



**ACE Leadership High School
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board
August 25th, 2021**

MINUTES

- I.** Call to Order for Regular Meeting:
- II.** Roll Call for Quorum:
Members Present: Ronda Gilliland-Lopez, JR Tarin, Lon Freeman, Amy Ballard, Jacqueline Schlessinger (by Zoom)
Members Not Present: Courtenay Eichhorst, Tony Kocurek
Other Attendees: Angie Lerner (Zoom), Dan Hill (Counsel), Ralph Gonzalez (ACE), Justin Trager (ACE), Matt Salas (ACE)
- III.** Approval of Agenda (Action)
- Motion: JR Tarin
 - Second: Lon Freeman
 - Vote: Unanimously approved
- IV.** Approval of the July 28th Governing Board Meeting Minutes (Action)
- Motion: Ronda Gilliland-Lopez
 - Second: JR Tarin
 - Vote: Unanimously approved
- V.** Public Comment: Presentations by ACE students and instructor (Ruby, Adrian [students], Brad Humble, instructor).
- New Mexico Solar Energy Association solar trailer project
 - Plan reading, tools, applied math and safety being taught
- VI.** Finance Report and Approvals (Action)
- Lon Freeman presented the financial report.
- He stated that we should keep an eye on per/student expenditure.
 - 8.3 months of liquidity currently.
 - Taxes and tax liabilities paid.
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- Justin stated that some current funding (e.g., small school funding, Cares Act) may not exist in the future, so having a cushion is good.
 - Ronda asked whether funds be put in bonds, CD's or other instruments? Question for Finance Committee. Angie Lerner thinks not.



- Vote to approve July 2021 Voucher Disbursements, Bank Reconciliation and Financial Reports
 - Motion: Amy Ballard
 - Second: JR Tarin
 - Vote: Unanimously approved
- No July 2021 BARs

VII. Board Reports

- Chair and Executive Committee
 - Board Retreat
 - October 6, 2021 at SMACNA/MCA, 8:00-12:00
 - Will function as monthly meeting except for financials. Will have 15-minute meeting on regular date (Oct. 27th) to review financials only.
 - Ronda and Justin will meet with Emmett to plan agenda.
 - Calendar of Events
 - What types of events?
 - Who will attend?
 - Volunteer opportunities
 - Outreach
 - Matt Salas (ACE) will work with us on this
- Audit Committee
 - No Audit Committee report this month

VIII. ACE Foundation Report (We will have a report at the ~~October~~ September Board Meeting)

IX. Co-Director's Report

- Ralph Gonzalez
 - COVID: 2 cases, both managed appropriately.
 - ACE conducts surveillance testing on campus.
 - Student Academic Success Plans created to monitor student progress.
 - Hired Ivan Winchell as Industry Liaison, Student Engagement.
 - Facilities on track to support future growth.
- Justin Trager
 - In the case of a COVID case campus required to close down for 24 hours for disinfection of building.



- Working on plans for continuing classes in case of campus shutdown.
- Enrollment up to 190 students (currently ~177).
- Jasmine Casias new Community Engagement Coordinator hired.
- Le Tat new Evening Project Teacher hired.
- Still seeking some other positions.
- AGC/YDI pre-apprenticeship program starting with 8-10 students, JR Tarin hired by AGC as their instructor.
- Microcredentialing project continuing, will keep Board posted.
- Justin and Ronda working on annual letter to industry, newsletter to update on ACE activities.
- Ronda inquired whether opening enrollment to Middle School students is a possibility.

X. Items for Board Discussion and Action

XI. Items for future agenda

- Add agenda placeholder for School presentations at future Board meetings (after Public Comment)
- Shawn Calvert will present on behalf of Foundation September Board meeting
- Dan and Justin will work on developing calendar for addressing by-law findings on a regular basis at Board meetings.

XII. Board Training, Ethics (Dan Hill)

- All About Audits

XIII. Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, September 22nd, 7:30am

XIV. Adjournment:

- Motion: Amy Ballard
- Second: Lon Freeman
- Vote: Unanimously approved