



**Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools
Governing Board - Regular Meeting Agenda
August 22, 2023**

In person: 4690 Table Mountain Dr. Suite 100, Golden, Colorado

Virtual:

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The Governing Board of Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools will convene.

Working Session - The Working Session began @ 3:30pm

1. Board module training - Board learned how to access Freestone modules for CCSP Technical Assistance and was also informed of the schedule of when they each need to complete modules
2. Updates on CCSP technical assistance requirements - A Strategic Planning session was scheduled for 10/7/2023 at a location to be determined. All board members were reminded to complete their oaths of office.

Business Meeting

1. Preliminary.
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm.
 - b. Roll Call.

Name	Present - In Person	Present - Remote	Absent
Rob Williams	x		
Stephen Gilmartin		x	

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Allen Fuller		x	
Rick Gillan		x	
Steve Peck		x	

All board members present

- c. Pledge of Allegiance
- d. Read Mission/Vision by Mr. Williams.
- e. Adopt Agenda.

Mr. Williams moved to adopt the agenda with an additional item, an announcement from Derec Shuler, Mr. Gilmartin seconded,

Yes – Fuller, Gillan Gilmartin, Peck, Williams ; No – None. Motion passed 5-0, agenda adopted at 4:05pm.

1.1 Additional Agenda item per above motion - Derec Shuler announced his intent to transition out of Colorado work to focus on other Ascent Classical Academy expansion underway. He expects to do this by the end of September.

2. Public Comment – Members of the public may sign up for public comment by 2:00 pm at <https://forms.gle/aipTc2mWy1fTSRyr7>.

Public Comment taken from 4:13 pm to 4:30 pm

After Public Comment, Mr. Williams commented that DC and NC are Hillsdale member schools, though support has currently been scaled back. No agreement has yet been executed between Ascent and Hillsdale, execution is projected to take place by the end of September. DC and NC currently have a pared-down version of membership, and Mr. Williams continues to work to restore that.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Adopt meeting minutes from June 21, 2023 regular meeting.
- b. Authorization to open a bank account for ACA Grand Junction with Vectra Bank.
- c. Approval of new printer lease.

Mr. Williams moved to adopt Consent Agenda, Mr. Gilmartin seconded

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

4. Reports

- a. Finance Report
- b. Superintendent and Headmaster Reports.
- c. ACA Executive Director Report.
- d. Facility Update Presentation.
 - i. Douglas County
 - ii. Northern Colorado

- iii. Grand Junction
- iv. Thornton

Reports received. Mr. Peck and Mr. Gilmartin were appointed to the ACA Facilities Committee

5. Business

- a. Authorization to Expend Funds for Northern Colorado Phase II.

Mr. Williams moved to amend resolution for Architect to add bullet point 10 to limit expenditures at this point to \$700,000. Mr. Williams moved to amend resolution for Owner's Rep to add bullet point 10 to limit expenditures at this point to \$150,000. Mr. Gilmartin seconded

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

- b. Resolution to Rename Ascent Classical Academy 27J.

Mr. Williams moved, Mr. Gilmartin seconded.

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

- c. Updates to policies in Family Handbook.

Mr. Williams moved to accept policy updates, allowing for Mr. Gilmartin to advise on remaining upcoming edits based on authorizer guidance, Mr. Gillan seconded.

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

6. Annual Meeting

- a. Appointment of Directors for Seats 1 and 3.

Mr. Gilmartin nominated Mr. Williams to Seat 1, Mr. Gillan seconded,

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

Mr. Williams nominated Mr. Gilmartin to Seat 3, Mr. Gilmartin seconded

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

- b. Selection of Officers.

Mr. Williams moved to nominate the current slate to be selected into their same positions, Mr. Gilmartin seconded

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

New candidates have been identified, and will be interviewed by current board members in the coming months to identify potential appointments. Mr. Williams suggested the board consider appointing one additional member and mentioned that the bylaws allow for up to a total of 9 members.

7. Adjourn.

5:50 pm Mr. Gilmartin moved to adjourn, Mr. Gilmartin seconded

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

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.