



ACE Leadership High School
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board
Wednesday, October 22nd, 2025
Agenda

Notice is hereby given that the ACE Governing Board Regular Meeting will begin at 7:30am
The meeting will take place at ACE Leadership HS, 1240 Bellamah Ave. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104
Or virtually on Zoom: Join Zoom Meeting
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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order for Regular Meeting:

- II. Roll Call for Quorum: x
Members Present: Ronda, Jr Tarin, Ronda, Jeff Steele, jeff Debellis, Gabby Romero, Lon Freeman Marissa Hernandez,
Other Attendees: Casey, Dan Hill, Ralph, Casey Mason, Matt Salas

- III. Approval of 10/22/2025 Agenda (Action)
 - a. Motion: ronda
 - b. Second:
 - c. Vote:

- IV. Approval of the 9/23/2025 Governing Board Meeting Minutes (Action)-
 - a. Motion: Marissa
 - b. Second: Ronda
 - c. Vote: Approved

- V. Public Comment: (Three minutes maximum per speaker)

- VI. Finance Report and Approvals (Action) BAR-Salary for Navigator, Maintenance Bar which is a function code transfer, this is for stipends for the summer school interns. 10-T, transfer, similar to maintenance where funds are moved to different codes, in reference to the budget call APS approved. Check Report, selected amazon services voucher packet was reviewed as an internal control. Analytics, starting to spend down grants. We are currently requesting reimbursements. Many one time payments, with the beginning of the year, to get things set up. Spend per student is stable around \$20,000. Function and object, breakdown of where resources are being spent, we are at 70% for instruction. Liquidity is 5 months of cash on hand, quite liquid. The bank account has been reconciled, and has been prepared and reviewed by two people who have signed. We are keeping up with tax obligations. P-Card is in good shape, finance committee reviews in great detail to make sure everything is proper. Journal Entry, we voided a check in the prior fiscal year, since it crossed fiscal year, we had to create a journal entry. WE acknowledge that the Pearson check has been voided.

- a. Vote to approve September, 2025 Voucher Disbursements, Bank Reconciliation and Financial Reports.
 - i. Motion: Ronda
 - ii. Second: Jeff STeele
 - iii. Vote: Approved
- b. Vote to approve BAR
 - i. Motion: JR
 - ii. Second: Emma Curd
 - iii. Vote::Approved
- c. P-card Approval for September 2025 Payment
 - i. Motion: Lon Freeman
 - ii. Second: Marissa
 - iii. Vote: Approved

VII. Foundation Report

VIII. Board Reports

- 1. Chair and Executive Committee-Matt is looking at purchasing equipment, Ralph is looking into having a golf tournament as a way to raise money for work based learning,
- 2. Audit Committee -The Audit has begun, they have done some inquiries and met with finance committee members. We will meet in November, and they are wrapping up some information on the foundation.

IX. Co-Director's Report

- a. Ralph-Team has been working hard on recruiting new students. He has brought a few new students in this past week.
- b. Ralph-Working hard on motivating students and keeping them successful. Seniors are in the place of fluctuation. We have set up meeting with seniors and families to help keep them on track. The property and facilities are where they need to be, the buses are operational. The culture of the school feels good.
- c. Casey-PSAT, Family Meeting, Heavy Equipment Rodeo. Charter Renewal, Clarify if we need a celebration.

X. Items for Board Discussion and Action-

- a. Vote to approve resolution to approve the LPA. The Governing Council reviewed and discussed the proposed **amended lease purchase agreement** for ACE Leadership High School's site. Council members agreed that moving forward with this amendment supports the school's long-term stability and growth.

The Council affirmed that:

- The school site purchase is essential to continue serving more students and to expand ACE's programming. The amended lease terms were reviewed in detail, and it was confirmed that the **monthly lease payments will decrease** under the new agreement. The Council agreed that the amended lease purchase is **in the best interest of ACE Leadership High School** and authorized submission of the agreement to the **New Mexico Public Education Department** as required by **Section 22-26A-4 NMSA 1978**
 - i. Motion: JR Tarin
 - ii. Second: Gabby Romero
 - iii. Vote: Approved

- b. Discussion of Board Members and Term limits-Ten years is a maximum for time on the board. JR wants to have a discussion of the pro and cons of amending our bylaws. Ronda, states when she first started they did not have by-laws. Jeff Steele says he sees both ways, this has been eye opening for him. It takes a while to learn about this how to be a board member on the board. He wonders if there is a way a board member can request to stay on if they are over their term limits. Marissa asks what about the opportunity to look at other candidates when other folks' terms are up. Emma is in support of the conversations we are having. The history and experiences of the board members is invaluable. Jeff Debellis says he can also see both sides. WE have an engaged board right now, but the terms might help keep folks engaged. Do we have a cap on the number of board members? Dan says you can have folks join committees but not be board members.

- c. Board Training Hours-the board would like to do some trainings during the meeting. He can do the trainings and we can record it.

XI. Student Share Out-heavy equipment rodeo vlog.

XII. Items for future agenda

- a. Student Share Out-We will have student share out in December
- b. APS Charter Contract

XIII. Next Regular Meeting, November 26th , 2025 at 7:30am

XIV. Adjournment:

- a. Motion: Gabby Romero
- b. Second: Jeff Steele
- c. Vote: Approved