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.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Bridget Carrington at (602) 265-2000. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

DATED AND POSTED this 20th day of October 2026.

By

Lola Donaldson, Principal

AGENDA

Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Christae Spivey is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: SLA Education Board Meeting
Time: Oct 21, 2026 03:00 PM 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

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).

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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 Christae Spivey 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 Brann, Member; Brian Heath, Ex-Officio Member; Emily Beard, Member.

2. **Introduction of Visitors (President Gantt):** Christae Spivey, Superintendent; Lola Donaldson, SLA Principal; Keith Chilton, Director of Business Operations & Initiatives; Kassandra Leyva, Compliance Coordinator; Marcia Pruitt, Accountant; Gregory Peters; Special Education Director; Bridget Carrington; Visitor

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

4. **Approval of Agenda (President Gantt):** Agenda for October 21, 2026

   Motion: Move to approve October 21, 2026 agenda as submitted.

5. **Approval of Board Minutes (President Gantt):** Minutes for September 3, 2026, approval

   Motion: Move to approve the SLA Board Meeting Minutes for September 3, 2026, SLA Board Meetings as presented

6. **Financial Review (Keith Chilton):** Review of previous months financials
   Motion: Move to receive previous months financial reports as submitted.

7. **Review Candidate Application and Consideration of Bridget Carrington to the Governing Board (President Gantt)**

   Motion: Move to approve Bridget Carrington as a voting member of Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board, consistent with the Board's bylaws.

8. **Re-election of Molly Brann to the Governing Board - 2-year term (President Gantt)**

   Motion: Move to re-elect Molly Brann as a voting Governing Board member for the term stated above, consistent with the Board's bylaws.

9. **Approval of Lola Donaldson as Charter Representative (President Gantt)**

Motion: Move to approve Lola Donaldson as Charter Representative effective 10/21/2026 and authorize submission of the required documentation to the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools.

10. **School Report (Lola Donaldson)**

a. School Report:
b. Academic Progress & Achievement
c. Sports/Activities/Clubs
d. Community Events/Involvement

11. **Adjournment (President Gantt)**