



ASCENT COLORADO CLASSICAL SCHOOLS

Ascent Classical Academy Charter Schools, Inc. Governing Board - Regular Meeting Agenda February 25, 2025

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. Meeting was called to order at: 3:31
- b. Roll Call. Gilmartin, Shanfelt, Williams, Coyne, Warhurst, Gillan
- c. Pledge of Allegiance.
- d. Read Mission/Vision.
- e. Adopt Agenda.
 - i. Motion to amend the agenda: Gilmartin Second: Shanfelt
Motion carried: 6-0
 - ii. Motion to accept the agenda as amended: Gilmartin Second:
Shanfelt Motion carried: 6-0

2. Reports

- a. Finance Report.
 - i. Mr. Scott presented the financial report with a dashboard and summary of the current financials. The projected end-of-the-year financials indicate a year-end of 120 days of cash on hand.
- b. Headmaster Reports.
 - i. Dr. Tacoma presented the school update for Northern Denver. A health inspection took place, the lottery was conducted for enrollment, leadership team attended the school leader conference at Hillsdale. Parent-teacher conferences will take place next week. Hillsdale support team will visit and issue a report by May.
 - ii. Mr. Kramer provided the school update for Northern Colorado. School leadership attended the Hillsdale leadership conference, hiring season is underway, 100% of staff filled out the return form with only 4 who are unable to return. Graduation plans are underway. CLT exam was completed last week.
 - iii. Mr. Jones reported on behalf of Douglas County. Enrollment looks strong with over 1000 students, up a little over last year. Working to finalize the enrollment for budget purposes. Dance and theater production coming soon (March 5,6,7). Looking at about 84% retention of staff rate. Mr. Jones also attended the school leadership conference at Hillsdale.
 - iv. Mrs. Drake provided the Grand Junction report. Enrollment launched on the 19th. GJ is seeing a good response. Mrs. Drake also attended the Hillsdale conference and was happy to meet with the

other network HM's as well as other's with in the Hillsdale schools. Mrs. Drake also attended the Great Hearts leadership conference in AZ. Worked with the community to plan for phase II of the facility expansion. Visit from CSI food authority to review the program at GJ. Lots of hiring in spite of 100% staff indicating they will return next year.

- c. ESP Report.
 - i. Mr. Franko provided the Education Service Provider update related to the work Minga Education Group is providing to ACACS.
- d. Fundraising Report.
 - i. Mr. Scott provided an update on the fundraising report. References for the potential fundraising partner were provided. Mr. Scott will conduct the reference checks.
- e. Facilities Report. Mr. Connolly provided an update on the following sites:
 - i. Lone Tree Gym
 - 1. License agreement was made with Canvas and the plan will be submitted to Lone Tree in March. Looking to break ground on the gym soon.
 - ii. NoCo Phase II
 - 1. Single mod with 2 classrooms.
 - iii. Grand Junction Phase I/II
 - 1. Good meeting with Chamberlin Arch. Successful master planning for other charters and will do the work for GJ's phase II.
 - iv. Northern Denver Phase I
 - 1. - Brighton site was identified. Due diligence will be underway soon for the parcel of land where an offer was made. Close to being under contract.
 - 2. 4 plex modular
- 3. Public Comment – Members of the public may email Stephen.Gilmartin@ascentcolorado.org by 2:00 pm the day of the meeting to sign up for public comment.
- 4. Consent Agenda.
 - a. Adopt meeting minutes of the 01/28/2025 Board Meeting
 - b. Adopt meeting minutes of the 02/12/2025 Board Meeting
 - c. Adopt meeting minutes of the 02/21/2025 Board Meeting
 - i. Motion to approve the consent agenda: Gillan, Second: Coyne
Motion carried.
- 5. Executive Session
 - a. In accordance with C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f), upon affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present, the Board will reconvene in an Executive Session in order to discuss personnel matters.
 - i. Motion to enter into executive session at 4:20 PM: Gilmartin, Second: Gillan. Motion Carried.
 - ii. Motion to exit executive session at 4:38: Gilmartin, Second, Shanfelt, motion carried.
 - b. Board Action to resolve any items as a result of discussion during the executive session.
 - i. Motion to name Ms. Anna Hiatt as the finalist for Headmaster at ACA No CO: Gilmartin, Second, Shanfelt. Motion carried 6-0

6. Business
 - a. Northern Denver Property
 - i. Mr. Scott provided a recap of the property acquisition for the Northern Denver Property. The board discussed the location, both pros and cons. The LOI on the property is submitted but nonbinding.
 - b. Grand Junction, Northern Denver, Northern Colorado Modular Projects
 - i. Motion to authorize Mr. Scott to move forward with executing a contract for the modular purchases upon review with the appropriate Headmasters: Gilmartin, Second: Williams, Motion Carried 6-0.
 - c. Business related to charter waivers.
 - i. Motion to approve the recommendations from Sparks Wilson to be submitted along with current waivers granted to ACADC and ACANC to CSI for approval under the contract renewals: Gilmartin, Second Shanfelt, Motion Carried 6-0
7. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn at 5:09: Gillan, Second Williams, 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.