

Board of Education Meeting Agenda - 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 March 2025.

By

Christae Spivey, Principal

AGENDA

Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board

March 26, 2025

3:00 PM

Topic: SLA September Board Meeting
Time: March 26, 2025 03:00 PM Arizona

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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.

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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.

Meeting call to order by President Mike Gantt at 3:09pm

2. **Introduction of Visitors:** Bridget Carrington, Superintendent; Christae Spivey, SLA Principal; CJ Bower; Keith Chilton, Director of Business Operations and Initiatives, CFO; Jarod Pidgeon, Academic Support Coach; Esme Delgado, Registrar

Attendance: Christae Spivey, Drew Ainsworth, Brian Heath, CJ Bower, Emily Beard, Esme Delgado, Mike Gantt

3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mike Gantt to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda for March 26, 2025

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

Motion passed by Brian Heath to approve agenda for March 26, seconded by Drew Ainsworth

5. **Approval of Board Minutes:** Minutes for December 18, 2024, approval

Motion: Move to approve the SLA Board Meeting Minutes for December 18, 2024th as presented.

Comment by Drew Ainsworth is there a reason as to why line item #8 is highlighted?

Item #8 refers to the removal of Miqala Salinas and adding Janet Melton as Charter Representative.

Response from Christae Spivey no specific reason for highlighted item.

Motion made to approve minutes for December 18, 2024 meeting by Brian Heath with instruction to unhighlight Item #8, seconded by Emily Beard.

6. **Financial Review:**

Motion: Move to receive the previous months financial reports as submitted.

CJ reviewed the financials with the Board.

Discussion: Presented Balance Sheet and Student Income Statements

-Down about \$13,000 in revenue due to CSI revenue reduced.

-Average 20 students participating daily in meal program.

-\$30,000 savings in personnel - kitchen staff over \$2500 due to overtime and Substitute teachers are up due to unfilled positions.

-Direct student care- rent \$3500 over budget is incorrect due to mix up on contract has been corrected and will be presented next board meeting.

-Athletics over budget due to one-time purchase of Girls Flag Football Uniforms.

-Operating expenses on budget.

-Savings in Vehicle rentals.

-Expecting CLSD Grant of \$160,000 within 7-10 business days to spend by September 30, 2025.

Motion made to approve financial reports as presented by Brian Heath, seconded by Drew Ainsworth.

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7. Request to adjust the Marketing Budget for FY25

Motion: Move to approve the adjusted marketing budget for the remainder of FY25 budget

Discussion: Increase marketing measures per data presented best way is by referral program.

Marketing Initiatives continue through-out the year as incentives are presented.

Per Christae Spivey, request to increase Marketing budget by \$12,000.

- New Banners – Visible around the campus and community centers.
- Referral Program – larger incentives
- Marketing Merch for Rams Store

Drew Ainsworth loved the idea and would like to add a default incentive like a t-shirt for referral program.

Marketing Budget has been adjusted.

8. Update on Charter Expansion – Presentation by Brian Heath

Discussion: Update on expansion - Application deemed administratively complete, submitted application to attend April Board Meeting. Pathway to be considered substantively complete and currently in the review process. Will be recommended to attend May 13 Board Meeting.

9. Approval to remove Janet Melton as a Charter Representative

Motion made to approve the removal of Janet Melton as SLA Charter Representative by Brian Heath, seconded by Drew Ainsworth.

10. School Report:

- a. Enrollment
 - i. Current Enrollment 215
 - ii. ELL 45
 - iii. ESS 20
 - iv. MK 29
- b. Academic Progress & Achievement- 64 Academics Awards given and Attendance average 80%, Credit Recovery has earned 119.5 credits and Dual Enrollment has 24 students earning college credits
- c. Sports/Activities/Clubs
- d. Staffing- Please update board members with new staffing
- e. Community Events

11. Announcements:

12. Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned by Mike Gantt at 4:01pm.