



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

Meeting July 30th, 2026

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

Matt Simon, via virtual link

Lorenzo Romero, via virtual link

Ross Meyer, via virtual link

Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, via virtual link

Monica Alvarez, via virtual link

Board Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Ron Harrison, CEO

Paul Pucino, CFO

Dan McCary, COO

Myla Goyne, Chief of Schools

Patrick Masson, Assistant Chief of Schools

Annie Loftis, Director of Compliance

Hannah Moody, ADI

General Matters:

A quorum was determined to be present on the virtual Zoom link. Lorenzo Romero called the meeting to order at approximately 5:02 p.m. Lorenzo Romero called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Monica Alvarez made a first motion, and Keisha McKinnor seconded the motion. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Ross Meyer,

Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Monica Alvarez all approved the agenda, and the motion passed.

Public Comment:

Lorenzo Romero asked if any members of the public were present for comment on the Zoom virtual link or in person. No members of the public were present, either in person or on Zoom.

Minutes:

Lorenzo then moved to the next portion of the board meeting, which were the minutes. Lorenzo asked if the board had reviewed the minutes from June 25, 2026 and July 10, 2026. All board members said they had.

Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the June 25, 2026 minutes. Ross Meyer made a first and Monica Alvarez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Ross Meyer, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Monica Alvarez all approved the minutes, and the motion passed.

Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the July 10, 2026 minutes. Monica Alvarez made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Ross Meyer, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Monica Alvarez all approved the minutes, and the motion passed.

Financials:

Lorenzo turned the meeting over to Paul to present the Preliminary FY26 Financial Statements. Paul shared that revenue was over by about \$1M, with expenses below plan by about \$200K. Staffing was below plan at June 30, 2026, at 476. Net income was about \$4.7M for the fiscal year. Cash generated was about \$3.8M, and the ending cash balance was \$11.7M. AZACS' bond covenants are exceeding minimum requirements.

Since there were no further questions, Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the preliminary fiscal year 26 financial statements. Monica Alvarez made a first and Keisha McKinnor made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Ross Meyer, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Monica Alvarez all approved the financials, and the motion passed.

Instructional Time Model:

Lorenzo moved on to the next portion of the agenda, the instructional time model. He turned the meeting over to Patrick Masson.

Patrick explained that families can opt into this program if it is a good fit for their child's education and they can commit to the program's expectations. Flex Wednesday provides alternative learning opportunities for our students outside the traditional school setting. Flex

Wednesdays align with legislation that allows charters to implement Flexible Seat Time or Instructional Time Models (ITM). This legislation allows schools to provide alternative learning at home or in the community and count that as attendance at school. The instructional time model can help accommodate some of our students' schedules who need additional flexibility during the week to attend outside therapies. The work is to be completed no later than Sunday evening and to be submitted to the student's teacher. The student will be marked as present when they turn that assignment in.

The revision encompasses the removal of the hybrid program and the inclusion of this option for all our onsite schools.

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

Lorenzo then asked for a motion to approve the instructional time model. Monica Alvarez made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Ross Meyer, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Monica Alvarez all approved the Instructional Time Model, and the motion passed.

Local Wellness Policy:

Lorenzo then moved to the next portion of the agenda, which was the local wellness policy. He turned the meeting over to Dan McCarty, who shared that the policy encompasses four areas: nutritious meals, physical activity, healthy food, and educational engagement. Ross Meyer had some questions about the requirement for Arizona public schools that receive funding for free and reduced lunch, and the Healthy Schools Act. After some back-and-forth discussion about the requirements to adhere to the Healthy Schools Act and how the school will enact this, it was decided that the local wellness policy will be discussed at the following board meeting after more supplemental materials will be provided to the board.

There was no vote.

Emergency Operations Plans:

Lorenzo then moved to the next portion of the agenda, which was the Emergency Operations Plan. He turned the meeting over to Dan McCarty, who shared the Emergency Operations Plan. Dan shared that the EOPs were all the same except for the addition of the I Love You Guys program.

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

Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the Emergency Operations Plans for school year 26–27. Ross Meyer made a first and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Ross Meyer, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Monica Alvarez all approved the Emergency Operations Plans for all campuses, and the motion passed.

Logic Models:

Lorenzo moved to the next portion of the meeting, which was logic models. He turned the meeting over to Myla Goyne, who shared logic models for the Peoria campus, Tucson Elementary campus, Tucson Upper campus, and Mesa Elementary campus. Myla shared that AZCSP logic models are visual roadmaps showing how grant-funded resources and activities will lead to measurable outcomes and project goals. It helps demonstrate how the proposed work will support the successful implementation, expansion, or replication of a high-quality charter school. For the Peoria Elementary Campus for the 26-27 school year, Myla shared that AZACS will also be applying for the expansion of the Peoria Upper Campus. This logic model focuses on expanding the leadership team and cross-training leaders. For the Tucson Elementary Campus logic model, Myla shared that there was the addition of 3rd grade for the 26-27 school year and 4th and 5th in subsequent years. This focus was meeting goals and AZACS standards. For the Tucson Upper Campus logic model, Myla shared that the focus is to expand enrollment, STEAM, CTE, and workforce readiness build-out. For the Mesa Elementary Campus logic model, Myla shared that this is the new campus, so the focus will be on hiring, training, curriculum, and behavior expectations. She also shared that the ASBCS goals are being met.

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

Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the logic model for the Peoria campus. Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a first, and Kerrie Mallory Thompson made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Ross Meyer, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Monica Alvarez all approved the logic model, and the motion passed.

Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the logic model for the Tucson Elementary Campus. Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a first, and Kerrie Mallory Thompson made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Ross Meyer, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Monica Alvarez all approved the logic model, and the motion passed.

Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the logic model for the Tucson Upper Campus. Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a first, and Kerrie Mallory Thompson made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Ross Meyer, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Monica Alvarez all approved the logic model, and the motion passed.

Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the logic model for the Mesa Elementary Campus. Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a first, and Kerrie Mallory Thompson made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Ross Meyer, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Monica Alvarez all approved the logic model, and the motion passed.

Central Phoenix, Glendale, and Peoria Upper Campus Schools:

Lorenzo then moved to the next portion of the agenda, which was the Central Phoenix, Glendale, and Peoria Upper Campus schools. He turned the meeting over to Ron Harrison, who shared that we are expanding the network to help engage those on the interest list.

Ron shared that there will be three updates to AZACS campuses.

One will be the Central Phoenix Elementary Campus, and its new location at 5050 N. 19th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85015. This will allow the Central Phoenix Elementary Campus to expand its enrollment.

Ron also shared that a new Glendale Elementary Campus is proposed. That would be located at 5891 W. Eugie Ave., Glendale, AZ 85304.

Ron lastly shared that the Peoria Upper Campus will be created to allow expansion and will be located at 17667 N. 91st Ave., Peoria, AZ 85382.

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

Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the Central Phoenix Elementary Campus. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first and Ross Meyer made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Ross Meyer, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Monica Alvarez all approved the campus, and the motion passed.

Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the Glendale Elementary Campus. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first and Ross Meyer made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Ross Meyer, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Monica Alvarez all approved the campus, and the motion passed.

Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the Peoria Upper Campus. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Ross Meyer, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Monica Alvarez all approved the campus, and the motion passed.

Announcements:

Lorenzo then moved to the announcement section of the board meeting. He turned the meeting over to Ron Harrison, who shared that the Tucson Upper Campus just held their ribbon-cutting. It was a great success. He then invited the board to attend the Arizona Autism Family Medicine ribbon-cutting on August 11, 2026. Ron passed the meeting over to Myla Goyne. Myla then shared some campus updates. Myla shared that about 75 staff members were trained through the I Love You Guys program and that back-to-school is next week. She also shared that AZACS hired a new Director of Talent Management, Matilda Rojas. She also shared that AZACS and JTed, through their partnership, had received an honor and recognition through the Arizona CTE curriculum consortium.

Adjournment:

Lorenzo then moved to the adjournment section of the board meeting. He asked for a motion to adjourn the board meeting at 6:23 PM. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first and Ross Meyer made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Ross Meyer, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Monica Alvarez all approved adjourning, and the motion passed.