



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 18th, 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 6:00pm**

In attendance Stephanie Smitley, Michael Faulise, Rob Allison, Liliya Tsibulko, Kristin Carlson, Melanie Jiskra

Authorizer Comments Amy Erickson was in attendance

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 Smitley Second Carlson Yes X(5) No _____ Abst _____

- Motion: **Approval of Minutes** (July 29th, 2025).

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

ASPEN ACCOLADES (Mrs. Jiskra): Shout out to the admin and support team – Eric, Rob, Maddie, Rachel, Lydia, Mark, Ellen, Anne and Ashley for preparing PD for staff! To the custodians – Tom, Tom, Neddie and Noah for getting the school ready for staff and students to come back. Thank you to Dr. Grossman for stepping in to help while Anne is recovering. Thank you to Ashley, Kelly and Noah for also stepping in to help while Anne is out. Great teamwork everyone!

Approve the following consent agenda items:

- **The following policies with legislative, legal or clerical updates that do not affect the substance of the policy: 414, 418, 501, 503, 515, 516, 516.5, 524, 534, 707, 709, 802, 806.**

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

Program Services Committee (Smitley/Carlson)

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet.

Finance & Facility Committee (Allison/Tsibulko)

- Administration Report: Had an enrollment shift, now 672 with some offers out, attrition came later this summer than usual. Waitlists in 1,3,8. Budgeted for 672. Shifted 5 sections now to 4, teacher moved to 3rd grade. There was a question about moving the ceiling of hours for the contract. Yes, can amend the contract later if needed. Fundraiser meeting was held. Looked at monument and seating for the lobby. Will look into an electronic sign for 13 and find out where/if one could be installed.
- Motion: **Approve the contract with EdSource Services for Special Education teachers for the 2025-2026 school year.**

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

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet. Presentation of Financials by Nate Winter – Beginning of the fiscal year, expenditures 4%, revenues 7%. Holdbacks coming Aug 30, Sept 30, Oct 30. Audit started last Monday. DSCR 1.21. Lease aid was approved. In October, update enrollment numbers. Fixed asset policy needs approving. Start transitioning bank accounts which have been opened up. It was asked if “other fees” could be changed to “dues and memberships” on the financials.

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

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

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

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet. There is a parent that submitted an application. We can look at appointing them in September or October.

Community Engagement Committee (Regehr/Carlson)

- Administration Report: Fundraiser committee met last week.
- Committee Report: The committee did not meet.

Strategic Planning Committee (Faulise)

- Administration Report: There will be another update for the Strategic Plan next month.
- Committee Report: The committee did not meet.

- **Adjournment at 6:22pm**

- First Smitley Second Allison Yes X(5) No _____ Abst _____