



ASCENT COLORADO CLASSICAL SCHOOLS

**Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools, Inc.
Governing Board - Regular Meeting Agenda
June 24, 2025
13:30 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. Mr. Shanfelt called the meeting to order at 3:37pm
 - b. Roll Call.
 - i. Messrs. Shanfelt, Coyne, Williams, Gillan, and Mrs. Warhurst are present. Mr. Gilmartin joined at 3:42pm.
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance.
 - d. Read Mission/Vision.
 - e. Adopt Agenda.
 - i. Motion to adopt the agenda (as amended to add items 6.i and 6.j) and seconded. Motion carried.
2. Reports
 - a. Finance Report.
 - b. Headmaster Reports.
 - i. Headmasters shared a variety of news from each of the campuses. In addition to location-specific information, the Headmasters, faculty, and staff attended the summer conference at Hillsdale.
 - c. ESP Report.
 - i. Mr. Franko provided the ESP report to include onboarding new staff, policy work, school improvement planning, and Headmaster evaluation tool updates.
 - d. Fundraising Report.
 - i. Mr. Scott provided the fundraising report.
 - e. Facilities Report.
 1. Ms. George provided the facilities report. Updates on the kitchen equipment at GJ, gym project update at DC, modular update for northern Colorado - mods leaving factory and arriving first week of July, furniture for new mods is ordered and coming. NoCO athletic field and parking scopes coming in this week. Looking at GCs for the scope of work in NoCO. Holding off on the parking lot at NoCO now.
 - 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. No public comment provided
- 4. Consent Agenda.
 - a. Adopt meeting minutes of the 05/28/2025 Board Meeting
 - b. Approve Amended Douglas County FY26 Calendar
 - c. Approve new transfers from First Bank to CSAFE Investment accounts
 - d. Approve new signers on bank accounts
 - i. Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented: Gilmartin, second: Shanfelt, motion carries 6-0
- 5. Executive Session
 - a. MOTION to enter executive session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b)(e)(I) & (f)(I) to obtain advice from ACACS’s legal counsel in determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations and to address personnel matters related to an employment situation from the 2024-25 school year.
 - i. Motion at 4:57 PM: Gilartin, Second: Shanfelt, motion carries 6-0
 - b. MOTION to enter executive session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b)(h) to obtain advice from ACACS’s legal counsel in discussing an appeal related to an individual student where public disclosure would adversely affect the persons involved and the appeal process.
 - i. Executive Session concluded at 6:07
- 6. Business
 - a. Actions coming out of the Executive Session
 - i. Motion: The board moves to not pay the 2nd installment of the performance bonus to Mr. Jones. Gilmartin, Second: Gillan Motion carries 6-0
 - ii. Motion: The board moves to withhold the final payments to Mrs. Jones as a result of the information provided in ILG investigation report. Gilmartin, Second: Shanfelt Motion carries 6-0
 - iii. Motion: Allow for continuation of the legal action and insurance procedure regarding the student injury at GJ, notify the grievant that no disciplinary action will be taken or is necessary against Ms. Drake. Motion: Gilmartin, Second: Shanfelt. Motion Carries 6-0
 - b. FY26 Budgets 2nd Viewing and Adoption
 - i. Motion: Move to adopt the 4 resolutions for school budgets and the resolution for 1 building corporation and capital projects budget. Items 6.b.i-vi in the board book. Motion: Gilmartin, Second, Williams. Motion carries, 6-0
 - c. FY25 Supplemental Budgets Adoption
 - i. Motion: Move to approve the supplemental budget resolutions for Grand Junction and Northern Denver as presented in 6ci-ii in the board book. Motion: Gilmartin, Second: Shanfelt, Motion Carries 6-0
 - d. Board Member updates
 - i. Motion to appoint Mr. Coyne as the treasurer: Williams, Second: Gilmartin, Motion carries 5-0

- e. Northern Colorado’s fund transfer to Capital Projects Capital Reserve
 - i. Motion: Move to approve the request to designate fundraised funds to the Capital Projects Capital Reserve as recommended by the CFO (\$93k in total 6.e &f). Motion: Gilmartin, Second: Williams Motion carries 5-0
 - f. Douglas County’s fund transfer to Capital Projects Capital Reserve
 - i. Motion: Move to approve the request to designate fundraised funds to the Capital Projects Capital Reserve as recommended by the CFO (\$93k in total). Motion: Gilmartin, Second: Williams Motion carries 5-0
 - g. Draw on First Bank Line of Credit for Grand Junction and Northern Denver Great Schools Colorado grant spending
 - i. Motion: Move to approve the draw of cash (\$500k for each school) for the purpose of grant reimbursement funding as recommended by the CFO. Motion: Gilmartin, Second: Williams Motion Carries 5-0
 - h. Finalize FY26 Board Calendar
 - i. Motion to adopt the calendar as presented: Gilmartin, Second: Gillan, Motion carries 5-0
 - i. Discuss CHSAA Lawsuit - AMENDED ITEM
 - i. Mr. Miller presented on a federal lawsuit that was originally filed by D49 - Fairness in Female Sports. A coalition has formed with co-litigants. Deadline of June 25, 2025 to add complainants. Policy JBA needs to be adopted by ACACS. Cost to ACACS may be up to \$100k for litigation costs. Motion: Move to authorize joining the suit as plaintiff with the flexibility of the chair to negotiate the ACACS fee terms. Motion: Gilmartin, Second: Williams, motion carries 5-0
 - j. Discuss Board Chair as a paid position -AMENDED ITEM
 - i. Mr. Shanfelt, Mr. Coyne, Mr. Franko, and Mr. Scott will do some discovery and bring recommendations back to the board.
7. Adjourn.
- a. Motion to adjourn: Williams, Second: Gilmartin. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 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.