
Ascend Leadership Academy

August 2023

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

Location: In Person

Remote Option Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81599721207?pwd=c3A1a0Jxd2poVWFqMl5djd1TmdtOT09>

Members Present: Jason Smith, Melanie Jacobs, Rex Scott, Drew Goodson, Roger Linville, Monique Torrez, Candice Broadus-McDougald, Dylan Howell, Kimberly Grice

Members Absent:

Non-Members Present: Justin Smith (Director), Cory Draughon (CSP), Damien Perez, Robert Sims

Call to Order: Jason Smith called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

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

Open Session

- 1. Recitation of Mission:** Justin Smith recited the mission statement before the board.
- 2. Approval of Consent Agenda:** Ju. Smith introduced the consent agenda. R. Scott made a motion to accept the consent agenda seconded by D. Howell. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- [Approval of June 2023 Minutes](#)
 - Approval of August 2023 Agenda
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Closed Session (If Needed):

Motion made by Ja. Smith to go into closed session. Seconded by R. Scott. Motion carried unanimously.

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:

(6) 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...

1. Board Member Officer Position Elections
 - a. [Bylaws](#) (Page G-7 for Officer Description)
 - b. Positions
 - i. Chairman: J. Smith
 - ii. Vice Chairman: D. Goodson
 - iii. Secretary: Vacant
 - iv. Treasurer: R. Scott
2. [New Employee Approvals \(L. Garcia, T. Savage, N. Ford\)](#)

Motion to end close session made by Ja. Smith seconded by D. Goodson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Ja. Smith to approve Candice Broadus-McDougald as Board Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by D. Goodson to approve 3 teacher candidates. Seconded by M. Jacobs. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board updated the membership of their Board committees. Members of these committees include:

Finance Committee: R. Scott, D. Howell

Personnel Committee: Ja. Smith, M. Jacobs, M. Torrez

Governance Committee: D. Goodson, R. Linville, K. Grice

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. Administrative Report:** Justin Smith presented the Administrative Board Report for July/August 2023.

[School Administrative Report - August 2023](#)

- 5. Finance Report:** Cory Draughon reviewed the Financial Report for July 2023 with Board members.

- a. [Finance Report - July 2023](#)

6. Update Policies

- a. [Grading Systems](#) : Ju. Smith introduced an amendment to the Grading Systems policy. Change includes adding 3 instructional days to the Late Work and Missing Work policy. R. Scott made a motion to accept the changes to the grading systems policy. Seconded by D. Howell. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. [ALA Dress Code](#) : Ju. Smith introduced amendments to ALA's Dress code. They include adding a statement about length of short/skirts and prohibiting sleepwear including blankets and pajama pants. D. Goodson made a motion to approve the dress code changes. Seconded by K. Grice. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting made by Ja. Smith at 7:52pm. Seconded by M. Jacobs. Motion carried unanimously.