



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

**Meeting Thursday, November 20th, 2025**  
1414 E. Indian School Rd. Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85014

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Board Members Present:

Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, via virtual link  
Keisha McKinnor, via virtual link  
Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, via virtual link  
Ross Meyer, via virtual link  
Monica Alvarez, via virtual link  
Matt Simon, via virtual link

Board Members Absent:

Lorenzo Romero

Others Present:

Ron Harrison, AZACS Co-Founder & Interim CEO  
Claire Piper, Senior Director of ABA and Data  
Annie Loftis, Director of Compliance & Strategic Initiatives  
Paul Pucino, CFO  
Myla Goyne, Chief of Schools  
Hannah Moody, ADI  
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 5:01 p.m. Matt Simon called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Monica Alvarez made a first, and Ross Meyer made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, Ross Meyer, Monica Alvarez, Matt Simon 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 October 30th, 2025, 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 Monica Alvarez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, Ross Meyer, Monica Alvarez, Matt Simon 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. AZACS' revenue exceeded plan by \$250,000 for the period of July through October. Expenses were below plan by \$676,000 during the period. This was because of lower salaries and benefits, expenses, lower facilities, expenses, lower supply, expenses, lower utilities, repair and maintenance costs, and higher professional fees. Staffing was above plan at 485 versus 479 budgeted. Enrollment was at plan at 1,066. Cash generated was approximately \$1.7 million. Ending cash balance of \$9.7 million versus a budgeted plan of \$9.5 million. The bond covenant forecast comfortably exceeds minimum requirements.

Paul also updated the board on the status of the Employee Retention Credit appeal. Our scheduled appeal on November 4 was postponed due to the government shutdown, The hearing has been rescheduled for December 16, 2025.

Matt asked if there were any questions, and there were none. Matt asked for a motion to approve the financials. Monica Alvarez made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, Ross Meyer, Monica Alvarez, and Matt Simon approved the financials, and the motion passed.

### Parent Survey:

Matt then moved to the next portion of the meeting, the parent survey. He turned the meeting over to Claire Piper, who shared that 85% of parents participated in the Quarter One Parent Survey across all campuses. Parent-teacher conference satisfaction overall was high for those who attended. The average satisfaction for conferences was 94%. Satisfaction with communication logs overall was 80%. Newsletter satisfaction overall was approximately 88%. Teacher responsiveness satisfaction was 93%. Students' happiness at AZACS came in at 93%. Instructional program satisfaction overall came in at 93%. 34% of families expressed interest in an AZACS summer program with 35% not interested 31% unsure. Matt asked if there were any questions, and there were none. No action was needed.

### Charter School Growth Fund Visit:

Matt then moved to the next portion of the meeting, which is the Charter School Growth Fund visit. He turned the meeting over to Ron Harrison. Ron shared that Charter School Growth Fund has been working with AZACS to expand campuses due to the popular demand AZACS' services and programming. The Charter School Growth Fund staff visited and toured the main

campus, which went very well. More meetings have been scheduled, and a presentation will be in February with an announcement of next steps in March of 2026. Ron asked if there were any questions, and there were none.

#### East Valley Update:

Matt then moved to the next portion of the meeting, which was the East Valley campus update. Matt turned the meeting over to Ron Harrison, where Ron shared that the East Valley campus has been approved for expansion and that AZACS is currently looking for a campus to open in the fall of 2026. There is one very promising location. Ron asked if there were any questions, and there were none.

#### Announcements:

Matt moved to the next portion of the board meeting, which was announcements, and he turned the meeting over to Annie Loftis.

Annie shared that the Canyon to Cactus fundraiser has brought in approximately \$4254 and was an exciting and fun event to see Aneurin Minson run and bike across the state of Arizona to raise funds for AZACS' physical activity programs.

Annie then shared that the December board meeting falls on Christmas. The proposal would be the week before December 18, 2025. It was established that there would be a quorum, and the board meeting was moved from December 25, 2025, to December 18, 2025.

#### Adjournment:

Since there were no other agenda items, Matt moved to the adjournment section of the board meeting. Matt asked for a motion to adjourn the board meeting. Monica Alvarez made a first, and Ross Meyer made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, Ross Meyer, Monica Alvarez, and Matt Simon approved adjourning the meeting, and the board meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM.