

Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes March 28, 2023

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

Business Meeting

- 1. Preliminary.
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 3:54 p.m.

Name	Present – In Person	Present – Remote	Absent
Rob Williams	X		
Stephen Gilmartin	X		
Allen Fuller		X	
Rick Gillan		X	
Steve Peck		X (late 3:56 pm)	
Derec Shuler (Ex Officio)	X	• 1	

- b. Mr. Williams led the pledge of allegiance.
- c. Mr. Williams read the mission and vision.
- d. Agenda Adoption.

Mr. Wiliams moved to adopt the agenda; second by Mr. Gilmartin. Yes – Fuller, Gillan, Gilmartin and Williams; No – None. Motion carried 4-0, agenda adopted.

- The Board received training from attorney Mr. Miller on Open Meetings Law, Open Records Act, parental rights under federal law, brevity of minutes, and guidelines surrounding public comments.
- 3. Executive Session The Governing Board may move into Executive Session as authorized by 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;
- (b) to receive legal advice on specific legal matters related to open meetings and constituent communications, and employment policies relative to charter schools;
- (e) to determine positions related to matters that are the subject of negotiations for future expansion, developing strategy and instructing negotiators.

A motion to move into Executive Session requires a 2/3 vote.

At 4:37 p.m. Mr. Williams moved and Mr. Gilmartin seconded to enter executive session.

Yes – Fuller, Gillan, Gilmartin, Peck and Williams; No – None. Motion passed 5-o.

At 5:11 p.m. Mr. Williams moved and Mr. Gilmartin seconded to pause executive session to allow for public comment and agenda items 4 through 8.

Yes – Fuller, Gillan, Gilmartin, Peck and Williams; No – None. Motion passed 5-0.

- 4. The Board received public comment from several members of the public.
- Consent Agenda
 - a. Adopt meeting minutes from February 22, 2022 regular meeting.
 - Approve appointment of Rob Williams and Rick Gillan to the Classical Education Growth Fund.
 - c. Resolution to open CSAFE account, invest up to \$1 million
 - d. Approve true-up of payroll account to \$868,488.75 (an increase of \$363,500.80)
 - e. Revise Leases policy (in Financial Policy set) to reference GASB 96, related to online license agreements
 - Mr. Williams moved and Mr. Gilmartin seconded to adopt the consent agenda. Yes – Fuller, Gillan, Gilmartin, Peck and Williams; No – None. Motion passed 5-0.
- 6. The Board received the following reports
 - a. ACADC, ACANC, ACAGJ, and ACA27J February 2023 Financials.
 - b. ACA Douglas County Headmaster Report.
 - c. ACA Northern Colorado Headmaster Report.
 - d. ACA Executive Director Report.

Mr. Williams moved to move business item 7.a. & b. to after item 8.; second by Mr. Gilmartin.

Yes – Fuller, Gillan, Gilmartin, Peck and Williams; No – None. Motion passed 5-o.

7. Business

a. Accept the recommendation of Mr. Jeffrey Jones as Headmaster of Ascent Classical Academy of Douglas County.

Mr. Williams moved to accept Mr. Jones' placement; second by Mr. Gillan. Yes – Fuller, Gillan, Gilmartin, Peck and Williams; No – None. Motion passed 5-0.

- b. The board reviewed, discussed, and edited the first reading of draft revisions to Attendance Policy (Policy SE-1.0 Attendance) and Late Policy (Policy SE-2.0 Tardy/Early Release).
- 8. The board discussed language of a first draft of a parent partnership policy.

At 7:13 p.m. Mr. Williams moved to re-enter executive session second by Mr. Gillan. Yes – Fuller, Gillan, Gilmartin, Peck and Williams; No – None.

Motion passed 5-o.

- 9. Business coming out of Executive Session
 - a. None
- 10. Adjourn.

Mr. Williams moved, Mr. seconded to adjourn. Yes – Fuller, Gillan, Gilmartin, Peck and Williams; No – None. Motion passed 5-o. Adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Vision

Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools 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 Academy Charter Schools 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 consent agenda April 27, 2023 Board Meeting.

Rob Williams, Chair