

# **Board of Education 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. 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 or through video conference. 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 13h day of April 2026.**

**By**

**Christae Spivey, Principal**

### **AGENDA**

**Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board**

**Tuesday, April 14, 2026**

**10:00 AM**

**Christae Spivey is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

**Topic: SLA Education Board Meeting**

**Time: Apr 14, 2026 03:30 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.

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§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 (602) 265-2000. You may also attend the foregoing meeting by teleconference.

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

**Attendance: Mike Gantt, Dr. Molly Scholderback, Emily Beard, Christae Spivey, Esme Martinez, Keith Chilton, Brian Heath**

Meeting called to order at 3:34PM

2. **Introduction of Visitors (President Gantt):** Bridget Carrington, Superintendent; Christae Spivey, SLA Principal; Keith Chilton, Director of Business Operations & Initiatives; Esme Martinez, Registrar

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

4. **Approval of Agenda (President Gantt):** Agenda for April 14, 2026

**Motion:** Move to approve April 14, 2026, agenda as submitted.

**Discussion:** The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Approval of Board Minutes (President Gantt):** Minutes for January 21, 2026, approval

**Motion:** Move to approve the SLA Board Meeting Minutes for January 21, 2026, SLA Board Meetings as presented

**Discussion:** The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Financial Review (Keith Chilton):** Review of previous months financials

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

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**Discussion:** \$19,000 to the good year to date, with things to consider; The state has eliminated the CLSD and CSI grants, two major revenues.

Things to look at when the budget was approved last year, we were not finalized for the school safety grant. Now showing about (\$16,000) variance due to the state revising the school safety grant which only covered the School Safety Officer and was not funded for the safety grant project of a security system enhancement.

Paid for 202 students and budgeted for 210 students.

Unexpected old invoices for building, utilities and equipment expenses that hit this month for prior months.

Process for three new vehicles is ongoing hoping to finalize by end of month or school year.

Next meeting will be presenting budget for next school year (2026-2027).

Motion to receive the previous month financial reports as submitted passed unanimously.

7. **Approval of SY2026-2027 Emergency Operations Plan:** Seek to gain Board approval for the SY 2026-2027 Southwest Leadership Academy Emergency Operations Plan.

**Motion:** Move to approve Southwest Leadership Academy's SY 2026-2027 Emergency Operations Plan

**Discussion:** The Emergency Operations Plan changed in 2025 from the Department of Education through the school safety program. In order to get approved the school must complete an Emergency Operations Plan.

The EOP last established was 20 pages now it is about 400 pages.

Six sections from Basic plan, infection disease and pandemic procedures, continuity of operations, etc.

In order to apply again need board approval for new policies and procedures.

Priscilla Ayala, our social worker and School Safety Officer, both paid through school safety programs and state will conduct random onsite visits.

The EOP was created by a template provided by ADE template for all six sections and tied in ROP Policies and Procedures.

Reunification policies have been included within the new EOP that have never been considered.

Motion to approve Emergency Operations Plan as submitted by Brian Heath, seconded by Emily Beard.

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### 8. School Report (Christae Spivey)

- a. School Report: 227 (21-ESS 57-EL 35-MK 4-504)
- b. Academic Progress & Achievement: ACT testing last year 2 students proficient in English and this year 3 students were proficient in English/In Math last year 0 students proficient this year 3 students were proficient in Math. March assembly 87% attendance rate, chronic absenteeism down by 14%
- c. Sports/Activities/Clubs : Girls Flag Football going to playoffs, Track and Field, Student Council have been active with car washes, spirit week, and prom preparation.
- d. Community Events/Involvement: Friendly house presentations on vaping and drugs in the classroom.

### 9. Announcements (President Gantt):

- Graduation: May 23 3pm at Glendale Civic Center
- 60 Day notice to Isaac School District for FY27 Lease agreement
  - Bridget Carrington and Christae Spivey met with new Superintendent of Isaac School District to discuss Emergency Operations Plan and schedule a date for June to discuss and sign new lease agreement for FY27.
- Desert Mountain Charter Expansion
  - Approved for expansion to be built at CSA, goal was to open Fall of 2026 would like to request a year extension. Board in agreement to move forward with requesting extension. Per Emily and Molly agreed to move forward with a motion at today's meeting to proceed with extension request vs adding as action item. List of items due by May 1 for extension approval.
  - **Approve the efforts of Rite Of Passage to submit required documentation to the charter board and request a 1 year extension to move the projected start date to Fall 2027.**
    - **Motion approved by Mike Gantt and seconded by Emily Beard.**
- Superintendent Updates
  - Bridget Carrington time commitment modified schedule (2-3days a week)

### 10. Adjournment (President Gantt):

Meeting Adjourned at 4:26PM.