

# Ascend Leadership Academy Board Agenda

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 6:30pm

**Location:** In Person- Conference Room 105

**Remote Option Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87269857637?pwd=pxOgVod8kNQk31FvWnVD9jtDdF6qFP.1>

**Members Present:** R. Linville, C. Broadus-McDougald, K. Grice

**Members Absent:** M. Jacobs, M. Torrez

**Non-Members Present:** J. Smith, R. Sims, D. Perez,, A. Thompson, K. Holland, C. Draughon

## School Mission:

The mission of Ascend Leadership Academy is to develop successful student leaders by growing their self-efficacy, intellectual understanding, and social competence. ALA will accomplish this by applying innovative teaching methods, incorporating student cultural realities and cultivating student ownership in the learning community.

## Agenda

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by R. Linville.

- 1. Recitation of Mission:** Justin Smith recited the school's mission statement.
- 2. Approval of Consent Agenda :** Consent agenda was shared with board members. K. Grice made a motion to accept Consent Agenda, seconded by C. Broadus-McDougald. Motion carried unanimously.

## Consent Agenda

- [Approval of September 25, 2024 Minutes](#)
- Approval of October 23, 2024 Agenda

- 3. Public Comment:** No Public Comment

*Public comment is a time for the community to provide feedback to the Board of Directors. For in-person meetings attendees must sign up at the start of the meeting in order to give public comment. Each community member is limited to 2 minutes of comment, with a total time allotted to public comment of 10 minutes. During remote meetings attendees may add their public comments to the chat feature which will be sent directly to the Board of Directors. Board members will then share the comments with the meeting attendees for up to 10 minutes.*

*Public comment is also a time for the Board of Directors to listen to the feedback of the community. Board members can not respond to public comments during the meeting. However, the Board recognizes that each stakeholder is a vital part of our community and will take comments into consideration when making decisions, planning, providing feedback to administration, and completing committee work.*

4. **School Administrative Report:** Managing Director, Justin Smith, shared the administrative report for October. He highlighted the major events of the month including the Fall Festival and PBL Exhibition Day.
  - a.  October 23, 2024 Admin Report - ALA
5. **CSP Finance Report:** C. Draughon of Charter Success Partners presented the board report through September of 2024. He shared current projections for expenditures and revenue for the 24-25 school year.
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6. **EV Bus Presentation- Highland, White International, and INcharge:** The Board heard presentations related to the EPA bus grant and possible vendors who could provide electric buses or infrastructure for the school. Vendors included White International, Highland, and INcharge. Each vendor provided a proposal of their services/product and pricing. Board members asked questions to each vendor group separately. The Board agreed to file for an extension and explore bank options.
7. **New Policies: BOARD ACTION :** K. Holland from CSP provided insight to the new policies related to Title IX. The policies were provided by school lawyer Lisa Gordon-Stella and Kelly gave a synopsis of each. C. Broadus-McDougald made a motion to approve all policies and was seconded by K. Grice. Motion carried unanimously.

 ALA TitleIX Comprehensive Policy 2024- DRAFT

 ALA PWFA Policy 2024- DRAFT

 ALA Title VII Policy 2024- DRAFT

Closed Session: Motion by K. Grice made a motion to go into closed session at 7:51pm to hold new board member interviews. Seconded by C. Broadus-McDougald. Motion carried unanimously.

### 1. Board Position Interviews

**Closed Session:** Purpose of Closed Session Discussion Item #3: 143-318.11. Closed sessions.(a) Permitted Purposes. - It is the policy of this State that closed sessions shall be held only when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted in this section. A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required: To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be

considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting.

Open Session: Motion by K. Grice made a motion to go into open session at 8:15pm.. Seconded by C. Broadus-McDougald. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Grice made a motion to accept Kipp Thompson as an ALA board member. Seconded by C. Broadus-McDougald. Motion carried unanimously.

R. Linville made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by K. Grice. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment @ 8:52pm**