

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 25th day of September 2024.

By

Janet Melton, Compliance Coordinator

AGENDA

Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board

September 27th, 2024

3:00 PM

Topic: SLA September Board Meeting
Time: September 27, 2024 03:00 PM Arizona

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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:** Mike Gantt, Board President; Drew Ainsworth, Treasurer/Secretary; Brian Heath, Ex-Officio Member, Dr. Molly Schloderback, Member; Emily Beard, Member.

Mike Gantt called the meeting to order at 3:00PM on 09/27/24.

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

2. **Introduction of Visitors:** Bridget Carrington, Superintendent; Christae Spivey, SLA Principal; Janet Melton, SLA Compliance Coordinator; Myles Jackson, SLA Lead Behavior Mentor and Athletic Director; Keith Chilton, Director of Business Operations; Bailey Heath, SLA Guidance Counselor

Attendance: Christae Spivey, SLA Principal; Janet Melton, SLA Compliance Coordinator; Myles Jackson, SLA Lead Behavior Mentor and Athletic Director; Keith Chilton, Director of Business Operations, Bridget Carrington, Superintendent; Bailey Heath, SLA Counselor

3. **Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mike Gantt presented the Pledge of Allegiance

4. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda for September 27th, 2024

Motion: Move to approve the September 27th agenda as submitted.

Discussion: A motion was made by Drew Ainsworth, second by President Gantt, to approve the agenda.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Approval of Board Minutes:** Minutes for June 7th, 2024

Motion: Move to approve the SLA Board Meeting Minutes for June 7th as presented.

Correct Emily's last name on number 1.

Brian made a motion to approve with the noted change and Drew Ainsworth second the motion.

Minutes are approved unanimously with the noted changes.

6. **Approval of FY24 Lease Agreement:**

Motion: Move to approve the FY24 lease agreement as presented.

Discussion: Lease agreement – no change to the agreement. To include the facilities use agreement, which is to be reviewed and executed by CJ Bower and Mike Gantt.

Drew Ainsworth made a motion to approve and Emily Beard seconds

Motion passed unanimously

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7. Approval of FY24 Management Agreement:

Motion: Move to approve the FY24 management agreement as presented.

Discussion: Brian verified the contract is valid until 2029. The contract is being sent to SLA for our records. This item is closed.

8. Update on Charter Expansion

Brian reviewed the 3 metric areas that Charters are accountable to.

Due to the 2 areas where we are not meeting the standard, we are not currently eligible for charter expansion

9. School Accountability Dashboard

Combined with above item and reviewed

10. Approve Fester & Chapman Audit on October 1st, 2024

Motion: Move to approve the engagement of Fester & Chapman to perform the audit on 10/1/24.

Discussion: No discussion

Motion to made by Drew Ainsworth to engage Fester & Chapman, second by Molly Schloderback

The motion passed unanimously.

11. Financial Review: (Keith Chilton): Review of August 2024 financial reports as presented.

Discussion: A motion was made by Drew Ainsworth, seconded by Emily Beard to have received the August 2024 financial reports submitted.

There was a cut in grants this year due to the CSI improvement. Brian Heath asked about the plan regarding the loss of these funds.

12. School Report (Christae Spivey):

- a. QA Update – just completed this – very few items of correction. One big data point – attendance rate for SLA 85% currently!
- b. Marketing Initiatives – referral based, social
- c. Professional Development
- d. New Staff – English teacher filled and one science position still open
- e. New Field – Myles Jackson provided an update on the field and athletics
- f. Dual Enrollment – Bailey Heath provided an update and our partnership with Pathways College.

13. Discussion on Vehicles

Vans need to be replaced, and the board just needs to have this on their radar.

14. Announcements:

None

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15. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 4:20pm.