

ALLIANCE CHARTER ACADEMY
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
March 12, 2025
(Approved April 9, 2025)

A. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The Governing Board of Alliance Charter Academy met in Regular Session on March 12, 2025 at 6:00pm via Google Meet
- b. Present from the Board were Tara McLaughlin, Sarah Reck-Secunda, Robert Bruders, Lindsey Skones, Darla Hall, Lauree Ortman, Ann Heppner
- c. Also present were Shelly Smith, Meg Snyder, Lorelei Bruders, Lori Rux, Margo Edinger, Nhia Yang, Renee Elting, Robert Bello, Shallon Smith, Tutti Souders, Kate Hansen, Jana Holland, Kathleen Mixer-Cantrell
- d. Tara called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

B. CONSENT AGENDA (6:04pm)

- a. Previous Meeting's Notes
 - i. February 12, 2025 Regular Session
 - ii. February 26, 2025 Work Session
 - iii. February 26, 2025 Executive Session
 - iv. March 5, 2025 Executive Session
 - v. March 11, 2025 Finance Committee
- b. Today's Agenda - Tara moved to approve the consent agenda; Robert seconded; all ayes; motion passed.

C. RECOGNITION/APPRECIATION (6:05pm)

- a. Shelly thanked our newly formed Garden Collective - Lindsay Freedman and Chloe Flemming - the garden beds have been tended to and there are new trees and plants, and there are plans for a flower garden
- b. Shelly also thanked the Finance Committee. We have the "Dream Team." We very much appreciate your hard work.

D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE (6:07pm)

- a. [Slides](#)
 - i. Enrollment is holding steady, the waitlist has increased.
 - ii. Sponsor Relations - Good news, Integrated Grant Collaboration!
 - iii. ACA Community Survey Needs Assessment - slides include highlights
 - iv. Budget - Big Picture, Grant explanation
 - v. Schedule - First draft - The schedule, budget, and calendar all inform each other. It is a lot of work, but there is much excitement surrounding this upcoming year.
 - vi. Good News! - Sunshine Committee had a staff game night, Garden Collective, SEED Survey results

- b. Guest Speaker - Margo Edinger - [Slides](#)
 - i. OSAS Science Scores 23/24 (5th, 8th, 11th grade)
 - 1. ACA outperformed the district and state in all grades
 - ii. Science Projects - Science Resource Library, Science materials for homeschoolers resources, ACA Science Fair, Spooky Science
- c. Guest Speaker - Kate Hansen, PTO
 - i. PTO Officer elections are upcoming, several positions are open

E. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (6:42pm)

- a. Lorelei Bruders and Robert Bello - Spirit Week, upcoming fundraising event "Pie Your Teacher" - raffle tickets may be purchased

F. FINANCIAL UPDATE (6:45pm)

- a. Nhia Yang - [Slides](#)
 - i. Profit and Loss as percentage of budget
 - ii. Audit finalization
 - iii. Dirk's Scholarship update
 - iv. "Begin with the end in mind"
 - 1. Purchasing our own building
 - 2. Budgeting and finance goals

G. PUBLIC INPUT

- a. No public input submitted for this meeting.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Google Breakout Room) (7:06pm)

- a. (1) ORS 192.610 to 192.690 do not prevent the governing body of a public body from holding executive sessions during a regular, special or emergency meeting, after the presiding officer has identified the authorization under ORS 192.610 to 192.690 for holding the executive session.
 - i. (2) The governing body of a public body may hold an executive session:
 - ii. (a) To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.
- b. Discuss recent ED candidate interview
- c. Discuss administrative level of organizational chart

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS (7:55pm)

- a. Finance - Robert Bruders
 - i. Update on Finance Committee meeting
- b. Policy - Sarah Reck-Secunda
 - i. Policy updates from OSBA
 - 1. GCBDA/GDBDA

2. GCBDA/GDBDA-AR
3. GCBDC/GDBDC
4. GCBDC/GDBDC-AR
5. GCBDD/GDBDD
6. GCBDF/GDBDF
7. GCBDF/GDBDF-AR
8. IKF
9. IL

J. OLD BUSINESS (8:18pm)

- a. Mark your calendars - OGEC training schedule for August 13, 2025
- b. Teacher pay discussion update
 - i. Pay scales are being evaluated by our BOM, Treasurer, ED and ADD. The finance committee is weighing in on solutions as well. We expect to have a proposal to come to the board soon, we need to wait for some final numbers from the state before we can present.

K. NEW BUSINESS (8:23pm)

- a. Computer purchase for Board work
 - i. [Resolution 20250312-001](#)

L. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Tara moved that all in favor of ending our process with this ED candidate; all ayes with one abstention and one absent; motion passed.

	Aye	Nay	Abstained	Absent
Tara	X			
Sarah	X			
Robert	X			
Lindsey	X			
Darla			X	
Lauree				X
Ann	X			

- b. Vote to approve the policy list GCBDA/GDBDA, GCBDA/GDBDA-AR, GCBDC/GDBDC, GCBDC/GDBDC-AR, GCBDD/GDBDD, GCBDF/GDBDF, GCBDF/GDBDF-AR, IKF, IL; all ayes with one absent; motion passed.

	Aye	Nay	Abstained	Absent
Tara	X			
Sarah	X			
Robert	X			
Lindsey	X			
Darla	X			
Lauree				X
Ann	X			

- c. Tara moved to approve purchase [Resolution 20250312-001](#); Robert seconded; all ayes; motion passed.

	Aye	Nay	Abstained	Absent
Tara	X			
Sarah	X			
Robert	X			
Lindsey	X			
Darla	X			
Lauree				X
Ann	X			

M. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm by Tara

N. NEXT MEETING

- a. April 9, 2025 @ 6:00pm - Regular Session
b. [24-25 Meeting Schedule Link](#)

Respectfully submitted,
Lindsey Skones, Board Secretary