



**Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools Governing Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 26, 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 3:30 p.m.

Name	Present – In Person	Present – Remote	Absent
Rob Williams	X		
Stephen Gilmartin	X		
Allen Fuller		X	
Rick Gillan	X		
Steve Peck	X		

- b. With the additional inclusion of new item 6.b pertaining to reimbursement and minutes adoption, the Agenda was adopted by unanimous vote.
2. The board received the following reports:
 - a. Finance
 - b. Superintendent and Headmasters
 - c. Operations
3. The Board hear comments by members of the public
4. By unanimous vote, the Board approved the consent agenda including the transfer of bank accounts from Vectra to Alpine Bank, and adoption of the minutes of the August 9, 2023, August 22, and September 22 regular and special meetings of the Board.
5. By unanimous vote the Board went into Executive Session - pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b, e, & f) for legal advice regarding a contract proposal from ACA, for related negotiations and advice to negotiators, and for discussion of personnel matters. A motion to move into Executive Session requires a 2/3 vote.

6. Business coming out of Executive Session
 - a. By unanimous vote the Board rejected ACA's proposal
 - b. By unanimous vote, the Board terminated the contract with ACA pursuant to section 8.a.3 thereof, noting that continuing issues with facilities and the relationship with Hillsdale, *inter alia*, constitute "unusual and compelling circumstances" justifying an effective date of termination 90 days after notice of termination.
 - c. By unanimous vote, Board terminates the contract with ACA effective end of the fiscal (school) year, effective date being contingent upon continued cooperation by ACA in light of the operational philosophy to be adopted.
 - d. By unanimous vote except for the abstention of Chair Williams, the Board re-amended Section 4.6(a) restoring the Board Chair's powers as President of ACACS.
 - e. By unanimous vote, the Board initiates a Request for Proposal process to identify a CMO or ESP to implement the new operational philosophy. Incumbent ACA welcome to submit a proposal.
 - f. By unanimous vote, the Board adopts and communicates a new operational philosophy, specifically that the best way to achieve and maintain excellence in the Ascent Charter Schools is to set high level standards for what an Ascent school is; to allow the Headmasters to run the day to operations with the curricular support, training, and recommendations from Hillsdale, and to rely on administrative support from a Charter Management Organization (CMO) or an Educational Services Provider (ESP).
 - g. By unanimous vote except for the abstention of Chair Williams, the Board resolved that decisions previously the purview of the Executive Director of ACA will be the purview of the Board or Board Chair until further notice.
 - h. By unanimous vote, the Board resolved to immediately begin a search for an Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer
 - i. By unanimous vote, the Board rescinds the resolution approved in the Sept. 22, 2023 Special Meeting to the effect that all disciplinary decisions regarding Ascent charter school faculty and staff require approval of the Board.
 - j. By unanimous vote, the Board directs ACA that ACA shall take no adverse employment action against, or any corrective action demanded of, any Ascent Headmaster need to come from the Board Chair in his capacity as chief executive of ACACS.

- k. By unanimous vote, the Board removed ACA’s authority to act as an agent of ACACS without approval of ACACS President (Board Chair).
 - l. By unanimous vote, the Board approved \$375,000 additional expenditures for necessary improvements to the modulars.
 - m. By unanimous vote, the Board adopted one Resolution Expressing Official Intent Regarding Certain Capital Expenditures To Be Reimbursed With Proceeds Of An Obligation regarding to the Classical Education Growth Fund, and a second such Resolution regarding ACACS, both pertaining to acquisition of certain land, fixtures and equipment at the Grand Junction facility (“the Project”)
 - n. By unanimous vote, the Board resolved to reconcile of loan proceeds and costs at the end of the Project.
7. The Special Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote.

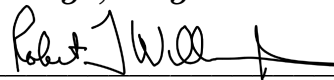
Vision

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, November 30, 2023 Board Meeting.



Rob Williams, Chair