ARIZONA AUTISM
CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.

Meeting of the Board of Directors of ARIZONA AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.
Board Meeting

Meeting Thursday, July 24th, 2025
1414 E. Indian School Rd. Suite 200, Phoenix AZ 85014

-- Draft MINUTES ---

Board Members Present:
- Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, via virtual link
- Keisha McKinnor, via virtual link
- Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, via virtual link
- Matt Simon, via virtual link
- Ross Meyer, via virtual link

Board Members Absent:
- Lorenzo Romero
- Monica Alvarez

Others Present:
- Ron Harrison, AZACS Co-Founder & Interim CEO
- Paul Pucino, AZACS CFO
- Myla Goyne, AZACS Chief of Schools
- Claire Piper, AZACS Senior Director of ABA and Data
- Annie Loftis, Director of Compliance & Strategic Initiatives
- Claudina Douglas, ADI

General Matters:
A quorum was determined to be present on the virtual Zoom link. Matt Simon called the meeting to order at approximately 5:03 p.m. Matt Simon called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Ross Meyer seconded the motion. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, Matt Simon, Ross Meyer, all approved the agenda, and the motion passed.

Public Comment:
Matt Simon asked if any members of the public were present for comment on the Zoom virtual link or in person. There were no members of the public in person or on the virtual link.

Meeting Minutes:
Matt moved to the next portion of the board meeting, which was the minutes. He asked if the board had reviewed the minutes from the June 26th, 2025, board meeting. The board members indicated that they had and that there were no questions or comments. Matt asked for a motion to approve the minutes.
Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Ross Meyer made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, Matt Simon, Ross Meyer, all approved the minutes, and the motion passed.

Financials:

Matt then moved to the next portion of the meeting, which was the financials. He turned the meeting over to Paul Pucino, where Paul explained that he would be presenting the FY25 full-year preliminary results and that during the August board meeting, he would present the FY25 results after a full close had been performed. Paul stated that he did not anticipate any significant variances between the preliminary and post-close results.

AZACS' revenue was coming in at approximately $35.1 million. Expenses totaled approximately $30.7 million, while income was around $4.4 million. Cash on hand was $7.9 million. ADM was 936.

As of July 1, 2024, the cash had a $6.2 million beginning balance. Year-to-date, there was an increase in cash of about $1.7 million, resulting in a balance at June 30, 2025, of $7.9 million. The day's cash on hand was approximately 94.18, and the debt service coverage ratio was coming in at approximately 5.65x, both exceeding the bond covenant minimum requirements.

Paul asked if there were any questions, and there were none. There was no action needed for the financials.

ASBCS Data Results:

Matt then moved to the next portion of the meeting, which was the ASBCS data results. He handed the meeting over to Claire Piper.

Claire explained that the ADE survey was the highest at 97% satisfaction rate.

For student achievement goals, all campuses met or exceeded their engagement goals.

For the academic program goals, the i-Ready test for both ELA and math, all campuses met their goals.

For Peak goals, ELA and math, all campuses exceeded or met their goals.

For the online functional academic program, ULS is being piloted as the method.

For AOI elementary, they met their goals. For the AOI upper campus, they exceeded their goals.

For the My Path Test for ELA and math, all campuses met their goals.

For a post-secondary, pre-FTS, all Phoenix, Tucson, and AOI met or exceeded their goals.

Claire asked if there were any questions, and there were none. There were no action items for this agenda item.

Claire also mentioned that AZACS won the dated driven excellence award at the game recently.

<u>High School Course Catalog:</u>
Matt then moved to the next portion of the meeting, which was the high school course catalog. He turned the meeting over to Myla Goyne.

Myla shared information regarding additional sections added regarding policies, credits, graduation requirements, dual enrollment, credit recovery, grading scale, and GPA.

Matt shared with Myla about the cost of dual enrollment and ULC. He said that he would share the details with her.

Myla asked if there were any questions, and there were none.

Matt asked for a motion to approve the High School Course Catalog.
Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a first, and Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, Matt Simon, Ross Meyer, all approved the High School Course Catalog, and the motion passed.

<u>In-Person Family Handbook:</u>

Matt then moved to the next section of the agenda, which is the in-person family handbook.

Matt from the meeting over Myla, Annie, and Claire. Myla shared that there were a number of additions to the in-person family handbook.

Myla shared that the communication log is a new daily communication method used by the school to communicate with families.

Annie then shared the update to the nutrition and food standards with HB 2164, requiring schools to no longer serve foods with a number of different artificial dyes and other additives.

Annie went on to explain some slight edits made to the uniform policy and where to purchase school uniforms since the closing of Dennis Uniform.

Myla shared an update to the expanded section of FERPA. She also went on to explain the cell phone and smart device policy. That has been updated for all public schools. And some assessment requirements have been updated in the handbook.

Claire went on to explain the added discipline matrix.

Myla asked if there were any questions, and there were none.

Matt asked for a motion to approve the In-Person Handbook.
Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a first, and Ross Meyer made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, Matt Simon, Ross Meyer, all approved the In-Person Handbook, and the motion passed.

<u>Announcements</u>:

Matt moved on to the next section of the agenda, which was announcements.

Myla asked for a board member to assist with the CTE grant. AZACS has been approved to receive $ 4,000 to develop the CTE program. Matt Simon volunteered.

Annie then noted that the summer program focus group will begin in the fall of 2025.

Annie also reminded that there were still a couple of board members who needed to complete their mandatory reporting paperwork, and she would work with them to ensure it was complete.

Since there were no other agenda items, Matt moved to the adjournment section.

<u>Adjournment</u>:

Matt requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Ross Meyer made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, Matt Simon, Ross Meyer, all approved adjourning the meeting, and the meeting ended at 6:00 pm.