

**ALLIANCE CHARTER ACADEMY
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

**February 12, 2025
(Approved March 12, 2025)**

A. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The Governing Board of Alliance Charter Academy met in Regular Session on February 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, Shallon Smith, Carly Carruthers, Jana Holland, Karen Downing, Katie McNeil, Lorelei Bruders, Lori Rux, Margo Edinger, Nhia Yang, Renee Banks, Robert Bello, Kate Hansen, Kathleen Cantrell, Dean Davis
- d. Tara called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Vote to approve
 - i. Previous Meeting Notes
 - 1. January 8, 2025 Regular Session
 - 2. January 13, 2025 Finance Committee
 - 3. January 29, 2025 Special Session
 - 4. February 1, 2025 Work Session
 - ii. Today's Agenda
 - iii. Tara moved to approve the consent agenda; Robert seconded; all ayes; motion passed.

C. ANNOUNCEMENT (6:05 PM)

- a. Advocacy Days at the Capitol - Tuesday, March 18th and Thursday, May 15th

D. RECOGNITION/APPRECIATION (6:07 PM)

- a. Robert thanked Nhia, Renee, Shelly, and everyone else who helped us get through the recent audit. We are thankful for the great leadership and teamwork.
- b. Shelly thanked Nhia and Renee for surviving the audit with grace and calm. She also thanked our SPED team for the hard work that they are doing to serve our students. She also thanked Tara for spearheading the Strategic Planning efforts and getting that off to a great start.

E. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE (6:11 PM)

- a. [Slides](#)
 - i. Enrollment - 425; 8 students on the waitlist; next enrollment meeting 2/18
 - ii. Audit - General overview

1. According to projections by Nhia, ACA is poised to end FY 2025 in a Net Positive position

Fiscal Year End	Net Position
2019	(\$920,767)
2020	(\$1,458,492)
2021	(\$1,129,828)
2022	(\$506,683)
2023	(\$413,067)
2024	(\$490,305)

Note: Positive Net Position through 2015

2. Exit Memo explanation
3. Update on Resolution 20250108-001 that was passed in January
 - a. The SSF check was sent as usual and NO reserve funds were needed to cover payroll.
- iii. Grant Update
 1. ESD Data Team felt our survey results were sufficient and will analyze results and provide a report
- iv. Sponsor Relations - These requests/inquiries were made of the district and many responses were received to start discussions
 1. Facilities - kitchen/lunches, building capacity, survey concerns, request facility usage
 2. Integrated Grants - OC is sharing files
 3. Perkins Grant availability (CTE)
 4. SpEd Staff support
 5. Advocating for ACA
- v. Good News
 1. The Symphony was at the Schnitzer!
 2. ACA Dad's group
 3. PTO Happenings - Read-A-Thon and Valentine's bags
- b. Guest Speaker - Safety Committee, Katie McNeil (**6:40 PM**)
 - i. Accomplishments - Successful drills, room numbers on all of the posts in the field, updated red folders in all rooms, safety bucket inventory, replenished first aid kits in rooms, and many more!
 - ii. In Progress - Updating reunification plan, reunification drill in May, updating safety buckets, replanting posts, ongoing drills

- iii. Goals - Safer campus, clear communication, buy-in from all stakeholders, training for all staff at the beginning of the year

F. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES (6:50 PM)

- a. Lorelei Bruders and Robert Bello
 - i. Winter formal went really well, the chess tournament and game night were also successful.
 - ii. The Pool Day was a fun community event, Valentine's bags are a hit, the Yearbook Team is in need of cameras and is brainstorming possibilities for fundraising

G. FINANCIAL UPDATE - Nhia Yang (6:53 PM)

- a. [Slides](#)
- b. Profit and Loss statement
- c. Audit Update and Results Explanations
- d. Total Net Position - a cumulative summation of our net profit, year-over-year
 - i. The last time ACA was at a positive Total Net Position was 2015
 - ii. Based on projections, ACA should have a zero or even positive Total Net Position for the first time in 9 years
- e. End of Year Projection - P&L
 - i. Income Projection - 103.66% of 24-25 budget
 - ii. Expenses Projection - 79.75% of 24-25 budget
- f. Benefits of Positive Financials - Good fiscal responsibility will help ACA achieve its short and long term goals! (ie - Getting a business loan)

H. PUBLIC INPUT

- a. No public comment submitted for this meeting.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS (7:14 PM)

- a. Board Development
 - i. Applications for 25-26 Board Member positions are open. We are looking to fill 1 position this year. Interviews will begin in April and Members and Officers will be voted on June 11th.

J. OLD BUSINESS (7:16 PM)

- a. Recap of January 29th Staff Input Meeting
 - i. Board agreed that Draft Meeting Minutes can be posted online before they are officially approved, but it is not a requirement or expectation. The community must have the understanding that the draft minutes are subject to change.
- b. Recap of February 1st Strategic Planning Meeting
- c. Policy Review

- i. January Policies for review
 - 1. [BDD](#)
 - a. Tara moved to readopt policy BDD as written; Robert seconded; all ayes with one absent; motion passed.
 - 2. [BDDH](#)
 - a. Tara moved to readopt policy BDDH as written; Robert seconded; all ayes with one absent; motion passed.
- ii. OSBA sent recent directives to NOT adopt the following policies based on recent court decisions. *"On January 9th, 2025, a federal district court judge in Kentucky issued a decision invalidating the 2024 updates to the Title IX regulations. This ruling invalidates the rules that went into effect on August 1, 2024. Presumably, this means that the previous rules (effective in 2020) remain in effect. OSBA released updated policies on these topics in the November 2024 update. Due to this court decision, OSBA recommends districts, ESDs, charter schools and community colleges do not update the following policies:"*
 - 1. AC-AR 1
 - 2. AC-AR 2
 - 3. JBA/GBN
 - 4. JFE
 - 5. Tara moved to reverse the vote on the AC-AR 1, AC-AR 2, and reverse the vote to update the JBA/GBN; Sarah seconded; all ayes, motion passes.
 - 6. Tara moved to restore the JBA/GBN-AR; Sarah seconded; all ayes, motion passes.
- d. Board Training with OGE
 - i. HB 2805 mandates training on Oregon Public Meetings Law for all members of governing bodies that have total expenditures of \$1 million or more in a fiscal year.
 - 1. Tara will look for a June or August meeting time for training.

K. NEW BUSINESS (7:36 PM)

- a. Schedule next Strategic Planning Meeting
 - i. Wednesday, April 16th or 23rd at 5:00pm - to be determined
- b. Policy request from admin
 - i. In light of the many concerns across the state, it would be prudent to have this in our library (Example is from OCSD)
 - 1. [GCAA Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of Oregon Educators](#)
 - ii. Sarah will request a working copy from OSBA for our next work session
- c. Teacher pay discussion
 - i. Discussion of pay scale - the Board understands that the staff is looking for an adjustment to the pay scale for next year, specifically to the teacher scale

1. Discussion of moving teachers and ES to the same scale
2. Implications, considerations, questions
3. The business office is able to run a simulation to see how the potential adjusted numbers impact the budget
4. The administration and business office will look at proposing a scale solution, which will then be discussed with the finance committee and will finally be brought to the Board for further consideration and discussion

L. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Tara moved to approve policy BDD as written; Robert seconded; 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			

- b. Tara moved to readopt policy BDDH as written; Robert seconded; 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			
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- c. Tara moved to reverse the vote on the AC-AR 1, AC-AR 2, and reverse the vote to update the JBA/GBN; Sarah seconded; all ayes, motion passes.

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

- d. Tara moved to restore the JBA/GBN-AR; Sarah seconded; all ayes, motion passes.

	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 8:55pm by Tara

N. NEXT MEETING

- a. February 26, 2025 at 6:00pm
b. [24-25 Meeting Schedule Link](#)

Respectfully submitted,
Lindsey Skones, Board Secretary