOARD MEETING**

VENUE: **ACADEMY OF ACCELERATED LEARNING DISTRICT CAMPUS**
6711 Bellfort **Houston, Texas 77087**

President Brooks called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm. A quorum with the in-person attendance of Board members: James Douglas, Veda Brown, Percy Creuzot and President Tommy Brooks. With quorum established, Board member Isaac Ledesma joined via Zoom at 5:04 pm and left at 5:15 pm.
Also present were Staff: Brandon Chandler (Superintendent), Brianna Perez, Julian Rhyne, Miranda Bonton, Martha Bravo, Danetta Lightener, Deordre Adams
Counsel represented by Luckett A. Johnson

President Brooks called for a moment of silence.

Reading of the Mission, Vision, and Goals was laid on the table.

Board Minutes: Percy Creuzot moved and Isaac Ledesma seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June 8th 2026 board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Parent or Community Resident appearing at the meeting to comment: No one signed up nor appeared

REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Board Training—All members have complied with annual training as follows:
i. Board Policy and Governance Training (120 minutes)
ii. Financial Accountability for Board Development Training (60 minutes)
iii. Supporting Increased Student Outcomes Through Effective Governance Training (120 minutes)
iv. Health, Safety, and Security Training Update (60 minutes)
1. Cybersecurity Awareness
2. Sexual Abuse, Human Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children Awareness
3. Chapter 37 School Safety Update

Discussion:

Ms. Perez presented the data regarding student demographics, performance, and goals as well as evaluation of the scores over the years and a breakdown of the score. This year's score improvement was substantially due to fixing internal academic and administrative systems which helped attain the rating of B. Improvement is needed in math, which is the slowest moving subject.

Mr. Creuzot requested an explanation for the drop in reading for the third graders. Administration responded that it was primarily due to the loss of a seasoned teacher. Superintendent advised that accountability begins at the kindergarten level and that AAL academic systems provide for this so that improvement is expected in all subject areas going forward. Members' attention was brought to the significant growth in students' Science performance.

Mr. Brooks asked for the growth of reading according to the NWEA Map.
Response: The goal is an A. There are five distinct priorities for achieving an A. There has been planning across the district so that there is no difference in results from one campus to another.

Mr. Brooks asked for an explanation for the differences at the campuses that attribute to the varied results between campus; is it parent involvement, instruction, etc.
Response: Instructional turnover and parent engagement are two large factors in campus differences.

Dr. Brown wants to know why teachers with low expectations are still with the district.
Response: They no longer are with the school

Ms. Lightener presented the Ashbrook campus data and scores. There is a drop in reading and math from 5th to 6th grade as the kids transition from elementary to middle school.

Mr. Brooks asked why there was a drop if the students were at the same school.
Response: There is typically an increase in difficulty of subject matter as well as student turnover as students come in from separate schools and some students leave to other schools.

Mr. Douglas asked if there is a better way to separate the middle school and elementary school.
Response: There currently is no available option due to space constrictions.

Mr. Brooks requested a comparison of what was the actual growth this year compared to expectations based on goal from last year. Reported that the goal was 90% across the board but school did not meet the goal despite growth. Mr. Brooks doesn't want unattainable goals for the next year and moving forward.

Ms. Adams presented Bellfort campus data and information. This site was an F last year and is currently a D. The implemented plans that were earlier reported to the board helped raise the grade.

Dr. Brown asked how they plan to increase parent engagement.
Response: Different events and other planned activities.

Dr. Brown requested a specific plan moving forward.
Response: Several initiatives are planned, including volunteer programs, events, reaching out by phone. The parents at Ashcroft have a greater immigrant population.
Mr. Douglas asked how parent engagement is measured.
Response: By phone calls and sign-in sheets. There is no measurement of the engagement at home or outside of the school.

Mr. Douglas asked what is being done to help educate the parents.
Response: There are parent teacher theme nights where that information is given to parents.

Dr. Brown requested examples of favorable experiences with the school.
Suggested: The district consider testing in Spanish at certain grade levels.

Ms. Perez presented the School Health Advisory Council information. The participants from the previous year are returning and there are additional participants for this year.

Administrative Staff Reports:

Mr. Rhyne gave an update on fundraising. We received the sports grant to revamp the physical education program across the campus. There are two grants that were denied. The sports grant is up to $100,000. The new grade of B also opens doors to additional grants that will be applied for in the future.
Dr. Brown asked whether we could get sponsorship for naming rights for the tennis court.
Mr. Brooks asked how the costs for the tennis court will be covered after the grant runs out.

No major update on the facilities. The Rosenberg campus was unable to open because of safety issues with the sprinkler system that would not allow occupancy permit.

Mrs. Bonton said we are within a 3% range of the budget, and the finances are still on track with the budget. The First Ratings for financial are a B from a C and only two points from an A which was based of student to staff ratio.
Mr. Brooks asked whether the appeal to get an A this year is strong.
Response: It's possible, it just depends on how they look at the numbers.

Mr. Creuzot registered his concerns with the 3rd grade data and wants to make sure that we are working to make improvements across the board and not dropping the balls at any time.

Dr. Brown does not like the idea of the Consent Agendas moving forward.
Mr. Books is in favor with consent agenda, and we can always pull any item off for discussion and a separate vote.
Mr. Creuzot wants to know why this action list was so long.
Mr. Brooks wants to know if some of these items can be spread out over year.
Response: Superintendent described ways to make sure that items are fully fleshed out so that there are no overloaded action item list in any board meeting.

Executive Session: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session:

The president announced that the executive session was being conducted 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.

APPROVE ACTION ON ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY

None

REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Superintendent's Reports
- i. Enrollment Update
- ii. STAAR Data 2026 Preliminary Results and AAL Site Performance Data Update/Report
- iii. School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Update/Report
- iv. Facilities Committee Update/Report
- v. Fundraising Committee Update/Report
- vi. Board of Directors' Meeting Dates for 2026-2027
- vii. Review of Ethics, Conflict of Interest and Nepotism Policy and Disclosure & Compliance Annual Statement

b. Financial Reports
- i. AAL Financial Review/Report Update
- ii. 2025-2026 Preliminary Charter FIRST Rating
- iii. Finance Committee Update/Report

c. Governance – Training Opportunities for 2026-2027

- i. Board Training at Texas Public Charter Schools Association Conference: September 27-

30, 2026, in Dallas, TX

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

a. Consider Motion to Approve Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and amend actual expenses so that 10% variance does not have to be addressed under Charter FIRST
b. Consider Motion to Approve the 2026-2027 Fiscal-Year Budget
c. Consider Motion to Approve the Non-Teacher Salary Adjustments and Compensation scales for the 2026-2027 school year
d. Consider Motion to Approve and Ratify all contracts for the 2025-2026 fiscal year
e. Consider Motion to Approve and Ratify the AAL Professional Development plan for the 2026-2027 school year
f. Consider Motion to Approve Resolution and Certificate of Compliance Certifying Compliance with Texas SB12 and TEC § 39.008, 11.005 (c), and 28.0022 (h)
g. Consider Motion to Approve Submission of Compliance notice regarding Public Information Officer for Academy of Accelerated Learning to the Attorney General as required by law
h. Consider Motion to Approve Resolution Certifying Compliance with 19 Texas Administrative Code §61.1031 (c) and (d) regarding ongoing security audits under Texas Education Code § 37.108(b)
i. Consider Motion to Approve and Take Action on RFQ - Independent Financial Audit Services
j. Consider Motion to Approve and Take Action on RFP – Campus Maintenance and Repair Services
k. Consider Motion to Approve and Adopt Board Policy Module: Governance
l. Consider Motion to Approve and Adopt Board Policy Module: Fiscal
m. Consider Motion to Approve and Adopt Board Policy Module: Students
n. Consider Motion to Approve and Adopt Board Policy Module: Special Education
o. Consider Motion to Approve and Adopt Board Policy Module: Personnel
p. Consider Motion to Approve and Adopt Board Policy Module: Safety
    i. Use of AAL Facilities as a Polling Place Policy
    ii. Real-time Parent Notification Policy
    iii. Crisis Intervention and Confidential Reporting Policy
    iv. Consent for Mental Health Services Policy
    v. Reporting Serious Threat Policy
    vi. Maintenance of Threat Assessment Records Policy
    vii. Interior Classroom Door Lock Campus Safety Emergency Preparedness Policy
q. Consider Motion to Approve the AAL Employee Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year
r. Consider Motion to Approve the AAL Student Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year
s. Consider Motion to Approve and Adopt the use of the Coordinated Approach to Child Health (CATCH) plus Supplemental Curriculum based on recommendation from the School Health Advisory Council
t. Consider Motion to Approve and Adopt the AAL District Improvement Plan for the 2026-2027 school year
u. Consider Motion to Approve Certified Administrators who can appraise a teacher in place of the Teacher's Supervisor
v. Consider Motion to Approve the Bilingual/ESL waiver and submission to Texas Education

Agency as required by law
w. Consider Motion to Approve the Prekindergarten waiver and submission to Texas Education Agency as required by law
x. Consider Motion to Approve the Twelfth day of School Cost Reduction Plan if Enrollment Projections Do Not Make
y. Consider Motion to Determine the Operation Status of the Rosenberg site that was approved by Texas Education Agency to relocate from Savoy for the 2026-2027 school year
z. Consider Motion to Approve Resolution Adopting the Board of Director Meeting Dates and Schedule of Meetings for the 2026-2027 school year

ACTION ITEMS

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda made by Mr. Creuzot seconded by Dr. Douglas. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Creuzot to adjourn the meeting was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 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 Monday, August 24, 2026.

Tommy Brooks, President
Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc.

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