



**Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools Governing Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2022**

The Governing Board of Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools convened at Ascent Classical Academies, 4690 Table Mountain Dr., Suite 100, Golden, Colorado 80403 and included an online attendance option via Zoom.

Business Meeting

1. Preliminary.
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 3:41 p.m. (late due to technical difficulties).

Name	Present – In Person	Present – Remote	Absent
Rob Williams	X		
Stephen Gilmartin			X
Allen Fuller		X	
Rick Gillan		X	
Steve Peck		X	
Derec Shuler (Ex Officio)			X

- b. Mr. Williams read the mission and vision.
 - c. Mr. Gillan moved to adopt the agenda. Second by Mr. Williams.

Yes – Fuller, Gillan, Peck, Williams; No – None.

Motion carried 4-0, agenda adopted.

2. Public Comment – No public comment.
3. Consent Agenda
 - a. Adopt Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2022.
 - b. Adopt Mandatory Student Fee Schedule per Handbook policy SE-30.0.
 - c. Adopt Debt and Credit Policy.
 - d. Authorize execution of Hillsdale College K-12 curriculum licensing agreements.
 - e. Mr. Peck moved to adopt the consent agenda. Second by Mr. Williams.

Yes – Fuller, Gillan, Peck, Williams; No – None.

Motion carried 4-0, agenda adopted.

4. The Board received the following reports:
 - a. ACACS Finance Reports.
 - b. ACA Douglas County Headmaster Report.
 - c. ACA Northern Colorado Headmaster Report.
 - d. ACA Executive Director Report.

5. Executive Session:

Mr. Williams moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes, Section 24-6-402(4):

- (a), to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real property or other property interests; and
- (e) to determine positions related to matters that are the subject of negotiations for future expansion, developing strategy and instructing negotiators.

Second by Mr. Gillan.

Yes – Fuller, Gillan, Peck, Williams; No – None.

Motion carried 4-0, and Executive Session began at 4:28 p.m.

Mr. Williams moved to exit Executive Session. Second by Mr. Fuller.

Yes – Fuller, Gillan, Peck, Williams; No – None.

Motion carried 4-0 at Executive Session ended at 5:13 p.m.

6. Business:

- a. Policy Adoption: Mr. Williams moved to adopt revisions to SE 18.0 – Student Groups and Clubs and SE 38.0 – Financial Assistance. Second by Mr. Gillan.

Yes – Fuller, Gillan, Peck, Williams; No – None.

Motion carried 4-0; policies adopted.

- b. Lone Tree Lease: Mr. Williams moved to authorize Ascent Classical Academies Executive Director and Legal Director to negotiate final terms of Lease Amendment 5 for 100% occupancy of the ACA Douglas County school building in Lone Tree, consistent with the Board's desire to permit expansion activities to investigate additional ACACS charter schools in Douglas County using the Hillsdale K-12 curriculum; and to authorize Vice-Chair Mr. Gilmartin to execute Lease Amendment 5. Second by Mr. Gillan.

Yes – Fuller, Gillan, Peck, Williams; No – None.

Motion carried 4-0.

7. Adjourn.

Mr. Williams moved to adjourn. Second by Mr. Fuller

Yes – Fuller, Gillan, Peck, Williams; No – None.

Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Vision

Ascent Classical Academies develop the moral and intellectual skills, habits, and virtues upon which independent, responsible, and joyful lives are built, in the firm belief that such lives are the basis for a free and flourishing republic.

Mission

Ascent Classical Academies train the minds and improve the hearts of young people through a classical, content-rich education in the liberal arts and sciences, with instruction in the principles of moral character and civic virtue in an orderly and disciplined environment.

Adopted on the 26th day of April, 2022, by unanimous Board consent.

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**ASCENT CLASSICAL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS
RESOLUTION 2204-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD (“BOARD”) OF ASCENT CLASSICAL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS (“THE SCHOOLS”), DECLARING ITS OFFICIAL INTENT TO AUTHORIZE ONE OR MORE EMPLOYEES OR CONTRACTORS OF THE SCHOOL TO BE DESIGNATED AS SECURITY OFFICERS AND AUTHORIZED TO CARRY FIREARMS ON ACACS SCHOOL PROPERTIES AS PERMITTED BY LAW.

WHEREAS, responsibility for the safety and well-being of students and staff at the Schools is a virtue in harmony with the Schools’ vision, mission, and culture; and

WHEREAS, the federal Gun Free School Zone Act permits firearms to be authorized on school premises in accordance with state law; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Senate Bill 15-213 recognizes that “Parents have a reasonable expectation that when they send their children to a public school that the school and its employees will have taken steps to keep the children safe”; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) § 18-12-214(3)(b) provides that a person (“permittee”) “who is employed or retained by contract by a school district or charter school as a school security officer may carry a concealed handgun onto the real property, or into any improvement erected thereon, of a public elementary, middle, junior high, or high school while the permittee is on duty”; and

WHEREAS, the Schools’ charter contracts with the Charter School Institute requires the Governing Board to reauthorize employees and contractors allowed to be designated as “school security officers” on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable for the safety and well-being of students and employees, to provide security personnel within the Schools to intervene if deadly violence occurs or is threatened; and

WHEREAS, the initiation, character, and duration of any incident of school violence is unpredictable; and

WHEREAS, one or more employees or contractors of the Schools have volunteered to accept this responsibility of and designation as a school security officer as contemplated in this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. One or more employees or contractors of the Schools may be selected by the Executive Director to receive an extra-duty assignment as security officer, and shall thereupon be deemed a “school security officer” within the meaning of C.R.S. § 18-12-214(3)(b).

Section 2. Any employee or contractor designated as a school security officer in accordance with this Resolution shall be, and hereby is, authorized to carry a concealed handgun on School property while on duty as a school security officer.

Section 3. No employee or contractor shall be designated as a school security officer unless he or she has volunteered for such assignment, has agreed to undergo training as deemed appropriate by a School Headmaster and Executive Director, and has obtained a permit to carry a concealed handgun in accordance with Colorado law.

Section 4. Should any employee or contractor designated as a school security officer be accused of violating any law by reason of carrying a weapon on School premises, then, provided that the carrying of such weapon was done in accordance with this Resolution and the individual’s agreement to serve as a school security officer, the School will provide a legal defense for such employee or contractor and shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, indemnify such person against any fine or monetary penalty for same.

Section 5. All prior acts and doings of the officials, agents, and employees of the School which are in conformity with the purpose and intent of this Resolution, shall be and the same hereby are in all respects ratified, approved, and confirmed.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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**ASCENT CLASSICAL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS
RESOLUTION 2204-02**

RESOLUTION OF ASCENT CLASSICAL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS
AUTHORIZING ASCENT CLASSICAL ACADEMIES TO ACT AS AGENT FOR PURPOSES
OF OPERATING CHARTER SCHOOLS WITHIN
DURANGO SCHOOL DISTRICT 9-R

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools (“ACACS”) is committed to expanding access to tuition-free classical charter schools throughout the state of Colorado;

WHEREAS, to achieve this aim, the Board finds that it is important to delegate ongoing broad authority in matters of establishing and operating high-quality classical charter schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered various structures and options for operating the schools under its governance, and desires Ascent Classical Academies (“ACA”) to serve as its partner to provide all educational and operational services for each ACACS school, under terms to be detailed in a management agreement negotiated at arms’ length once a charter contract is obtained; and

WHEREAS, Durango School District 9-R (“the District”) processes for reviewing and approving a charter, a charter contract and issues related to land dedication and facilities is critical and complex; and

WHEREAS, in certain cases the District or authorizer may seek legal action to prevent ACACS schools from obtaining a charter to operate a charter school or may impose unacceptable conditions that necessitate legal recourse to the courts or administrative agencies such as the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board finds that delegating to ACA the authority to negotiate and represent the Board in all the above matters, including charter contract negotiation and related land or facility matters, as well as legal issues, is in the best interests of students, teachers, and ACACS schools,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board direct ACA and its Executive Director to act on behalf of the Governing Board in negotiations with the District or the Colorado Charter School Institute (“CSI”) and delegates to ACA ongoing broad authority in matters of establishing and operating high-quality classical charter schools, to include submitting charter applications, negotiating charter contracts, facility and land acquisition, legal actions or issues, submitting grant applications, and providing for the management and oversight of grants, and any other matters to effectuate the above purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs ACA and its Executive Director and delegates to retain and pay legal fees on behalf of the Governing Board to ensure that charter school applications are reviewed pursuant to the District's or CSP's legal obligations, and that charter contracts are obtained on terms acceptable to ACA.

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**ASCENT CLASSICAL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS
RESOLUTION 2204-03**

**RESOLUTION OF ASCENT CLASSICAL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS
AUTHORIZING ASCENT CLASSICAL ACADEMIES TO ACT AS AGENT FOR PURPOSES
OF OPERATING CHARTER SCHOOLS WITHIN
MESA 51 SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools (“ACACS”) is committed to expanding access to tuition-free classical charter schools throughout the state of Colorado;

WHEREAS, to achieve this aim, the Board finds that it is important to delegate ongoing broad authority in matters of establishing and operating high-quality classical charter schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered various structures and options for operating the schools under its governance, and desires Ascent Classical Academies (“ACA”) to serve as its partner to provide all educational and operational services for each ACACS school, under terms to be detailed in a management agreement negotiated at arms’ length once a charter contract is obtained; and

WHEREAS, Mesa Valley County School District 51 (“Mesa 51”) (“the District”) processes for reviewing and approving a charter, a charter contract and issues related to land dedication and facilities is critical and complex; and

WHEREAS, in certain cases the District or authorizer may seek legal means to prevent ACACS schools from obtaining a charter to operate a charter school or may impose unacceptable conditions that necessitate legal recourse to the courts or administrative agencies such as the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board finds that delegating to ACA the authority to negotiate and represent the Board in all the above matters, including charter contract negotiation and related land or facility matters, as well as legal issues, is in the best interests of students, teachers, and ACACS schools,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board direct ACA and its Executive Director to act on behalf of the Governing Board in negotiations with the District or the Colorado Charter School Institute (“CSI”) and delegates to ACA ongoing broad authority in matters of establishing and operating high-quality classical charter schools, to include submitting charter applications, negotiating charter contracts, facility and land acquisition, legal actions or issues, submitting grant applications, and providing for the management and oversight of grants, and any other matters to effectuate the above purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs ACA and its Executive Director and delegates to retain and pay legal fees on behalf of the Governing Board to ensure that charter school applications are reviewed pursuant to the District’s or CSI’s legal obligations, and that charter contracts are obtained on terms acceptable to ACA.

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**ASCENT CLASSICAL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS
RESOLUTION 2204-03**



**ASCENT CLASSICAL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS
RESOLUTION 2204-04**

**RESOLUTION OF ASCENT CLASSICAL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS
AUTHORIZING ASCENT CLASSICAL ACADEMIES TO ACT AS AGENT FOR PURPOSES
OF OPERATING CHARTER SCHOOLS WITHIN
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J**

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools (“ACACS”) is committed to expanding access to tuition-free classical charter schools throughout the state of Colorado;

WHEREAS, to achieve this aim, the Board finds that it is important to delegate ongoing broad authority in matters of establishing and operating high-quality classical charter schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered various structures and options for operating the schools under its governance, and desires Ascent Classical Academies (“ACA”) to serve as its partner to provide all educational and operational services for each ACACS school, under terms to be detailed in a management agreement negotiated at arms’ length once a charter contract is obtained; and

WHEREAS, School District 27J (in the Brighton, Colorado area) (“the District”) processes for reviewing and approving a charter, a charter contract and issues related to land dedication and facilities is critical and complex; and

WHEREAS, in certain cases the District or authorizer may seek legal means to prevent ACACS schools from obtaining a charter to operate a charter school or may impose unacceptable conditions that necessitate legal recourse to the courts or administrative agencies such as the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board finds that delegating to ACA the authority to negotiate and represent the Board in all the above matters, including charter contract negotiation and related land or facility matters, as well as legal issues, is in the best interests of students, teachers, and ACACS schools,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board direct ACA and its Executive Director to act on behalf of the Governing Board in negotiations with the District or the Colorado Charter School Institute (“CSI”) and delegates to ACA ongoing broad authority in matters of establishing and operating high-quality classical charter schools, to include submitting charter applications, negotiating charter contracts, facility and land acquisition, legal actions or issues, submitting grant

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs ACA and its Executive Director and delegates to retain and pay legal fees on behalf of the Governing Board to ensure that charter school applications are reviewed pursuant to the District's or CSP's legal obligations, and that charter contracts are obtained on terms acceptable to ACA.

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