

Board of Education Meeting 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 21st day of September 2023.

By

Miqala Salinas, Compliance Coordinator

AGENDA

Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board

September 26th, 2023

3:00pm

Topic: SLA September Board Meeting

Time: Sep 26, 2023 03:00 PM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

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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

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 Bridget Carrington at (480) 987-9700 ext 5898. Also, you can attend the foregoing meeting by teleconference.

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

Brian Heath called the meeting to order at 3:00PM on 09/26/23.

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Attendance: Drew Ainsworth, Treasurer/Secretary; Brian Heath, Ex-Officio Member; Emily Beard, Member; Molly Scholderback, Member;
Absent: Board President Mike Gantt

- 2. Introduction of Visitors (President Gantt):** Bridget Carrington, Superintendent; Christae Spivey, SLA Principal; Miqala Salinas, SLA Compliance Coordinator; CJ Bower, CFO; Cheryl Myers, Accounting Manager; Alicia Sullivan, Senior Accountant

Attendance: CJ Bower, CFO; Jennifer Gentle, SLA Assitant Principal; Christae Spivey, SLA Principal; Bridget Carrington, Superintendent; Esmeralda Delgado, SLA Registrar; Kassandra Leyva, SLA Admin Assistant; Bailey Heath, SLA Counselor; Priscilla Ayala, SLA Social Worker; Q&A Team

- 3. Pledge of Allegiance (President Gantt):**

Brian Heath Presented Pledge of Allegiance

- 4. Approval of Agenda (President Gantt):**

Motion: Move to approve the September 26th agenda as submitted.

Discussion: A motion was made by Drew Ainsworth, seconded by Emily Beard to approve the September 26th agenda.
The motion passed unanimously.

- 5. Approval of Board Minutes (President Gantt):** Minutes for June 23rd

Motion: Move to approve the SLA Board Meeting Minutes for June 23rd as presented.

Discussion: A motion was made by Emily Beard, seconded by Drew Ainsworth to approve the SLA Board Meeting Minutes for June 23rd.

Modify the sub-lease amount on item #15- Technical error in sub lease agreement amount stated by Drew Ainsworth and Brian Heath sub lease needs to be modified to reflect the accurate lease amount. Brian Heath requested Bridget Carrington to follow up on this matter.

(Sub-note) After review, the lease agreement technical error was completed on 09/28/2023. Prior to this board meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

- 6. Items for Board Approval (Priscilla Ayala/Bailey Heath):** Student Council bank account

Motion: Move to approve the opening of a Student Council bank account

Discussion: Funds raised by the student council committee are currently at \$700 and would like a safe designated account; per unanimous decision item #6 is assigned for management approval versus board approval. Per Bailey Heath will assist and oversee the account. CJ Bower and Brian Heath will follow up on this matter.

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7. **Financial Review (CJ Bower): Review** of June, July, and August 2023 financial reports (attached).

Motion: Move to receive the June, July, and August 2023 financial reports as submitted.

Discussion: A motion was made by Drew Ainsworth, seconded by Molly Schloderback to acknowledge the board received and was presented with the overview of the financial reports for June FY23 and July, and August FY24.

Overview:

Site special events largest expense, grant revenue review mentioned by Drew Ainsworth, As stated by Superintendent, Bridget Carrington ESSER Funding will be taken away from contracting vendors, Third party providers. Brian Heath and Christae Spivey will continue to discuss marketing strategies for recruitment efforts to increase enrollment.

The motion passed unanimously

8. **School Report (Christae Spivey):**

- a. School Year Update
 - Total Enrollment: 191
 - Homeless: 14
 - SPED: 21
 - EL: 35
- b. Professional Development Plan
- c. Academic Programs and Achievements
 - i. Online Program
 - ii. Credit Recovery
 - iii. Friday Student Enrichment
 - iv. College Tours- ASU and Phoenix College
 - v. CTE
- d. Sports/Activities/Clubs Update
- e. New Staff/Staffing Changes
 - i. Celebrations: Out of low achievement status
RAMS OF THE MONTH for Teacher, student support staff, and 4 students

9. **Items for Board Approval (Christae Spivey):** Marketing Budget Update

Motion: Move to approve the updated marketing budget to increase enrollment numbers.

Discussion: A motion was made by Emily Beard, seconded by Molly Schloderback to approve updated marketing budget plan; not to exceed \$12,000 excludes digital sign purchase .

Overview:

Christae Spivey attended a training with the Charter Board to assist with marketing efforts to increase enrollment and shares a new marketing plan that includes:

- Digital Board / School sign for daily announcement

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- Increase social media presence
- update website
- increasing transportation opportunities
- Principal to reach out to neighboring high schools for team efforts to assist in student needs
- Community FASFA events

As stated by Molly Schloderback and Drew Ainsworth Digital Board is a great idea.

Per Brian Heath, the digital board at CSA did not work the way he hoped. Prefers to hold off on digital sign or find grants to assist with field upkeep to utilize for more community outreach events and digital sign. Per CJ Bower in favor for all and any marketing approved by the board.

The motion passed unanimously.

10. Announcements:

Miqala Salinas to share any upcoming SLA events with board members.

Q&A onsite at SLA 09/26 and 09/27

Brian Heath shared comments from student surveys conducted throughout the day during Q&A visit.

11. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned by Brian Heath at 4:13PM.