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# Ascend Leadership Academy

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

**Location:** In Person

**Remote Option Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81622141856?pwd=xzKsVKVSqQRvK8HaPo9BCywX24U4Om.1>

**Members Present:** Roger Linville, Melanie Jacobs, Candice Broadus-McDougald, Rex Scott, Monique Torrez, Drew Goodson

**Members Absent:** K. Grice, Jason Smith

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

## Agenda

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:34pm 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. R. Scott made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by C. Broadus-McDougald. Motion carried unanimously.

## Consent Agenda

- [Approval of April 2024 Minutes](#)
- Approval of May 2024 Agenda


- 3. Public Comment:** No public comment was made.

*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*

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*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 May 2024:** Managing Director, Justin Smith, shared the administrative report for May. He highlighted the major events of the month including End of year activities, assessments and the class of 2024 graduation ceremony .
5. **Finance Report:** C. Draughon of Charter Success Partners presented the board report through April of 2024. He shared current projections for expenditures and revenue. He also re-introduced the planned annual budget for Fiscal Year 2025 for the second review. R. Scott made a motion to approve the proposed budget for FY2025, seconded by R. Linville. Motion carried unanimously.
  - a. [April 2024 Financials](#)
  - b. [Draft FY25 ALA Budget - 2nd Reading](#)
6. **EOY Preliminary Data:** Managing Director, Justin Smith, shared preliminary EOC/EOG data from the 23-24 school year with board members. The data is trending towards similar numbers as the 22-23 school year. Overall proficiency projected at 60% and projected percentage of students meeting growth is 71%.
  - a.  ALA EOY Student Achievement Report 2024

R. Linville made a motion to go into closed session at 7:31pm. Seconded by C. Broadus-McDougald. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Closed Session (If Needed) : Motion approved at 7:26pm**

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...

### **7. Employee Recommendation in Closed Session:**

- a. [M. Walters](#)
- b. [M. Chu](#)
- c. [H. Zhang](#)
- d. [M. Martelo](#)

e. [B. Bryson](#)

R. Linville made a motion to enter back into open session, seconded by C. Broadus-McDougad. Motion carried unanimously.

R. Linville made a motion to accept all of the employment candidates discussed in closed session, seconded by C. Broadus-McDougad. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:44pm.**