



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 29th, 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 Stephanie Smitley, Michael Faulise, Rob Allison, Victoria Regher, Kristin Carlson, Liliya Tsibulko, Melanie Jiskra

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 as amended.**

First Allison Second Carlson Yes X(5) No _____ Abst _____

• Motion: **Approval of Minutes** (June 16th and Special Board meeting June 30th, 2025).

First Faulise Second Tsibulko Yes X(5) No _____ Abst _____

Victoria arrived.

ASPEN ACCOLADES (Mrs. Jiskra): Thank you to everyone who was involved with Summer School! Mrs. Jiskra read an inspiring letter from a former student who graduated high school about what an impact Aspen had on their life.

Annual Meeting Business

- Election of New Officers

- **Nominee/s** Michael Faulise **for Board Chair.**

Motion: **Approve** Michael Faulise **for Board Chair.**

First Tsibulko Second Carlson Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

- **Nominee/s** Stephanie Smitley **for Board Vice-Chair.**

Motion: **Approve** Stephanie Smitley **for Board Vice-Chair.**

First Regher Second Carlson Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

- **Nominee/s** Rob Allison **for Board Treasurer.**

Motion: **Approve** Rob Allison **for Board Treasurer.**

First Regher Second Tsibulko Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

- **Nominee/s** Stephanie Smitley **for Board Secretary.**

Motion: **Approve** Stephanie Smitley **for Board Secretary.**

First Regher Second Faulise Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

Once we get another member on the board, we can have 4 different officers. Right now if the officers met it would be a quorum.

Committee Assignments: Program Services - Smitley & Carlson
Marketing and Community Engagement - Regher & Carlson
Board Elections, Responsibilities & Governance - Smitley & Tsibulko
Finance & Facility - Allison & Tsibulko
Strategic Planning - Faulise

Approve the following consent agenda items:

- Evelyn Harrison, teacher (effective 8-15-25)

First Carlson Second Faulise Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

Program Services Committee (Smitley/Carlson)

- Administration Report: Lydia will make changes to board chair and needed edits.
- Motion: **Approve the Employee Handbook, 2nd Read, pending edits.**

First Carlson Second Allison Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet.

Finance & Facility Committee (Allison/Faulise)

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet. Presentation of Financials by Nate Winter – 100% through the fiscal year. Audit will start August 11th. Right on 642 students. Revenue 101%, expenses 100%. Lease aid was approved. End balance was better than budgeted. Food service showed a loss, will look into reasons for that. Bond covenants were met. Next year SpEd transportation will go from 95%-90% reimbursed. 2028 SpEd will be 4-6% less. Bank switch is coming in September.
- Motion: **Approve the June check register.**

First Allison Second Faulise Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

- Motion: **Approve 4 sections of 4th grade over enrolling each section by 6 students, depending on overall school enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year.**

First Carlson Second Faulise Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

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

- Committee Report: There is a parent interested in the open parent seat. They are invited to the August meeting to check it out.

Community Engagement Committee (Regehr)

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet.

Strategic Planning Committee (Allison, Faulise)

- Administration Report: Update on strategic plan implementation – admin met with Julie Goldsmith on Monday. Movement towards meeting goals have been made in all categories. 2 are in full implementation, PBIS is in initial phase. N in THINK has been changed to Notability.
- Committee Report: The committee did not meet.
- Adjournment at 6:39pm
- First Faulise Second Carlson Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____