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# Ascend Leadership Academy

March 2023

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

**Location:** In Person

**Virtual Option Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87827232559?pwd=OWRpeXIOMy9HejhCRHBwcDZCS0VWZz09>

**Members Present:** Jason Smith, Drew Goodson, Brandy Grindle, Melanie Jacobs, Rex Scott, Mike Iskandar

**Members Absent:** n/a

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

**Call to Order:** Drew Goodson called the meeting to order at 6:33pm

**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 by Justin Smith**
2. **Approval of Consent Agenda:**

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### Consent Agenda

- [Approval of February 2023 minutes](#) Motion to approve made by D. Goodson, seconded by R. Scott, unanimous approval
  - Approval of March 2023 Agenda Motion to approve made by D. Goodson, seconded by Jason Smith, unanimous approval.
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### 3. Public Comment: None

*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.*

Brief discussion of drop-off, 8-12 first set of doors, 6-7 main entrance.

### 4. Invitation to Inaugural Graduation, May 25th @ 6:30pm.

### 5. Administrative Report: Presented by Justin Smith

[School Administrative Report - March 2023](#)

### 6. Finance Report: Presented by C. Draughon

[Finance Report - February 2023](#)

### 7. 2023-24 ALA Operating Budget - First Read: Presented by C. Draughon

- a.  ALA FY24 Budget Draft Template - FY24 Draft.pdf

### 8. ALA Board By-Laws Revision: Presented by C. Draughon

- a.  ala bylaws.docx

Motion made to approve by-law revision to allow remote/virtual meetings made by R. Scott, seconded by Jason Smith. Unanimous approval.

### 9. ALA Parental Leave Policy - 2nd Review: Presented by Justin Smith

- a.  ALA Parental leave Policy SPB

Motion made to approve Parental Leave Policy made by R. Scott, seconded D. Goodson. Unanimous approval.

### 10. ALA High School Exam Exemption Policy - 2nd Review

- a.  ALA High School Exam Exemption Policy

Discussion over including C students, and purpose of the policy. Motion made by Jason Smith to approve the High School Exam Exemption Policy as written. Motion was not seconded. Recommendation made to go back to the Instructional Leadership Team for revisions.

**Closed Session (If Needed):**

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...

## **Adjournment**

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting made by Jason Smith, seconded by R. Scott. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm

Next meetings are April 26th and May 31st