
Ascend Leadership Academy

June 2023

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

Location: In Person

Virtual Option Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84202816553?pwd=MLFkSmNBZnRjOTlhHcVBxSmJkRTdndz09>

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

Members Absent: Mike Iskandar

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

Call to Order: Jason Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

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 Brandy Grindle**
2. **Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion made by Jason Smith to approve, seconded by R. Scott. Unanimous approval.**

Consent Agenda

- [Approval of May 2023 Minutes](#)
- Approval of June 2023 Agenda
-  **ALA BYOD Policy**

Closed Session (If Needed):

Motion made by B. Grindle, seconded by M. Jacobs

Entered into closed session at 6:34 pm

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. [New Employee Approvals](#)
2. [New Board Member Interviews](#)

Group 1 (Grindle, Scott)

1. C. Freeman
2. M. Torrez
3. D. Howell
4. K. Grice

Group 2 (J. Smith, Jacobs)

1. C. McDougal
2. R. Linville
3. B. Graf
4. M. Counter

Motion to end close session made by B. Grindle, seconded by M. Jacobs

Motion made by Jason Smith to extend board positions made to M. Torrez, C. McDougald, R. Linville, D. Howell, and K. Grice. Seconded by M. Jacobs. Unanimous approval.

Motion to remove M. Iskandar from the board made by R. Scott, seconded by Jason Smith. Unanimous approval.

Motion made by B. Grindle to approve new hire recommendations presented by Justin Smith. Seconded by R. Scott. Unanimous approval.

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.

4. Finance Report: Presented by C. Draughon

[Finance Report - May 2023](#)

5. Administrative Report: Presented by Justin Smith

[School Administrative Report - June 2023](#)

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting made by B. Grindle, seconded by R. ScottJason Smith.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.