



# ASCENT COLORADO CLASSICAL SCHOOLS

**Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools, Inc.  
Governing Board - Regular Meeting MINUTES  
October 29, 2024  
3:30 pm**

In-person: 4690 Table Mountain Drive, Suite 100, Golden, CO 80403

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The Governing Board of Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools, Inc. will convene.

1. Preliminary.
  - a. Call to order.
    - i. Mr. Shanfeldt called the meeting to order at 3:32
  - b. Roll Call.
    - i. Shanfeldt, Warhorst, Gillan, Fuller, Gilmartin, Williams
  - c. Pledge of Allegiance.
  - d. Read Mission/Vision.
  - e. Adopt Agenda.
    - i. Motion to Adopt the agenda: Shafeldt, Second: Gilmartin, Motion passes 5-0
2. Reports
  - a. FY24 Audit Report - Tom Sistare (Hoelting & Co.)
    - i. Mr. Sistare shared a summary of the ACACS annual audit. Audit team was on sight in mid-August. The audit had a clean opinion or clean findings.
  - b. Finance Report.
    - i. Mr. Scott presented the financial report. The financial report demonstrates positive trends for the first quarter. Three of four schools are below the spending budget. GJ is higher than expected costs in running the special education program as well as the school lunch program. The amended budget will make the appropriate adjustments. Overall the schools and network are in a strong financial position.
  - c. Headmaster Reports.
    - i. Headmasters provided updates regarding each school campus. Hillsdale is visiting at Northern Colorado and will be visiting DougCo and NoDenver shortly. Athletics, school events, and Veterans Day celebrations were reported.
  - d. Fundraising Report.
    - i. Mr. Scott reported about a network development partner. A report and recommendation will come to the board by the end of the year. The grant-writer partnership is working well.
  - e. Facilities Report. Mr. Connolly
    - i. Mr. Connolly provided a facility project update on the following projects:

- ii. Lone Tree Gym.
  - iii. NoCo Phase II.
  - iv. Grand Junction Phase I.
  - v. Northern Denver Phase I
- f. CARS Reports. CSI
  - i. Mr. Marks from CSI provided the annual review of schools reports. The reports include measures in Academic Performance, Finance Performance, and Organizational Performance.
- 3. Public Comment – Members of the public may email [Stephen.Gilmartin@ascentcolorado.org](mailto:Stephen.Gilmartin@ascentcolorado.org) by 2:00 pm the day of the meeting to sign up for public comment.

No Public Comments were made.

- 4. Consent Agenda.
  - a. Adopt meeting minutes of the 9/24/2024
  - b. Adopt meeting minutes of the 10/18/2024
    - i. Motion to adopt the consent agenda: Shanfelt, Second: Gillan, Motion passes 5-0
- 5. Business
  - a. Oath of Office: Swearing in of Mrs. Jennifer Warhurst
    - i. Mrs. Warhust publicly
  - b. Policy work
    - i. School Wellness - Grand Junction site-based policy
    - ii. Field Trip Policy
    - iii. Staff Driving Policy
    - iv. CBI Background Check Policy
    - v. Enrollment Policy Amendments - weighted enrollment

Motion to approve the policies as presented: Gilmartin, Second: Shanfelt. Motion passes 6-0
- 6. Adjourn.
  - a. Motion to adjourn at 4:40 by Gilmartin, Second: Shanfelt. Motion carried 6-0

## **Vision**

Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools develop the moral and intellectual skills, habits, and virtues upon which independent, responsible, and joyful lives are built, in the firm belief that such lives are the basis for a free and flourishing republic.

## **Mission**

Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools train the minds and improve the hearts of young people through a classical, content-rich education in the liberal arts and sciences, with instruction in the principles of moral character and civic virtue in an orderly and disciplined environment.