



ACE Leadership High School
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board
Wednesday, March 25th, 2026
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
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87060652969?pwd=uyVNdIA1PmXb08SEEyca1uzvX41Mb6.1>

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AGENDA

- I.** Call to Order for Regular Meeting: 7:34 AM

- II.** Roll Call for Quorum:
 - Members Present: JR Tarin, Dan Erickson, Jeff Steele, Marissa Hernandez, Gabby Romero, Jeff Debilis, Emma Curd, Lon Freeman
 - Members Not Present: Ronda Gilliland-Lopez
 - Other Attendees: Casey Mason, Ralph Gonzalez, Matt Salas, Angie Lerner, Dan Hill

- III.** Approval of Agenda-Amend dates for Governing Board Minutes
 - a. Motion: Lon Freeman
 - b. Second: Jeff Steele
 - c. Vote: Passed unanimously

- IV.** Approval of the Governing Board February 18th Meeting Minutes (Action)
 - a. Motion: Emma Curd
 - b. Second: Dan Erickson
 - c. Vote: Passed unanimously

- V.** Public Comment: (Three minutes maximum per speaker) — No public comment

- VI.** Finance Report and Approvals (Action):

The Board reviewed the February 2026 financial reports. The school remains in a strong financial position with stable spending and sound internal controls. Key highlights:

 - a. BAR: Increase of \$10,362 in SB9 state match funds; total capital outlay software funding now \$20,362
 - b. Internal Controls: Sample review of a \$630 voucher confirmed proper documentation
 - c. Spending aligned with prior years, grant funds and capital outlay appropriately managed
 - d. Per-Pupil Spending: Approximately \$20,000 per student
 - e. Liquidity: ~5.25 months cash on hand; \$2.7M assets, \$116K liabilities
 - f. Bank Reconciliation verified with no discrepancies, current on all tax obligations
 - g. P-Card expenditures appropriate and documented, strong ongoing Finance Committee oversight

- h. Vote to approve February 2026 Voucher Disbursements, Bank Reconciliation and Financial Reports
 - i. Motion: JR Tarin
 - ii. Second: Jeff Steele
 - iii. Vote: Passed unanimously
- i. Vote to approve BARs
 - i. Motion: Jeff Steele
 - ii. Second: Gabby Romero
 - iii. Vote: Passed unanimously
- j. P-card Approval for February 2026
 - i. Motion: Lon Freeman
 - ii. Second: Emma Curd
 - iii. Vote: Passed unanimously

VII. Board Reports

- a. Executive Committee: Focused on charter contract and staffing policy
- b. Finance Committee: Recruitment discussed
- c. Lon invites all board members to attend the finance committee

VIII. Director's Report

- a. **Academics & Testing:** 86 students scheduled; majority completed. Graduation rate increased from 47% to 82%.
- b. **State Status:** Transition to MRI designation; additional requirements forthcoming.
- c. **Enrollment & Recruitment:** Strong enrollment; recruitment events expanding.
- d. **Programs:** SkillsUSA participation with strong outcomes.
- e. **Grants:** \$1.7M in grant applications submitted.
- f. **Facilities:** Two portables added; expansion planning underway.

IX. Items for Board Discussion and Action

- a. Motion to Approve the ACE Leadership 2026-2027 Hard to Hire Policy
 - i. Motion: Dan Erickson
 - ii. Second: Marissa Hernandez
 - iii. Vote: Passed unanimously
- b. Motion to Approve the ACE Leadership Charter Contract with APS
 - i. Motion: Jeff Steele
 - ii. Second: Jeff Debellis
 - iii. Vote: Passed unanimously
- c. Board Training Hours

X. Student/Staff Presentation- Deferred

XI. Items for future agenda

- a. Student Presentation
- b. Board Training Hours
- c. 2026-2027 Budget Packet

d. MRI Graduation Rate-Redesign

XII. Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, *April 29th*, 7:30am

XIII. Adjournment:

a. Motion: Approved

b. Second:

c. Vote: Passed unanimously