

# Board of Education Minutes – Southwest Leadership Academy

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING SOUTHWEST LEADERSHIP ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the public, that the Governing Board for Southwest Leadership Academy will hold a meeting open to the public as well as a Board retreat as specified below. The Board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings. One or more Board members may participate telephonically. The meeting will be held via video conferencing.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02 (H), the Board may discuss and take action concerning any matter listed on the agenda.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A) (3), the Board may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, for legal advice concerning any item on this agenda.

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DATED AND POSTED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

By

Brian Heath, Executive Director

### AGENDA

Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board Thursday

June 28th, 2022

10:30 AM

Topic: June Board of Education Meeting.

Time: June 28th, 2022 @ 10:30 am Arizona

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All items on this agenda are open for discussion and possible action, including reports and action items. Public comment will be acknowledged at the end of the agenda items.

A copy of the Agenda and Meeting Minutes are available for review on our website: [www.southwestleadershipacademy.com](http://www.southwestleadershipacademy.com)

If authorized by a majority vote of the members of the Governing Board, any matter on the open meeting agenda may be discussed in executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice thereon, pursuant to A.R.S. 38431.03 (A)(3). In addition, the Board, by majority vote may enter Executive Session for discussion and consultation with administration regarding student matters pursuant to A.R.S. §§15-342, 15-521, and 15-843; A.R.S. §38431.03 (A)(2) (consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection); legal advice/instruction to attorney pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsections (A)(3) and (A)(4). The executive session will be held immediately after the vote and will not be open to the public.

\*Additional information regarding any of the items on this agenda may be obtained prior to the meeting by calling Brian Heath at (480) 987-9700. Also, you can attend the foregoing meeting by teleconference.

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Mike Gantt, Board President; Drew Ainsworth, Treasure/Secretary; Brian Heath, Ex-Officio Member, Dr. Molly Schloderback, Member.

Meeting called to begin at 10.30 AM.

2. **Introduction of Visitors:** Mark Yockus, SLA Principal; Paula Signorelli, National Director of Business Operations and Initiatives; Marty Grant, School Finance; Sylvia Alaniz, Office Manager. Other visitors from the public present.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** President Gantt let the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Approval of Board Minutes:** Minutes for May 26<sup>th</sup>

**Motion:** Move to approve the Minutes of the May 26<sup>th</sup>, SLA Board Meeting as presented.

**Discussion:** A motion was made by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. Ainsworth to approve the minutes of May 26<sup>th</sup>.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Introduction to newly hired School Principal, Mr. Mark Yockus.** Mr. Yockus will share his professional background and discussed his planned transition for the 2022/23 school year.
6. **School Report (Mark Yockus):**
  - a. Marketing strategy
  - b. Professional Development Plan
  - c. Summer School Update
  - d. Key Positions Hired:
    - i. Dean of Students, Mya Johnson
    - ii. Compliance Coordinator, Anna Coker
    - iii. Teen Parenting Program, Danielle Woods
    - iv. Special Education, Desiree Henderson
7. **Dropout Recovery Program (Mark Yockus):** Mr. Yockus discussed options to serve the approximate 200 students who dropout of our Alternative Education school annually. The current approved Arizona Online Instruction (AOI) Program is not being

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administered as designed and SLA leadership has met with Chris Dickinson and his team at [iwantmydiploma.com](http://iwantmydiploma.com) to develop a partnership in fully implementing such a program.

**Motion:** Move to approve the official closure/surrender of the SLA AOI program in order to partner with Graduation Solutions, LLC in launching a viable Dropout.

**Discussion:** Mr. Heath discussed that there is no need for action at this time, therefore, the board will be addressed for future discussion.

8. **Presentation of Budget (Paula Signorelli):** Paula Signorelli will present the proposed FY23 budget and review the timelines to submit to ADE.

**Motion:** to approve the proposed FY23 Southwest Leadership Academy budget as presented.

**Discussion:** A motion was made by Mr. Ainsworth to approve the proposed FY23 budget as presented, Second by Mr. Heath.

The motion was passed unanimously.

9. **Annual Audit (Paula Signorelli)** Seek to gain Board approval for the engagement of Fester and Chapman as auditors for FY22 for Southwest Leadership Academy.

**Motion:** Move to approve Rite of Passage to engage Fester and Chapman for the purposed of the annual FY22 audit of Southwest Leadership Academy.

**Discussion:** A motion was made by Dr. Molly Schloderback to approve Rite of Passage to engage Fester and Chapman for the purpose of the annual FY22 audit of Southwest Leadership Academy. Second by Mr. Ainsworth.

Motion passed unanimously.

10. **Announcements:**

11. **Adjournment:** Mr. Gantt adjourned the meeting at 11.43 AM