



# ASCENT COLORADO CLASSICAL SCHOOLS

**Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools, Inc.**

**Governing Board - Regular Meeting Agenda**

**May 27, 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.

Meeting called to order at 3:35

- b. Roll Call.

Mr. Gillan, Mrs. Warhurst, Mr. Coyne, Mr. Gilmartin, Mr. Williams, Mr. Shanfelt are present.

- c. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Scott led the Pledge.

- d. Read Mission/Vision.

Mr. Gilmartin read the Mission/Vision.

- e. Adopt Agenda.

Agenda not adopted; as the agenda was posted under 24 hours in advance, this will be treated as a working session, with a Special Board meeting to be held on 5/28. The items on this agenda will be discussed as Topics in a Working Session and a Resolution will be created for the 5/28 Special Meeting to take action on the items in this agenda.

2. Reports
  - a. Finance Report.
    - i. CS gave the financial report. Schools are on trend with the exception of two items discussed in the finance report.

- b. Headmaster Reports.
  - i. Ms. Hiatt provided the HM report from NoCO. First graduation ceremony was completed. Planned a flag retirement ceremony on the campus during the last day of the school year. Currently checking staff out and preparing for 30 staff to attend a visit to Hillsdale. 45% of students graduate off of read plans in upper cohort and 60% of students graduate off of read plans in lower cohort. Up tick in applications for upper school seats.
  - ii. Ms. Drake provided the GJ report. House induction took place with older students welcoming in the younger students. A variety of art and performance events took place with many in attendance. 8th grade celebrations. Summer reading camp will start next week - 4 days per week for three weeks - providing intensive and fun reading instruction. 30 staff will be attending Hillsdale event in a few weeks. Continuing to offer seats and looking forward. Highlighted the work of teaching staff who accomplished meeting academic goals for the year (3rd and 4th grade in particular).
  - iii. Mr. Jones provided the Douglas County report. Graduation took place last Saturday. Guardian games took place on the last day of the school year. Kindergarten graduation took place with other opportunities for the Sr class. Received approval from the City of Lone Tree for the Gym. Academic highlights include 90% in K-1 meeting grade level expectations.
  - iv. Dr. Tacoma provided the NoDen report. Provided a few highlights including Kindergarten continuation and 8th grade continuation. Field Day and Art show took place during the last week of school. Lots of growth was demonstrated on the EOY literacy assessments. Site visit report received from Hillsdale, which was an opportunity to receive feedback. Conducting a lot of hiring due to new positions and internal movement.
- c. ESP Report
  - i. Three items to highlight from MEG.
    - 1. Diligently working through new work agreements
    - 2. Items needed for the renewals - Board Strategic Plan and Board self-assessment
    - 3. Development of policy work
- d. Fundraising Report.
  - i. Mr. Scott provided the May fundraising report. Granting Your Vision - supported \$2m in grant funding through the Great Schools Grant and through the Colorado League of Charter Schools. Grant funding also received for new security equipment. Fundraising was exceeded at the events that took place at the school sites.
- e. Facilities Report.
  - i. Lone Tree Gym - received approval from the City Council. Break ground after June 15.
  - ii. NoCo Phase II - Number 65 in State permit queue. Fire approval with a condition. Furniture and Tech bids are going out.
  - iii. Grand Junction Phase I/II - working with Mesa County. Short some fountain fixtures, looking at incorporating more to meet requirements. Modular unit to be dropped of shortly. Kitchen

- remodel - looking at flooring options to save on higher than estimated costs.
- iv. Northern Denver Phase I - new facility phase 1 report complete. Soil testing will be completed in Phase 2. End of May - funding scope complete.
- 3. Public Comment – Members of the public may email [board.chair@ascentcolorado.org](mailto:board.chair@ascentcolorado.org) by 2:00 pm the day of the meeting to sign up for public comment.
- 4. Consent Agenda.
  - a. Adopt meeting minutes of the 04/29/2025 Board Meeting
  - b. Adopt meeting minutes of the 05/02/2025 Board Meeting
  - c. In alignment of Article IV, Section 4.6(c) of the bylaws, establish the Chief Financial Officer as a designee of the Secretary to perform the technical functions of the custodian of the corporate records.

Items of the Consent Agenda will be moved to the May 28, 2025, Special Board Meeting.

- 5. Business
  - a. FY26 Budgets 1st Viewing
    - i. Mr. Scott provided the Budget for Board's 1st review. The summary of the budget was provided in the board book.
  - b. Grand Junction Kitchen Contract
    - i. Contract documents and total project budget in the board book. Has come in at a higher cost than anticipated due to grease intercept.
  - c. Northern Colorado's Gala donations of \$86,012.86, transfer to Capital Projects Capital Reserve
  - d. ReAuthorize Plan to Authorize Concealed Carry
    - i. Annual reauthorization of the Concealed Carry policy. The description of this is and has been posted on the board's website for the entire year. The process is fully developed and is aligned with state law and board policy.
  - e. Contemplate Strategic Plan, Headmaster Eval, Board Self Evaluation due in August for Grand Junction and Northern Denver Charter Renewals
    - i. Items to be communicated and reviewed by the board before the July board meeting.
  - f. Increase funding from ACACS bank accounts to Minga Payroll Account
    - i. Mr. Scott and Mr. Franko will explore options for a trust account as recommended by Mr. Williams and Mr. Gillmartin.

Items of Business will be moved to the May 28, 2025, Special Board Meeting.

- 6. Adjourn.
  - a. Meeting adjourned at 5:04 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.