



ASCENT COLORADO CLASSICAL SCHOOLS

Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools, Inc.

Governing Board - Regular Meeting Agenda

April 29, 2025

3:30 pm

In-person: 4690 Table Mountain Drive, Suite 100, Golden, CO 80403

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

1. Preliminary.
 - a. Call to order.
 - i. Gilmartin called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM
 - b. Roll Call.
 - i. Gilmartin, Williams, Coyne, Gillan, Warhurst, Shanfelt
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance.
 - d. Read Mission/Vision.
 - e. Adopt Agenda.
 - i. Motion to adopt the agenda: Williams, Second: Warhurst
 - ii. Motion passed.
2. Reports
 - a. Finance Report.
 - i. Mr. Scott shared the financial DCOH 128, the debt ratio is covered. Several budgets are under spent. Revenues are slightly under budget. The federal grant did not come through. Budgets will level by year-end. Supplemental budget for two schools, Northern Denver and Grand Junction.
 - b. Headmaster Reports.
 - i. Dr. Tacoma provided an update from Northern Denver. Fundraising Gala raised \$61k for the school. CMAS window closed and testing is complete. Many events, including fieldtrips, are taking place. Continuations taking place at the end of May.
 - ii. Mr. Jones provided an update from Douglas County. CMAS was completed, DIBELS and MAPS testing still to complete. Spring fun run grossed \$60k+, with the intention to purchase an additional bus. Staff meeting and coffee with the administration next week. New staff coming in (Deans and Asst. HM) for introductions. 27 Sr. students who have been offered over \$3m in scholarships. Enrollment is strong with projection of 800+ students. HSE is looking good.
 - iii. Ms. Hiatt provided the HM update for Northern Colorado. Hosting support provider at the campus this week. Annual fundraising grossed over \$92k. Finalizing hiring for the year. Graduating first

- senior class, looking forward to building traditions. 96% participation on CMAS, much higher than in the past. Enrollment is strong with 10 new upperclassmen.
- iv. Ms. Drake provided the update from Grand Junction. CMAS testing was completed. Last Friday was the first school play performance. Latin exam participation with several medals earned. Music performances and art walks taking place. House induction taking place. Dean of Grammar School hired and will be coming from AZ. CSI renewal. 96% of projected enrollment goal.
 - v. ESP Report
 - 1. Mr. Franko provided the Education Service Provider report.
 - c. Fundraising Report.
 - i. Mr. Scott provided a fundraising update. School facilities incentive grant. Federal grant through CDE.
 - ii. GJ and ND league of charter schools grant. Granting Your Vision helping with this grant as well as the School facilities incentive grant.
 - d. Facilities Report.
 - 1. RFP is out for major projects. Ms. George provided the owners update on each of the following projects.
 - ii. Lone Tree Gym
 - iii. NoCo Phase II
 - iv. Grand Junction Phase I/II
 - v. Northern Denver Phase I
 - 3. Public Comment – Members of the public may email board.chair@ascentcolorado.org by 2:00 pm the day of the meeting to sign up for public comment.
 - a. Public Comment provided by Ms. Khoury
 - b. Public Comment provided by Ms. Bissonnette
 - c. Public Comment provided by Ms. Quintet
 - d. Public Comment provided by Ms. Redman
 - e. Public Comment provided by Ms. Billingsly
 - f. Public Comment provided by Ms. Wilcox
 - 4. Consent Agenda.
 - a. Adopt meeting minutes of the 03/25/2025 Board Meeting
 - i. Motion to adopt the meeting minutes: Warhurst, Seconded by Gilmartin. Motion carries.
 - 5. Business
 - a. CSI Renewal Resolution for Grand Junction
 - b. CSI Renewal Resolution for Northern Denver
 - i. Motion to approve the resolutions as presented: Shanfelt, Second Williams. Motion carries.
 - c. Set the Investment Reserve at each school as Committed Fund Balance to support Days Cash on Hand Bond Covenants
 - i. Amended Motion to set the investment reserve at each school as committed fund balance: Shanfelt, Second: Williams, Motion carries as amended.
 - d. FY26 Board Calendar draft discussion
 - i. Motion to set FY26 Board Calendar draft:
 - e. Minga Education Group ESP Contract renewal

- i. Motion to approve the service agreement: Gilmartin, Second Warhurst, motion carries.
 - f. Accept Northern Denver's Gala donations of \$75,000.
 - g. Accept Douglas County's Fun Run donations of \$61,600.
 - i. Motion to accept fundraising donations per policy as listed as items f and g: Shanfelt, Second: Warhurst, Motion carries.
6. Adjourn. Gillan, Worhurst 4:48 PM

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.