



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 17th, 2025 Time: 6:00pm Location: Aspen Media Center

School Board Norms of Engagement 2025 The Board of Aspen Academy will	
Tenacity	• form cohesion, cooperate, respectfully engage, listen effectively, and remain future minded.
High Expectations	• keep students first, speak with one voice, operate as a governance board.
Integrity	• always remain respectful to staff, employees, parents, students and other stakeholders, hear all voices before key decisions, maintain oversight, and work together to carry out our responsibilities.
No Excuses	• always assume positive intent, be accountable for self-behaviors and their impact on board activities, be open to clarifying questions, constructive comments and relevant discussions, and read all materials before board meetings.
Kindness	• treat each other with respect at all times, respect time allotted for all presentations at board meetings, and respect each other's time.

• **CALL TO ORDER AT 6:02pm**

In attendance Melanie Jiskra, Victoria Regehr, Stephanie Smitley, Liliya Tsibulko, Andrew Price, Kristin Carlson, Michael Faulise, Rob Allison

Authorizer Comments _____

Community Comments _____

Community members must pre-register to speak at the meeting. Items are limited to those motions on the night's agenda. The Board Chair has the discretion to hear a community member who has not pre-registered, but items remain limited to those on the agenda.

• Motion: **Approval of Agenda**

First Tsibulko Second Carlson Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____

• Motion: **Approval of Minutes** (February 25th, 2025).

First Carlson Second Faulise Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____

Student Board Representative Report: Kindergarten had a presentation from ATA Taekwondo about stranger danger. First grade will be celebrating World Down Syndrome Day on March 21st. 2nd grade is working hard on their nonfiction research project on polar animals. 3rd grade is working hard on multiplication facts! 5th grade started their civil war unit in social studies. Middle School had Pi Day festivities. Sophie K won the Pi reciting contest and set an Aspen record of 515 digits! The 7/8 boy team won the Nuk'em tournament. NJHS will induct 26 students on Thursday. Ms. Bergen and Ms. Weidner took 10 students to the Young Author's Conference. Special education celebrated strengths and natural talents with an "order in" lunch.

ASPEN ACCOLADES (Mrs. Jiskra): Shout out to Mrs. Ovrebo for putting together the Pi Day activities. Thank you to Mr. Sickmann and Mrs. Berge for organizing the Nuk'em tournament. Last week was AmeriCorps week. We have 3 Reading Corps tutors (Mr. Harry, Ms. JoYi and Ms. Patti) and 3 Math Corps tutors (Ms. Nancy, Ms. Amber and Ms. Sara) as well as internal coaches Dr. Erin and Ms. Smitley. Shoutout to Ms. Weidner and Ms. Bergen for taking scholars to the Young Author's Conference. Congratulations to William Poretsky was in the top 35 spellers on the Twin Cities.

Program Services Committee (Smitley/Carlson)

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet.

Finance & Facility Committee (Allison/Faulise)

- Administration Report: Contract for taking over payroll from CLA.
- Motion: **Approve the contract with Region III for payroll April 15, 2025 – April 15, 2026.**
First Smitley Second Regehr Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____
- Committee Report: The committee met prior to the board meeting. Presentation of Financials by Nate Winter – 67% through fiscal year. Revenue 66%, expenditures 66%. Working on revised budget and FY26 budget. Lease aid has been approved.

- Motion: **Approve the February check register.**

First Allison Second Faulise Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____

Board Elections, Responsibilities & Governance Committee (Smitley/Tsibulko)

- Committee Report: Board elections update from the March 4th committee meeting. The election will conclude May 14, information went out last week. There are 2 parent spots, 1 teacher and 2 community member spots available. Applications are due March 28th. Candidate packet and ballot will go out after Spring Break. Ballots can be turned in by mail, to the office or voting on May 14.

Community Engagement Committee (Price/Regehr)

- Committee Report: Committee meets tomorrow.

Strategic Planning Committee (Price, Allison, Faulise)

- Committee Report: Will look into setting up a meeting soon for a strategic plan update.

- **Adjournment at** 6:21pm

- First Smitley Second Regehr Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____