



Governing Board Committee Agenda

July 24th, 2025

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When: July 24th, 2025 at 5:00 pm. MST
Where: 1414 E Indian School Rd. Suite 200, Phoenix 85014

Zoom Meeting:
<https://zoom.us/j/5334224859?pwd=7BcdPbbZYKhxPygHug8qY7VLgS9jVM.1>

Meeting ID: 533 422 4859 Passcode: 255903

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General Matters

- Call to Order
- Roll call to determine quorum
- Approval of agenda

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Board Meeting Minutes:

- **Review and take action:** June 26th, 2025 Minutes

Financials:

- **Review:** Preliminary FY25 Financial Results

ASBCS Data Results:

- **Review:** ASBCS Data Results

High School Course Catalog:

- **Review and take action:** Course Catalog for High School

In-Person Family Handbook:

- **Review and Take action:** 25-26 Family Handbook

Announcements:

- Board Member to Assist with CTE Grant
- Summer Program Focus Group Fall 2025
- Board Members as Mandatory Reporters

Adjournment:



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

----- 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

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, and 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, who 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 data-driven excellence award at the game recently.

High School Course Catalog:

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.

In-Person Family Handbook:

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.

Announcements:

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.

Adjournment:

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.



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August 28th, 2025

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Board Meeting Minutes:

- **Review and take action:** July 24th, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Financials:

- **Review and take action:** FY25 Financial Statements
- **Review and take action:** July 2025 Financial Statements

Emergency Operation Plans:

- **Review and Take action:** EOP for all campuses

Internet Safety Policy:

- **Review and Take action:** 2025-2026 Internet Safety Policy
- **Review and Take action:** 2025-2026 Staff Internet and Technology Policy

AZACS In-Person and Online School Handbooks:

- **Review and Take action:** Updated In-Person Handbook regarding GPS Devices, Attendance, and Hazing
- **Review and Take action:** Updated AOI Handbook

Monica Alvarez: Treasurer Vote:

- **Review and Take action:** To consider Monica Alvarez as AZACS Board Treasurer

Announcements:

- Yes Day for Autism at Tempe Beach Park on October 26th from 9-12
- AZACS Dance for Autism Gala: Gatsby Nights
- Special Board Meetings: Revised Budget on September 11th, 12th, or 13th and the AFR on October 14th or 15th

Adjournment:

Posted: August 27th @ 5:00 p.m. on website and at 4125 N. 14th Street, Phoenix, 85014



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Ross Meyer, via virtual link
Lorenzo Romero, via virtual link
Monica Alvarez, via virtual link

Board Members Absent:

Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez

Others Present:

Ron Harrison, AZACS Co-Founder & Interim CEO
Paul Pucino, AZACS CFO
Dan McCarty, COO
Myla Goyne, AZACS Chief of Schools
Annie Loftis, Director of Compliance & Strategic Initiatives
Claudina Douglas, ADI
Hannah Moody, ADI
Alexa Shiplett, AZACS

General Matters:

A quorum was determined to be present on the virtual Zoom link. Lorenzo Romero called the meeting to order at approximately 5:06 p.m. Lorenzo Romero called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Matt Simon made a first, and Monica Alvarez seconded the motion. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Ross Meyer, Lorenzo Romero, 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. Alexa Shiplett was present to observe. There were no other members of the public in person or on the virtual link.

Meeting Minutes:

Lorenzo Romero moved to the next portion of the board meeting, which was the minutes. He asked if the board had reviewed the minutes from the July 24th, 2025, board meeting. The board members indicated that they had and that there were no questions or comments. Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Monica Alvarez made a first, and Ross Meyer made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Ross Meyer, Lorenzo Romero, and Monica Alvarez all approved the minutes, and the motion passed.

Financials:

Paul also reviewed the Pre-audit FY25 financial statements versus the Preliminary FY25 results that were previously presented to the board. Paul explained that the difference between the two sets of numbers is that the Preliminary results did not include some of the year end accruals that were made subsequent to the last board meeting. This is the standard procedure that takes place each year. Pre-audit revenues increased from \$35.2 million to approximately \$35.7 million. Expenses increased from \$30.7 million to \$30.8 million and net income increased from \$4.4 million to \$4.8 million. Bond covenants remained above the minimum requirements with Days Cash on Hand coming in at 93.94 versus the preliminary number of 94.18 and Debt Service Coverage increasing from 5.65 to 5.96.

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

Lorenzo Romero then moved to the next portion of the meeting, which was a review of the YTD July financials. He turned the meeting over to Paul Pucino, where Paul explained the following: AZACS' revenue is below plan by \$158K due to local and federal impacts. For local, lease agreement modifications have impacted the revenue, and for federal, the timing of grant payments has impacted the revenue. AZACS expenses are below plan by \$124K with lower personnel expenses due to current staffing levels, lower supply expenses, and lower repair and maintenance costs. AZACS' staffing is below plan at 444 vs. 464 budget. AZACS' enrollment is above plan at 1,072 vs. 1,066 budget. AZACS' net Income is coming in at approximately \$690K with cash generated: \$1.32M and an ending cash balance of \$9.25M. AZACS' bond covenant forecast comfortably exceeds minimum requirements.

Lorenzo Romero asked for a motion to approve the FY25 Financial Statements. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, Keisha McKinnor made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Ross Meyer, Lorenzo Romero, and Monica Alvarez all approved the FY25 Financial Statements, and the motion passed.

Lorenzo Romero asked for a motion to approve the July 2025 Financial Statements. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, Keisha McKinnor made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Ross Meyer, Lorenzo Romero, and Monica Alvarez all approved the July 2025 Financial Statements, and the motion passed.

Emergency Operations Plan:

Lorenzo Romero then moved to the next portion of the meeting, which was the EOPs. He handed the meeting over to Dan McCarty.

Dan explained that the emergency and safety practices and procedures for all campuses remain the same as last year. These updates to be reviewed by the board are due to some guidance from ADE. The points of contact for each campus have been updated and reflected in the EOPs the board received via email yesterday. Dan also explained that each campus has specific safety plans and protocols.

After the presentation, Lorenzo Romero asked for a motion to approve all the campus EOPs. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made and first, and Keisha McKinnor made the second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Ross Meyer, Lorenzo Romero, and Monica Alvarez all approved the EOPs, and the motion passed.

Dan McCarty then continued with his topic of AZACS's 25-26 Internet Safety Policy.

Dan shared that the school's protocols and the E-RATE grant required AZACS to train students and staff on internet safety. He shared that numerous protocols and filters are applied to a vast number of websites to protect the school, staff, and students. Dan shared that the school was up to date with internet safety protocols and was prepared to manage incidents if they were to arise.

After the presentation, Lorenzo Romero asked for a motion to approve the 25-26 Internet Safety Policy. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made and first, and Keisha McKinnor made the second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Ross Meyer, Lorenzo Romero, and Monica Alvarez all approved the 25-26 Internet Safety Policy, and the motion passed.

Dan then moved to the 25-26 Staff Internet and Technology Policy.

Dan explained that all staff sign this policy, stating that AZACS will monitor all activity on our WIFI and AZACS-owned devices. This will monitor online activity on AZACS technology and access points.

After the presentation, Lorenzo Romero asked for a motion to approve the 25-26 Staff Internet and Technology Policy. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made and first, and Keisha McKinnor made the second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Ross Meyer, Lorenzo Romero, and Monica Alvarez all approved the 25-26 Staff Internet and Technology Policy, and the motion passed.

AZACS In-Person and Online Handbooks:

Lorenzo Romero then moved to the next agenda item, the AZACS In-Person and Online Handbooks. Lorenzo turned the meeting over to Myla Goynes.

Myla explained that the handbooks were the same as last year, except for some clarifications. She stated that the in-person handbook required clarification for related service providers, such as OT, Speech, and PT providers visiting the schools. There was also additional clarification regarding the use of GPS tracking, stating that devices are allowed to be with the student on campus, but cannot have the listening feature. The tracking device, Angel-sense, has been very collaborative in this updated policy. Additionally, the general behavioral expectations are detailed in the updated discipline matrix within the handbook; however, some instances may not be covered in the matrix. The definition of hazing has been added, clarified, and steps outlined in the handbook. Due process was also updated in the handbook to help familiarize families and staff with the policy and investigation procedures. Language was also updated regarding expulsion and suspension.

After the presentation, Lorenzo Romero asked for a motion to approve the updates to the In-Person Handbook. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Keisha McKinnor made the second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Ross Meyer, Lorenzo Romero, and Monica Alvarez all approved the In-Person Handbook updates, and the motion passed.

Lorenzo Romero asked for a motion to approve the updates to the Online Handbook. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Keisha McKinnor made the second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Ross Meyer, Lorenzo Romero, and Monica Alvarez all approved the Online Handbook updates, and the motion passed.

Monica Alvarez: Treasurer Vote

Lorenzo Romero then moved to the next portion of the meeting, which was to vote for Monica Alvarez as the AZACS Board Treasurer. Lorenzo Romero turned it over to Ron Harrison, who shared that now that Monica is an AZACS Board Member, we would like the board to consider her for the position of Treasurer. Monica's resume was shared in past board meetings, and she was previously nominated. Monica Alvarez said a few words about her background and expertise in the finance sector.

Lorenzo Romero asked for a motion to approve Monica Alvarez as the AZACS Board Treasurer. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Keisha McKinnor made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, and Ross Meyer all approved Monica Alvarez as the Board Treasurer, and the motion passed. Lorenzo Romero and Monica Alvarez recused themselves from the vote.

Announcements:

Lorenzo Romero moved on to the next section of the agenda, which was announcements. He turned the meeting over to Annie Loftis.

Annie shared that Yes Day is coming to Tember Beach Park on October 26th, and all are welcome to join. She also announced that the 2026 Gala theme is Gatsby Nights. And that two special board meetings will be scheduled for September 12th and October 14th, both at 3 pm.

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

Adjournment:

Lorenzo Romero requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Monica Alvarez made a first, and Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Ross Meyer, Lorenzo Romero, and Monica Alvarez all approved the motion to adjourn the meeting, and the meeting ended at 6:19 pm.



Governing Board Committee Agenda

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Financials:

- **Review and take action:** Revised FY26 Budget

Announcements:

- Yes Day for Autism at Tempe Beach Park on October 26th from 9-12
- Summer Program Committee will meet on October 9th from 1-2pm

Adjournment:

Posted: September 11th @ 3:00 p.m. on website and at 4125 N. 14th Street, Phoenix, 85014

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

Meeting Friday, September 12th, 2025

1414 E. Indian School Rd. Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85014

----- MINUTES -----

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Lorenzo Romeo

Others Present:

Ron Harrison, interim CEO
Paul Pucino, CFO
Hannah Moody, ADI
Annie Loftis, Executive Liaison and Director of Compliance
Alexa Shiplett, AZACS

General Matters:

A quorum was determined to be present on the virtual Zoom link. Matt Simon called the meeting to order at approximately 3:02pm. Matt Simon called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ross Meyer made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez seconded the motion. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Elizabeth Simonhoff Perez, Ross Meyer, and Monica Alvarez 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. Alexa Shiplett from AZACS was present and was observing on Zoom. No other members of the public were either in person or on Zoom.

Financials:

Matt Simon moved to the financial portion of the meeting and turned the meeting over to Paul Pucino, who shared the following information about the changes from the adopted budget:

AZACS enrollment increased from 1,066 to 1,068, with staffing also increasing from 464 to 473. AZACS revenue increased by \$650K, primarily due to AZ Equalization, which increased due to the higher enrollment. AZACS' operating expenses increased by \$1.5M due to increased staffing, increased insurance & marketing, and grant-related expenses. AZACS' cash generated is approximately \$530K with an ending cash balance that increased from \$7.7M to \$8.46M. AZACS' bond covenants remain comfortably above the minimum requirements after including all changes from the adopted budget.

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

Announcements:

Matt Simon moved to the announcement portion of the meeting and turned the meeting over to Annie, who shared the following:

Yes Day: That Yes Day will be held at Tempe Beach Park, and all are welcome.

Summer Program Committee: The first meeting of the Summer Program Committee will be held on October 9th from 1-2 pm.

Adjournment:

Matt Simon requested a motion to adjourn the board meeting.

Ross Meyer made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Elizabeth Simonhoff Perez, Ross Meyer, and Monica Alvarez all approved adjourning the meeting, and the AZACS Board meeting ended at 3:36 pm.



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Financials:

- **Review and take action:** August Financials

Announcements:

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- Gala Kick-Off Event on November 12th

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Board Members Absent:

Ross Meyer

Others Present:

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Claudina Douglas, ADI
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Hannah Moody, ADI
Annie Loftis, Executive Liaison and Director of Compliance

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Public Comment:

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Financials:

Lorenzo Romero moved to the financial portion of the meeting and turned the meeting over to Paul Pucino, who shared the following information:

AZACS revenue YTD through August at plan of \$4.3M, with expenses below plan by \$374K with lower facilities expense, lower supply expenses, lower repair and maintenance costs, but higher in media, software & licenses. For staffing, AZACS is above plan at 472 vs. 464 budget. For enrollment, AZACS is above plan at 1,078 vs. 1,068 budget. For net income, AZACS is coming in at a loss of approximately \$561K, which is favorable to plan, and cash generated at \$36K. AZACS' ending cash balance is approximately \$8.0M and AZACS' bond covenant forecast comfortably exceeds minimum requirements for both Days Cash on Hand and Debt Service Coverage.

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

Announcements:

Lorenzo Romero moved to the announcement portion of the meeting and turned the meeting over to Annie, who shared the following:

Yes Day: That Yes Day will be held at Tempe Beach Park, and all are welcome.

Gala Kick Off: There will be a November 12th Gala Kick Off, and more details to follow.

Adjournment:

Lorenzo Romero requested a motion to adjourn the board meeting.

Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a first, and Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Keisha McKinnor, Matt Simon, Elizabeth Simonhoff Perez, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, all approved adjourning the meeting, and the AZACS Board meeting ended at 5:32 pm.



Governing Board Committee Agenda

October 14th, 2025

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Board of Directors of Arizona Autism Charter Schools, Inc. and to the general public that the Board will hold a special meeting, open to the public as specified below. The Board of Directors reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings set for a specified time. To ensure compliance with the Open Meeting Law, recipients of this message should not forward it to other Board members, and Board members should not reply to this message.

ALL AGENDA ITEMS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, INCLUDING REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

When: **October 14th, 2025, at 3:00 pm. MST**
Where: **Virtual Meeting, See Link Below**

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/5334224859?pwd=7BcdPbbZYKhxPygHug8qY7VLgS9jVM.1>

Meeting ID: 533 422 4859

Passcode: 255903

All board members will attend this meeting via telephone or video conferencing.

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Public members will have access to the meeting virtually, 15 minutes before the meeting.

General Matters

- Call to Order
- Roll call to determine quorum
- Approval of agenda

Public Comment

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Board Meeting Minutes:

- **Review and take action:** Minutes from August 28th, 2025
- **Review and take action:** Minutes from September 12th, 2025
- **Review and take action:** Minutes from September 25th, 2025

Financials:

- **Review and take action:** Annual Financial Report

Announcements:

- Yes Day at Tempe Beach Park
- Mandatory Reporting Training

Adjournment:



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

Meeting Thursday, October 14th, 2025

Zoom Virtual Link

----- MINUTES -----

Board Members Present:

Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, via virtual link
Matt Simon, via virtual link
Elizabeth Simonhoff Perez, via virtual link
Lorenzo Romero, via virtual link
Monica Alvarez, via virtual link

Board Members Absent:

Ross Meyer
Keisha McKinnor

Others Present:

Ron Harrison, interim CEO
Claudina Douglas, ADI
Paul Pucino, CFO
Hannah Moody, ADI
Annie Loftis, Executive Liaison and Director of Compliance

General Matters:

A quorum was determined to be present on the virtual Zoom link. Lorenzo Romero called the meeting to order at approximately 3:02 pm. Lorenzo Romero called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff Perez seconded the motion. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Elizabeth Simonhoff Perez, Lorenzo Romero, 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. No members of the public were present on Zoom.

Board Meeting Minutes:

Lorenzo Romero then moved to the next portion of the meeting, which was the board meeting minutes. He asked if all the board members had a moment to review the minutes sent out previously. They said they did.

Lorenzo Romero asked for a motion to approve the minutes from August 28, 2025. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Monica Alvarez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Elizabeth Simonhoff Perez, Lorenzo Romero, and Monica Alvarez all approved the minutes, and the motion passed.

Lorenzo Romero asked for a motion to approve the minutes from September 12, 2025. Elizabeth Simonhoff Perez made a first, and Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Elizabeth Simonhoff Perez, Lorenzo Romero, and Monica Alvarez all approved the minutes, and the motion passed.

Lorenzo Romero asked for a motion to approve the minutes from September 25, 2025. Monica Alvarez made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff Perez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Elizabeth Simonhoff Perez, Lorenzo Romero, and Monica Alvarez all approved the minutes, and the motion passed.

Financials:

Lorenzo Romero moved to the financial portion of the meeting and turned the meeting over to Paul Pucino, who shared the following information:

Paul shared that the purpose of this meeting was to review and take action on the FY25 Annual Financial Report. AZACS' total revenue was \$36.0 million for FY25. Total expenditures were \$30.9 million, resulting in net income of approximately \$5.1 million. Total cash was \$7.9 million as of June 30, 2025. Paul reviewed the various pages of the ADE AFR report. Paul mentioned that after the board approves, the AFR will be circulated for electronic signature and that the report will be filed with ADE no later than October 18. Paul asked if there were any questions, and there were none.

Lorenzo Romero asked for a motion to approve the financials. Monica Alvarez made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff Perez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Elizabeth Simonhoff Perez, Lorenzo Romero, and Monica Alvarez all approved the Annual Financial Report, and the motion passed.

Announcements:

Lorenzo Romero moved to the announcement portion of the meeting and turned the meeting over to Annie, who shared the following:

Annie shared that on October 26, 2025, AZACS will be participating in Yes Day at Tempe Beach Park and that all board members are welcome to attend. She also shared that mandatory reporting training is coming up on October 22 from 12:15 to 1 pm, offered by Osborne Maledon for free. This is a virtual session offered to board members to help educate them on what mandatory reporting is and how to comply.

Adjournment:

Since there were no other agenda items, Lorenzo Romero requested a motion to adjourn the board meeting.

Monica Alvarez made a first, and Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Elizabeth Simonhoff Perez, Lorenzo Romero, and Monica Alvarez all approved adjourning the meeting, and the AZACS Board meeting ended at 3:16 pm.



Governing Board Committee Agenda

October 30th, 2025

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Board of Directors of Arizona Autism Charter Schools, Inc. and to the general public that the Board will hold a special meeting, open to the public as specified below. The Board of Directors reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings set for a specified time. To ensure compliance with the Open Meeting Law, recipients of this message should not forward it to other Board members, and Board members should not reply to this message.

ALL AGENDA ITEMS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, INCLUDING REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

When: **October 30th, 2025, at 5:00 pm. MST**
Where: **1414 E Indian School Rd. Suite 200 or using the virtual link below**

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/5334224859?pwd=7BcdPbbZYKhxPygHug8qY7VLgS9jVM.1>

Meeting ID: 533 422 4859

Passcode: 255903

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General Matters

- Call to Order
- Roll call to determine quorum
- Approval of agenda

Public Comment

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public comment unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action. Finally, be advised that internal processes are available for communication.

Board Meeting Minutes:

- **Review and take action:** Minutes from October 14th, 2025

Financials:

- **Review and take action:** September Financial Statements

AZACS AI Policy:

- **Review and take action:** AZACS AI Policy

Announcements:

- Yes Day at Tempe Beach Park was a Success!
- Canyon to Cactus Fundraiser
- November Board Meeting Date Change

Adjournment:



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

Meeting Thursday, October 30th, 2025

1414 E. Indian School Rd. Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85014

----- MINUTES -----

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Ross Meyer

Others Present:

Ron Harrison, interim CEO
Claudina Douglas, ADI
Paul Pucino, CFO
Hannah Moody, ADI
Annie Loftis, Executive Liaison and Director of Compliance
Dan McCarty, COO
Myla Goyne, Chief of Schools

General Matters:

A quorum was determined to be present on the virtual Zoom link. Lorenzo Romero called the meeting to order at approximately 5:01 pm. Lorenzo Romero called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Monica Alvarez seconded the

motion. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Elizabeth Simonhoff Perez, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Keisha McKinnor all approved the agenda, and the motion passed.

Public Comment:

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

Board Meeting Minutes:

Lorenzo Romero then moved to the next portion of the meeting, which was the board meeting minutes. He asked if all the board members had a moment to review the minutes sent out previously. They said they did.

Lorenzo Romero asked for a motion to approve the minutes from October 14th, 2025. Monica Alvarez made a first, and Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Elizabeth Simonhoff Perez, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Keisha McKinnor all approved the minutes, and the motion passed.

Financials:

Lorenzo Romero moved to the financial portion of the meeting and turned the meeting over to Paul Pucino, who shared the following information:

For the period of July through September, revenue exceeded the budget by \$100,000. Expenses were below budget by \$355,000. Staffing was slightly below budget at 477 versus 479. Enrollment was above budget at 1,073 versus 1,068. Net income during the period was \$527,000, and \$1.3 million of cash was generated.

Actual revenue during the period was \$8.2 million, versus the budget of \$8.1 million. Total expenses were \$7.7 million versus a budget of \$8 million. Net income was \$527,000 versus the budget of \$72,000.

As of September 30, 2025, there is \$51.4 million in assets. Total liabilities and net assets were \$51.4 million.

Beginning cash was \$7.9 million, and ending cash as of September 30, 2025, was \$9.3 million. Days' cash on hand was 86.95 days. The debt service coverage ratio was a very healthy 2.33.

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

AZACS AI policy

Lorenzo moved to the next agenda item, which was the AZACS AI policy. Lorenzo turned the meeting over to Dan McCarty.

Dan reviewed the emerging Artificial Intelligence (AI) policy to ensure responsible, student-centered, and instructional-aligned use of AI across the organization. The review covered guidelines for staff use, student protections, data privacy requirements, and alignment with state and federal regulations. Key recommendations include establishing clear expectations for ethical and transparent AI use, providing staff training on safe and effective classroom applications, and implementing safeguards to prevent misuse while still supporting innovation. The board was briefed on the next steps, including finalizing policy language, rolling out professional development, and creating an AI team to monitor processes and ensure ongoing compliance and effectiveness. Students will be allowed to use AI with staff permission and supervision. Students cannot use AI to cheat, plagiarize, or provide inappropriate content. They will not be able to access unapproved AI platforms. They will not be allowed to use AI for harmful or unsafe purposes.

Liz commented that she will share ASU's new, evidence-based sources to help develop their own policy.

Dan states that training will be provided to all staff and students. Kerrie asked if parents would receive training, and Dan replied that once this policy is established, yes, families will receive training.

Lorenzo asked if there were any other questions, and there were none. Lorenzo called for a motion to approve the AZACS AI policy. Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a first, and Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Elizabeth Simonhoff Perez, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Keisha McKinnor all approved AZACS' AI policy, and the motion passed.

Announcements:

Lorenzo Romero moved to the announcement portion of the meeting and turned the meeting over to Annie, who shared the following:

Yes Day at Tempe Beach Park

Annie shared that Yes Day at Tempe Beach Park was a success. The AZACS dance team and AZACS choir performed.

Canyon to Cactus Fundraiser

Annie shared that the Canyon to Cactus Fundraiser is fast approaching. Aneurin Minson will be arriving at the AZACS main campus on November 12th if any of the board members would like to attend.

November board meeting date change

Annie also shared that the November board meeting falls on Thanksgiving. And to consider November 20 at 5 PM. The board reviewed their calendars and agreed to meet on November 20 at 5 PM for the November board meeting.

Adjournment:

Since there were no other agenda items, Lorenzo Romero requested a motion to adjourn the board meeting.

Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Keisha McKinnor made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Elizabeth Simonhoff Perez, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Keisha McKinnor all approved adjourning the meeting, and the AZACS Board meeting ended at 5:38pm.



Governing Board Committee Agenda

November 20th, 2025

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ALL AGENDA ITEMS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, INCLUDING REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

When: November 20th, 2025, at 5:00 pm. MST

**Where: 1414 E Indian School Rd. Suite 200 or using the virtual link
below**

Zoom Meeting:

Meeting ID: 533 422 4859

Passcode: 255903

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General Matters

- Call to Order
- Roll call to determine quorum
- Approval of agenda

Public Comment

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Board Meeting Minutes:

- **Review and take action:** Minutes from October 30th, 2025

Financials:

- **Review and take action:** October Financial Statements and ERC Hearing Update

Parent Survey:

- **Review:** Parent Survey

Charter School Growth Fund Visit:

- **Review:** CSGF Visit Recap

East Valley Update:

- **Review:** Update on the East Valley Campus Location

Announcements:

- Canyon to Cactus Fundraiser Update
- December Board Meeting Date Change

Adjournment:

Posted: November 19th @ 5:00 p.m. on website and at 4125 N. 14th Street, Phoenix, 85014



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

----- MINUTES -----

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.



Governing Board Committee Agenda

December 18th, 2025

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Board of Directors of Arizona Autism Charter Schools, Inc. and to the general public that the Board will hold a special meeting, open to the public as specified below. The Board of Directors reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings set for a specified time. To ensure compliance with the Open Meeting Law, recipients of this message should not forward it to other Board members, and Board members should not reply to this message.

ALL AGENDA ITEMS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, INCLUDING REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

When: **December 18th, 2025, at 3:00 pm. MST**

Where: **Virtual or in Person at 1414 E Indian School Rd., Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85014**

Virtual Link Below

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/5334224859?pwd=7BcdPbbZYKhxPygHug8qY7VLgS9jVM.1>

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General Matters

- Call to Order
- Roll call to determine quorum
- Approval of agenda

Public Comment

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Board Meeting Minutes:

- **Review and take action:** November 20th, 2025 Minutes

Financials:

- **Review and take action:** November Financials
- **Review:** ERC Update

Enrollment Policy:

- **Review and Take Action:** AZACS Updated Enrollment Policy

Integrated Action Plans:

- **Review:** Integrated Action Plans

Announcements:

- Tax Credit Update
- AZACS Gala Update

Adjournment:

Posted: December 17th @ 3:00 p.m. on website and at 4125 N. 14th Street, Phoenix, 85014



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

Meeting Thursday, December 18th, 2025
1414 E. Indian School Rd. Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85014

----- MINUTES -----

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:

Paul Pucino, CFO
Annie Loftis, Director of Compliance & Strategic Initiatives
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 3:03 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 November 20th, 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 Ross Meyer 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 November financials. He turned the meeting over to Paul Pucino, CFO. AZACS' YTD revenue through November below plan by \$227K, due to timing differences with local and federal receipts. YTD expenses below plan by \$972K due to lower personnel (employee benefits) expense, lower facilities, repair and maintenance, and utilities expenses, and lower supply expenses. Staffing is above plan at 489 vs. 479 budget. Enrollment is above plan at 1,071 vs. 1,066 budget. AZACS YTD net Income is \$1.5M, and cash generated is \$1.7M. AZACS ending cash balance at plan of \$9.7M. And AZACS' bond covenants forecast comfortably exceed minimum requirements.

Matt asked if there were any questions, and there were not. Matt asked for a motion to approve the financials. Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a first, Kerrie Mallory-Thompson 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.

Paul also updated the board on the status of the Employee Retention Credit appeal. The hearing was held on December 16, 2025, and it was determined that AZACS will need to submit more documentation. AZACS is working on gathering those materials.

Enrollment Policy:

Matt turned the meeting over to Myla. Myla shared the slight update to AZACS' Fair and Equitable Enrollment Policy. The entire policy remains the same, with a slight edit to the window of submitted applications. The update proposed is that applications submitted between January 1 and February 28 will be included in the first lottery. If space becomes available after February 28, students from the waitlist will be re-entered into a lottery to fill those spots.

Matt asked if there were any questions, and there were none. Matt asked for a motion to approve the new Fair and Equitable Enrollment Policy. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson 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 the new enrollment policy, and the motion passed.

Integrated Action Plans:

Matt then moved to the next portion of the meeting, which was integrated action plans. He turned the meeting over to Myla, who shared that integrated action plans are the plans that AZACS maintains to align with our strategic goals and to ensure that stakeholders help

coordinate actions and provide input. Myla shared that the integrated action plans were shared previously with all board members. Each campus has its own specific integrated action plan. No vote is needed.

Announcements:

Matt then moved to the next portion of the meeting, which was announcements. He turned the meeting over to Annie Loftis.

Annie shared that we are currently in tax credit season and asked board members to share with their networks information about the tax credit campaign.

Annie also provided an AZACS gala update, where we shared that SD Crane has committed to be our platinum sponsor at \$50,000. And Ylenia Aguilar has signed up to be the very first dancer. All board members are welcome to join the gala on April 18, 2026, at the Arizona Biltmore.

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. Ross Meyer made a first, and Keisha McKinnor 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 3:47 PM.



Governing Board Committee Agenda

January 29th, 2026

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When: January 29th, 2026, at 5:00 pm. MST/AZ Time

**Where: Virtual or in Person at 1414 E Indian School Rd., Suite 200,
Phoenix, AZ 85014**

Virtual Link Below

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/5334224859?pwd=7BcdPbbZYKhxPygHug8qY7VLgS9jVM.1>

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- Call to Order
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Board Meeting Minutes:

- **Review and take action:** December 18th, 2026 Minutes

Financials:

- **Review and take action:** December Financials
- **Review and take action (Roll Call Vote):** FY25 Final Audit Report

New Campus Expansion:

- **Review and take action:** Authorize Ron Harrison to negotiate and sign the LOI and Lease agreements for the Mesa Elementary Campus
- **Review and take action:** Authorize Ron Harrison to negotiate and sign the LOI and Lease agreements for the Tucson Upper Campus

Executive Session:

- Topic disclosure per A.R.S. § 38-431.03. To discuss a legal matter related to personnel.
- **Take action** to go into executive session
- **Take action** to end the executive session

Action from Executive Session:

- **Take action:** Promote Ron Harrison from interim CEO to CEO

Announcements:

- Tax Credit Update
- AZACS Gala and Gala Kick-Off Update
- Cardinals Climb on February 21st

Adjournment:

Posted: January 28th @ 5:00 p.m. on website and at 4125 N. 14th Street, Phoenix, 8501



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

Meeting Thursday, January 29th, 2026
1414 E. Indian School Rd. Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85014

----- MINUTES -----

Board Members Present:

Lorenzo Romero, via virtual link
Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, via virtual link
Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, via virtual link
Monica Alvarez, via virtual link

Board Members Absent:

Keisha McKinnor
Ross Meyer
Matt Simon

Others Present:

Ron Harrison, AZACS Interim CEO
Paul Pucino, CFO
Annie Loftis, Director of Compliance & Strategic Initiatives
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. 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, and Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a second. Lorenzo Romero, Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, 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. There were no members of the public in person or on the virtual link.

Meeting Minutes:

Lorenzo moved to the next portion of the board meeting, which was the minutes. He asked if the board had reviewed the minutes from the December 18th, 2025, meeting. The board members indicated that they had and that there were no questions or comments. Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Monica Alvarez made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a second. Lorenzo Romero, Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Monica Alvarez all approved the minutes, and the motion passed.

Financials:

Lorenzo turned the meeting over to Paul Pucino, who reviewed the December financials. Revenue was above plan by \$358K and expenses were below plan by \$1.25 million year to date through December. This is because of lower personnel expenses, lower facilities and utility expenses, and lower supply expenses. Staffing was at plan at 479. Enrollment is above plan at 1,072 versus the budget of 1,066. Net income through December was approximately \$2.4 million and cash generated was approximately \$1.9 million. The cash balance at December 31, 2025 was \$9.8 million, which is above plan by \$200,000. The bond covenant forecast comfortably exceeds minimum requirements.

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

Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the December financials. Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a first, and Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a second. Lorenzo Romero, Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Monica Alvarez all approved the financials, and the motion passed.

The next topic was to review the Fiscal Year 25 Financial Audit Report. Paul reviewed the final AZACS FY25 audit. There were no audit findings. He reviewed the questionnaire, where there were two areas to be addressed. One was a 45-day screener that was completed outside of 45 days. The other was that the withdrawal date on a student record was inconsistent with the documents submitted in the audit. This was explained by the parent changing the withdrawal date and the old form not being deleted; thus, the old form was accidentally submitted for the audit.

Paul asked if there were any questions, and there were none. Lorenzo asked for a roll-call vote to approve the Fiscal Year 25 Financial Audit Report.

Lorenzo Romero - yea

Kerrie Mallory-Thompson - yea

Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez - yea

Monica Alvarez - yea

New Campus Expansion:

Lorenzo then turned to the next topic, which was new campus expansions. He turned the meeting over to Ron, who explained that AZACS will be opening up a campus in Mesa in the Fall of 2026. AZACS is working with 22Beacon, who will purchase and lease back the building to AZACS. AZACS will have an option to buy back eventually. Ron is looking for approval to negotiate and sign a letter of intent and lease agreements for the Mesa Elementary Campus.

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

Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve Ron to negotiate and sign a letter of intent for the Mesa Elementary Campus. Monica Alvarez made a first, and Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a second. Lorenzo Romero, Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Monica Alvarez all approved Ron to negotiate and sign the letter of intent and lease agreement for the Mesa Elementary Campus, and the motion passed.

Ron then moved to the Tucson Upper Campus. Ron shared that AZACS is looking to purchase a campus in Tucson to hold grades 6 through 12. Ron is looking for approval to negotiate and sign the letter of intent and lease agreements for the new Tucson Upper Campus.

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

Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve authorizing Ron Harrison to negotiate and sign the letter of intent and lease agreement for the Tucson Upper Campus. Monica Alvarez made a first, and Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a second. Lorenzo Romero, Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Monica Alvarez all approved Ron to negotiate and sign the letter of intent and lease agreement for the Tucson Upper Campus, and the motion passed.

Executive Session:

Topic disclosure per A.R.S. § 38-431.03. To discuss a legal matter related to personnel.

Lorenzo then moved to the next portion of the meeting, which was entering into Executive Session. Lorenzo asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a second. Lorenzo Romero, Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Monica Alvarez all approved to enter into Executive Session at 5:40pm.

Lorenzo asked for a motion to exit Executive Session. Kerrie Mallory Thompson made a first, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a second. Lorenzo Romero, Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Monica Alvarez all approved to exit Executive Session at 5:44pm.

Lorenzo then moved to the next portion, which is the action from the Executive Session. Lorenzo called for a motion to promote Ron Harrison from interim CEO to CEO. Kerrie Mallory Thompson made a first, Monica Alvarez made a second. Lorenzo Romero, Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Monica Alvarez all approved promoting Ron Harrison from interim CEO to CEO.

Announcements:

Lorenzo then turned to the next portion of the meeting, which was announcements. He turned the meeting over to Annie Loftis.

Annie shared that the tax credit update is \$58,000. She also shared that the AZACS gala is coming up on April 18 at the Arizona Biltmore and that the gala kickoff is on January 22 at the Essential Peace Training Room. We hope to welcome a number of past sponsors and a number of future sponsors.

And then she shared about the Cardinals' climb on February 21 at State Farm Stadium. AZACS has been invited to perform, and we have our dance team and choir performing for about 3000 people. The board is welcome to attend.

Adjournment:

Since there were no other agenda items, Lorenzo moved to the adjournment section of the meeting. Lorenzo asked for a motion to end the meeting at 5:51 PM. Kerrie Mallory Thompson made a first, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a second. Lorenzo Romero, Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Monica Alvarez all approved ending the meeting at 5:51pm.



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Board Meeting Minutes:

- **Review and take action:** January 29th, 2026 Minutes

Financials:

- **Review and take action:** January Financials
- **Review:** ERC Update

Fundraising Policy:

- **Review and take action:** On the updated AZACS Fundraising Policy

Updated AI Policy:

- **Review and take action:** On the updated AZACS AI policy

Updated School Names

- **Review and take action:** On the updated names from the Main Campus to Arizona Autism Charter Schools Central Phoenix Upper Campus
- **Review and take action:** On the updated names from the West Valley Elementary Campus to Arizona Autism Charter Schools Peoria Elementary Campus
- **Review and take action:** On the updated names from the West Valley Upper Campus to Arizona Autism Charter Schools Peoria Upper Campus
- **Review and take action:** On the updated names from the Early Learning Center Campus to Arizona Autism Charter Schools Central Phoenix Elementary Campus
- **Review and take action:** On the updated names from the Tucson Elementary Campus to Arizona Autism Charter Schools Tucson Elementary Campus
- **Review and take action:** On the updated names from the Tucson Upper Campus to Arizona Autism Charter Schools Tucson Upper Campus
- **Review and take action:** On the updated names from the Online K-8 campus to Arizona Autism Charter Schools Online Elementary Campus
- **Review and take action:** On the updated names from the Online High School Campus to Arizona Autism Charter Schools Online Upper Campus
- **Review and take action:** On the updated names from the CMO/District Office to Arizona

Autism Charter Schools

- **Review and take action:** On the updated names from the East Valley Campus to Arizona Autism Charter Schools Mesa Elementary Campus

AZACS 26-27 Handbooks:

- **Review and take action:** On the In-Person Campuses Parent and Student Responsibility Handbook
- **Review and take action:** On the Online School Parent and Student Responsibility Handbook

School Calendars:

- **Review and take action:** On the Phoenix & Peoria 26-27 School Calendar
- **Review and take action:** On the Phoenix, Peoria, & East Valley 27-28 School Calendar
- **Review and take action:** On the East Valley 26-27 School Calendar
- **Review and take action:** On the Online School 26-27 School Calendar
- **Review and take action:** On the Online School 27-28 School Calendar
- **Review and take action:** On the Tucson Schools 26-27 School Calendar
- **Review and take action:** On the Tucson Schools 27-28 School Calendar

Announcements:

- Mesa and Tucson Campus Updates
- General Campus Updates
- Tax Credit Update
- AZACS Gala Update
- Cardinals Climb Recap

Adjournment:

Posted: February 25th @ 5:00 p.m. on website and at 4125 N. 14th Street, Phoenix, 8501



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----- MINUTES -----

Board Members Present:

Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, via virtual link
Matt Simon, via virtual link
Lorenzo Romero, via virtual link
Monica Alvarez, via virtual link
Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, via virtual link

Board Members Absent:

Keisha McKinnor, via virtual link
Ross Meyer, via virtual link

Others Present:

Ron Harrison, AZACS Co-Founder & CEO
Paul Pucino, AZACS CFO
Dan McCarty, AZACS COO
Myla Goyne, AZACS Chief of Schools
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 5:07 p.m. Lorenzo Romero called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Monica Alvarez seconded the motion. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez all approved the motion, and the agenda passed.

Public Comment:

Lorenzo Romero 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:

Lorenzo Romero moved to the next portion of the board meeting, which was the minutes. He asked if the board had reviewed the minutes from the January 29th, 2026, board meeting. The board members indicated that they had and that there were no questions or comments. Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Monica Alvarez made a first, and Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez all approved the motion, and the minutes passed.

Financials:

Lorenzo Romero then moved to the next portion of the meeting to review the YTD January financials. He turned the meeting over to Paul Pucino, who explained the following: AZACS' revenue is above plan by \$256K. AZACS expenses are below plan by \$1.27 million with lower personnel expense and lower facility and utility expenses. AZACS' staffing is above plan at 488 vs. 479 budget. AZACS' enrollment is above plan at 1,073 vs. 1,066 budget. AZACS' net Income is coming in at approximately \$2 million, with cash generated of \$2.2M and an ending cash balance of \$9.7M, above plan by \$937K. AZACS' bond covenant forecast comfortably exceeds minimum requirements.

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

Lorenzo Romero asked for a motion to approve the January 2026 Financial Statements. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, Monica Alvarez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez all approved the motion, and the financials passed.

Paul then moved to an update on the Employee Retention Credit.

A regional director of the IRS informed the AZACS attorney that all claims were being denied. The primary reason for the decision was that the Director said no government mandates were in place during the periods in question that required AZACS to follow specific protocols. The attorney reminded the Director that the decision was already made that specific requirements were in place, which is why AZACS was asked to put together significant documentation to substantiate its compliance. The Director concurred but stated that he did not look at the documentation that was provided in January because of his assumption about the mandates. The Director said he would review the documentation and get back to the attorney shortly with his decision.

Fundraising Policy:

Lorenzo Romero then moved to the next portion of the meeting, which was the updated AZACS Fundraising Policy. He handed the meeting over to Dan McCarty.

Dan explained the updated fundraising policy and that every donation will need to be approved by either the CEO, Chief of Schools, COO, or CFO. Lorenzo asked if there were any other

questions, and there were none. Lorenzo Romero asked for a motion to approve the fundraising policy. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez all approved the motion, and the fundraising policy passed.

Updated AI Policy:

Lorenzo Romero then moved to the next agenda item, the updated AI Policy. Lorenzo turned the meeting over to Dan McCarty.

Dan explained there was a slight update to the policy to indicate guidance to students and guardians that students must never enter personal, confidential, or identifying information about themselves or others into AI tools. Lorenzo did have a question about what platforms AZACS uses. Dan replied that the two platforms are ChatGPT and Copilot. There were no other questions.

After the presentation, Lorenzo Romero asked for a motion to approve the updated AI Policy. Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a first, and Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made the second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez all approved the motion, and the AI policy passed.

Updated School Names:

Lorenzo then moved to the next portion of the meeting, which was updated school names for all of AZACS. These need to be voted on individually so we can submit the amendments to ASBCS. Lorenzo turned the meeting over to Ron to provide additional context on the rationale behind these changes.

Ron explained that as Arizona Autism Charter Schools continues to grow, it is important to create a clearer, consistent, and scalable naming structure across all campuses. The updated names are designed to better identify each campus by its city of location, making it easier for families, partners, and the community to understand our footprint.

Additionally, this approach helps streamline and organize our system as we expand, ensuring alignment across current and future campuses while reinforcing a cohesive network identity.

Lorenzo moved to updating the name from the Main Campus to Arizona Autism Charter Schools Central Phoenix Upper Campus. Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve. Monica Alvarez made a first, and Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez all approved the motion, and the updated name passed.

Lorenzo moved to updating the name from the West Valley Elementary Campus to Arizona Autism Charter Schools Peoria Elementary Campus. Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a first, and Kerrie Mallory made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero,

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

Lorenzo moved to update the name of the West Valley Upper Campus to Arizona Autism Charter Schools Peoria Upper Campus. Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a first, and Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez all approved the motion, and the updated name passed.

Lorenzo moved to updating the name from Early Learning Center Campus to Arizona Autism Charter Schools Central Phoenix Elementary Campus. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Monica Alvarez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez all approved the motion, and the updated name passed.

Lorenzo moved to updating the name from Tucson Elementary Campus to Arizona Autism Charter Schools Tucson Elementary Campus. Monica Alvarez made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez all approved the motion, and the updated name passed.

Lorenzo moved to updating the name from Tucson Upper Campus to Arizona Autism Charter Schools Tucson Upper Campus. Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a first, and Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez all approved the motion, and the updated name passed.

Lorenzo moved to updating the name from the Online K – 8 Campus to Arizona Autism Charter Schools Online Elementary Campus. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez all approved the motion, and the updated name passed.

Lorenzo moved to updating the name from the Online High School Campus to Arizona Autism Charter Schools Online Upper Campus. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez all approved the motion, and the updated name passed.

Lorenzo moved to updating the name from CMO/District Office to Arizona Autism Charter Schools. Monica Alvarez made a first, and Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez all approved the motion, and the updated name passed.

Lorenzo moved to updating the name from East Valley Campus to Arizona Autism Charter Schools Mesa Elementary Campus. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Monica Alvarez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez all approved the motion, and the updated name passed.

AZACS 26-27 Handbooks:

Lorenzo then moved to the next portion of the agenda, which was to review the 26–27 and some 27-28 AZACS Handbooks.

He turned the meeting over to Myla Goyne, where she shared that the changes consisted of minor edits, such as updated personnel and linking the AI policy. Online handbook updates were consistent with on-site.

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

Lorenzo Romero asked for a motion to approve the 26-27 In-Person Campus Parent and Student Responsibility Handbook. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Monica Alvarez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez all approved the motion, and the handbook passed.

Lorenzo Romero asked for a motion to approve the 26-27 Online Campuses Parent and Student Responsibility Handbook. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez all approved the motion, and the handbook passed.

AZACS School Calendars:

Lorenzo Romero then moved to the next portion of the agenda, which was to review calendars for all campuses.

He turned the meeting over to Myla, where she explained that each campus has 180 days with different days off depending on which campus they are at. The East Valley campus will start one day after the Phoenix campuses, so leadership can support the opening of the new school. Parent and staff survey data were shared, showing that both groups preferred 2 days of staff PD following October break, Winter break, and Spring break, so adjustments were made to include that. Tucson will have Rodeo Days off, but still will meet its 180-day requirement.

Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the Phoenix and Peoria 26–27 school calendar. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez all approved the motion, and the calendar passed.

Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the Phoenix, Peoria, and East Valley 27–28 school calendar. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a

second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez all approved the motion, and the calendar passed.

Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the East Valley 26–27 school calendar. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez all approved the motion, and the calendar passed.

Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the Online Schools (both K-8 and 9-12) 26–27 school calendar. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez all approved the motion, and the calendar passed.

Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the Online School (both K-8 and 9-12) 27–28 calendar. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez all approved the motion, and the calendar passed.

Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the Tucson Schools' (both elementary and upper campuses) 26–27 calendar. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez all approved the motion, and the calendar passed.

The calendar for the 27-28 Tucson Schools is not ready, as we need the days for Rodeo Days. No action taken.

Announcements:

Lorenzo Romero then moved to the next portion of the agenda, which was announcements.

He turned the meeting over to Ron, who explained that the Mesa campus will be opening in the Fall of 2026 in grades K through 3. AZACS have secured the property and are just awaiting to announce the address.

Ron also shared that the Tucson campus will be growing. The Tucson Upper Campus will be moving to a new location, and the elementary campus will be staying at the Belvedere address.

Lorenzo Romero turned the meeting over to Myla, who shared some general campus updates. Myla shared that ADE provided CTE training recently, and the Tucson Elementary Campus hired a campus director for the 26/27 SY.

Lorenzo then had Ron share the tax credit, gala, and Cardinals Climb update. Ron shared that AZACS is still accepting tax credit donations through April 15, 2026. Ron also added that the gala is fast approaching on April 18, 2026, and asked for the Board to help support. Ron continued to discuss AZACS participation in the Cardinals Climb, where the choir and dance team performed.

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

Adjournment:

Lorenzo Romero requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a first, and Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Monica Alvarez, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez all approved the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm.



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Board Meeting Minutes:

- **Review and take action:** February 26th, 2026 Minutes

Financials:

- **Review and take action:** February Financials
- **Review:** ERC Update

Mid-Year Data:

- **Review:** Mid-Year Data

Updated Emergency Succession Plan:

- **Review and take action:** Emergency Succession Plan

Announcements:

- General Campus Updates
- Tax Credit Update
- AZACS Gala Update

Adjournment:



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

Meeting Thursday, March 26th, 2026
1414 E. Indian School Rd. Suite 200, Phoenix AZ 85014

----- MINUTES -----

Board Members Present:

Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, via virtual link
Matt Simon, via virtual link
Lorenzo Romero, via virtual link
Keisha McKinnor, via virtual link

Board Members Absent:

Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez
Ross Meyer
Monica Alvarez

Others Present:

Ron Harrison, AZACS Co-Founder & CEO
Paul Pucino, AZACS CFO
Myla Goyne, AZACS Chief of Schools
Claire Piper, AZACS Sr. Director of Data
Annie Loftis, AZACS Director of Compliance
Claudina Douglas, ADI
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. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Keisha McKinnor made a second motion. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, and Keisha McKinnor 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. There were no members of the public in person or on the virtual link.

Meeting Minutes:

Lorenzo Romero moved to the next portion of the board meeting, which was the minutes. He asked if the board had reviewed the minutes from the February 26th, 2026, board meeting. The board members indicated that they had and that there were no questions or comments. Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Keisha McKinnor made a second motion. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, and Keisha McKinnor all approved the minutes.

Financials:

Lorenzo Romero then moved to the next portion of the meeting to review the YTD February financials. He turned the meeting over to Paul Pucino, who explained the following: AZACS' revenue is above plan by \$491K. AZACS expenses are below plan by \$1.6 million with lower personnel expense and lower facility and utility expenses. AZACS' staffing is above plan at 486 vs. 479 budget. AZACS' enrollment is below plan at 1,063 vs. 1,066 budget. AZACS' net income is coming in at approximately \$2.5M, with cash generated of \$2.5M and an ending cash balance of \$10.5M, above plan by \$1M. AZACS' bond covenant forecast comfortably exceeds minimum requirements.

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

Lorenzo Romero asked for a motion to approve the February 2026 Financial Statements. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first motion, and Keisha McKinnor made a second motion. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, and Keisha McKinnor all approved the financials.

Paul then moved to an update on the Employee Retention Credit.

On March 2, AZACS was told that about 50% of claims had been approved, and the attorney was given until March 5 to respond after consulting with management. On March 5, the IRS reversed its position and denied all claims based on a recent Tennessee court decision. AZACS responded on March 13, explaining why the Tennessee case was not relevant, and on March 16, the appeals officer said she would reply in mid-April after completing training.

No action needed on the ERC update.

Mid-Year Data

Lorenzo moved to the next portion of the meeting, which was mid-year data. He turned the meeting over to Claire Piper, who shared data from the AZACS campuses.

Parent survey – 84% families completed. Instructional program satisfaction at 93%, responsiveness of teachers at 92%, and happiness of students at 92%.

For AZACS ASBCS goals:

For student engagement, all campuses are on track to meet. For Phoenix Elementary, they are on track to meet. For Phoenix Upper Campus, they are meeting. West Valley is at 44%, Tucson Elementary is at 84%, Tucson Upper Campus is at 76%. Engagement in the online elementary is at 97%, and Online High School is at 99%. Both schools are exceeding.

For the academic goals in ELA using i-ready, all campuses are either meeting or on track. For math, all campuses are on track to meet. The Tucson upper campus is slightly below. Interventions will take place to make sure that they are on track to meet.

For PEAK assessment in ELA, all campuses are on track to meet. Tucson Elementary is not on track. Interventions will take place to make sure they are on track to meet. For math, all campuses are on track to meet. Tucson Elementary is not on track. Interventions will take place to make sure they are on track to meet by the end of the school year.

For ULS, the Online campuses in ELA are all on track to meet. For math, all campuses are on track to meet.

For My Path in ELA, the Phoenix campus is on track to meet, the Tucson upper campus is on track to meet, and the online high school is succeeding in its goals. For math, all campuses are on track to meet their goals.

No action needs to be taken.

Emergency Succession Plan

Lorenzo moved to the next portion of the meeting, which was the Emergency Succession Plan. He passed the meeting over to Annie.

Annie discussed the updated plan reflecting Ron as the CEO, Myla would absorb those duties if the CEO were unable to perform, and then the executive team would support Myla.

There were no questions, and Lorenzo Romero asked for a motion to approve the Emergency Succession Plan. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first motion, and Keisha McKinnor made a second motion. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, and Keisha McKinnor all approved the updated Emergency Succession Plan.

Announcements:

Lorenzo moved to the next portion of the meeting, which was general campus updates. Myla shared that AZACS is going through the ESEA monitoring.

Annie then shared a tax credit update where AZACS is coming in at \$109,600. And that the AZACS gala would be approaching on April 18, 2026, and we are working on securing sponsorships and finishing touches.

Adjournment:

Since there were no other agenda items, Lorenzo Romero requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Keisha McKinnor made a second motion. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, and Keisha McKinnor all approved adjourning the meeting, and the meeting ended at 5:48 pm.



Governing Board Committee Agenda

April 30th, 2026

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Board of Directors of Arizona Autism Charter Schools, Inc. and to the general public that the Board will hold a special meeting, open to the public as specified below. The Board of Directors reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings set for a specified time. To ensure compliance with the Open Meeting Law, recipients of this message should not forward it to other Board members, and Board members should not reply to this message.

ALL AGENDA ITEMS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, INCLUDING REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

When: April 30th, 2026, at 5:00 pm. MST/AZ Time

**Where: Virtual or in Person at 1414 E Indian School Rd., Suite 200,
Phoenix, AZ 85014**

Virtual Link Below

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/5334224859?pwd=7BcdPbbZYKhxPygHug8qY7VLgS9jVM.1>

Meeting ID: 533 422 4859

Passcode: 255903

All board members will attend this meeting via telephone or video conferencing.

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General Matters

- Call to Order
- Roll call to determine quorum
- Approval of agenda

Public Comment

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Financials:

- **Review and take action:** March Financials
- **Review and take action:** Revised Budget
- **Review:** ERC Update

Transportation Program:

- **Review:** AZACS Transportation Program

Approval to Sign Lease Agreement:

- **Review and Take Action:** Ron Harrison and Paul Pucino to sign the lease agreements for the Tucson Upper Campus and the Mesa Elementary Campus

Announcements:

- General Campus Updates
- Tax Credit Update
- AZACS Gala Update and Thanks

Adjournment:

Posted: April 29th @ 5:00 p.m. on website and at 4125 N. 14th Street, Phoenix, 8501



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

Meeting Thursday, April 30th, 2026
1414 E. Indian School Rd. Suite 200, Phoenix AZ 85014

----- MINUTES -----

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Ron Harrison, AZACS Co-Founder & CEO
Paul Pucino, AZACS CFO
Annie Loftis, AZACS Director of Compliance
Claudina Douglas, ADI
Hannah Moody, 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. Lorenzo Romero made a first motion, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez seconded the motion. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Keisha McKinnor, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, Ross Meyer, and Monica Alvarez 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.

Financials:

Matt Simon then moved to the next portion of the meeting to review the YTD March financials. He turned the meeting over to Paul Pucino, who explained the following:

AZACS' revenue is above plan by \$661K. AZACS expenses are below plan by \$1.9 million, with lower personnel, facility, and utility expenses. AZACS' staffing is above plan at 485 vs. 479 budget. AZACS' enrollment is below plan at 1,058 vs. 1,066 budget. AZACS' net Income is coming in at approximately \$3.4M, with cash generated of \$3.2M and an ending cash balance of \$11.2M, above plan by \$1.7M. AZACS' bond covenant forecast comfortably exceeds minimum requirements.

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

Matt Simon asked for a motion to approve the March 2026 Financial Statements. Lorenzo Romero made a first motion, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez seconded the motion. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Keisha McKinnor, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, Ross Meyer, and Monica Alvarez all approved the financial statements, and the motion passed.

Paul then moved to the revised budget. Paul shared that a budget revision is required because the 100th Day ADM of 1,030.87 is lower than the original budget projection of 1,034. State revenue is now projected to be higher than originally budgeted due to increased autism funding percentages for both Non-AOI (from 74.6% to 76.6%) and AOI (from 71.2% to 72.9%). Paul reviewed the revised budget that shows revenue of \$38.5 million, expenses of \$35.1 million, and net income of \$3.5 million. Paul asked if there were any questions, and there were none.

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

Paul then moved to an update on the Employee Retention Credit.

On April 10, the IRS denied AZACS's appeal, stating that the government orders were not mandatory and did not change AZACS's operations, and that remote learning was equivalent to classroom instruction. AZACS has requested mediation through a new IRS pilot program. If mediation is unsuccessful, AZACS plans to pursue litigation, which is expected to begin in about 15 months.

No action was needed for the Employee Retention Credit update.

Transportation Program Update

Matt Simon then moved to the next portion of the meeting, which was the transportation program update.

He turned the meeting over to Ron Harrison, who shared that in past years, a grant enabled AZACS to start and offer a limited transportation program. The grant expired, and AZACS lost funding about one year ago. So, because of exceedingly high costs, it was decided that the transportation program would be discontinued at the end of the school year. The cost for the program is about \$8500 per student annually. AZACS is operating at a \$300,000 annual loss due to the program. The current model is financially unsustainable. In addition, Ron stated that the transportation program serves 35 students and is disproportionate to the Early Learning Center and the AZACS Main Campus in Central Phoenix.

Matt Simon had a question about the grant. He asked if the grant came from A for Arizona. Ron replied yes. Matt asked if there was any stipulation in that grant to maintain the program for a certain amount of time. Ron replied that no, there was not.

Elizabeth Simon Huff Perez also had a question: if transportation is written into an IEP, does the school have to provide that? Ron replied yes, they do.

Lorenzo Romero had a question about funding. He asked if the elimination of the transportation program would have any impact on student enrollment. Ron replied at this time, no, but the campus will do their due diligence to reach out to parents directly to see if they plan on leaving the school.

Matt Simon had a question about selling the vans at a certain price. Ron said that he would get back to Matt about the \$10,000 price point for the vans.

No action was needed.

Approval to Sign Lease Agreement

Matt Simon then moved to the next portion of the meeting, which was a board resolution to allow Ron Harrison or Paul Pucino to sign lease agreements for both the Mesa Elementary and Tucson Upper School campuses. Matt turned the meeting over to Ron, who shared that lease agreements need to be signed by either Ron Harrison or Paul Pucino. These lease agreements would be for three years with the option to purchase. Ross asked what the philosophy was behind leasing versus purchasing. Paul Pucino replied that payments would be similar on the lease versus purchasing outright. But the intent is to purchase after the three years are up. This was an option given by 22Beacon.

Matt asked if there were any questions, and there were none. Matt Simon asked for a motion to approve Ron Harrison or Paul Pucino to sign the lease agreements. Keisha McKinnor made a first, Kerrie Mallory Thompson made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Keisha McKinnor, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, Ross Meyer, and Monica Alvarez all approved the approval to sign the lease agreement, and the motion passed.

Announcements:

Matt then moved to the next portion of the agenda, which was announcements. He turned the meeting over to Annie Loftis.

Annie shared some general campus updates:

School Updates:

- Tucson UC hired its ABA Director
- Mesa hired their ABA Director
- Both are BCBAs with school experience
- WV is in the final stage of hiring the 2nd Director team (for upper campus kids to work together for 1 year with Katie and Chris before the campus splits into 2 separate locations)
- Schools are busy with Town Halls, STEAM Fairs, graduations, end-of-year dances, and promotions

Annie then continued with the tax credit update, coming in at \$170,000. And expressing her thanks for a wonderful third-year gala with great attendance.

Adjournment:

Since there were no other meeting agenda items, Matt moved on to the adjournment of the meeting.

Matt Simon asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Elizabeth Simonhoff- Perez made a first, Keisha McKinnor made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Keisha McKinnor, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, Ross Meyer, and Monica Alvarez all approved adjourning the meeting at 5:56 pm, and the motion passed.



Special Meeting Agenda

May 14th, 2026

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When: May 14th, 2026 at 1:00 PM MST/AZ Time

**Where: Virtual or in Person at 1414 E Indian School Rd., Suite 200,
Phoenix, AZ 85014**

Virtual Link Below

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/5334224859?pwd=7BcdPbbZYKhxPygHug8qY7VLgS9jVM.1>

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General Matters

- Call to Order
- Roll call to determine quorum
- Approval of agenda

Public Comment

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Board Meeting Minutes

- **Review and take action:** Board Meeting minutes from March 26th, 2026, and April 30th, 2026

Transportation Program:

- **Review:** AZACS Transportation Program Overview and Plan

Adjournment:

Posted: May 13th @ 1:00 p.m. on website and at 4125 N. 14th Street, Phoenix, 8501



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

Meeting May 14th, 2026
1414 E. Indian School Rd. Suite 200, Phoenix AZ 85014

----- MINUTES -----

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Ron Harrison, AZACS Co-Founder & CEO
Paul Pucino, AZACS CFO
Myla Goyne, AZACS Chief of Schools
Dan McCarty, AZACS COO
Annie Loftis, AZACS Director of Compliance

General Matters:

A quorum was determined to be present on the virtual Zoom link. Lorenzo Romero called the meeting to order at approximately 1:02 p.m. Lorenzo Romero called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first, and Ross Meyer made a second motion. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Monica Alvarez, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Keisha McKinnor, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Ross Meyer 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. There were no members of the public in person or on the virtual link.

Meeting Minutes:

Lorenzo Romero moved to the next portion of the board meeting, which was the minutes. He asked if the board had reviewed the minutes from the March 26th and April 30th, 2026, board meetings. The board members indicated that they had and that there were no questions or comments.

Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the March 26th, 2026, minutes.

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

Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the April 30th, 2026, minutes.

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

Transportation Program

Lorenzo then moved to the next portion of the meeting, which was the transportation program. Lorenzo turned the meeting over to Ron, who shared that when the transportation program started, there were only two schools: Central Phoenix and the Early Learning Center. Arizona Autism Charter School applied for a \$2 million grant from A for Arizona. Since then, AZACS has decided to grow to Tucson, Peoria, and Mesa, which has reduced the demand for transportation. The challenges are the management of logistics and staffing, increased liability, the cost of the program, and a sustainable model.

AZACS did survey those families that were using transportation, and as of now, 74 percent of those families are returning, one person is not returning, 1 has not replied, and 21% say that they are unsure.

Myla shared that at the main campus, as of May 13, there are only 10 openings and an extended waitlist. So there will be no challenges in filling those vacancies.

Myla also shared that the Early Learning Center had four students who used the transportation program. In those sections, there are 13 open seats with approximately 145 on the waitlist. Elizabeth asked about the overall notion of how the AZACS model serves the students. Paul replied that it unfortunately, AZACS cannot manage the deficit that it's running. Elizabeth and Ross emphasized that we still focus on the mission of the school. Elizabeth asked what the plans were for the vans. And Lorenzo asked that AZACS have a communication strategy for our families in the public. Ron replied that AZACS has engaged with a PR company to develop a communication strategy. That is being developed now. The growth strategy also changed with AZACS; now AZACS is reaching more students where the families are located.

Matt Simon expressed thanks for the PowerPoint, and the presentation was helpful. The notion of growth helps with the dynamics of eliminating the transportation program. Ron also added that AZACS is currently at approximately 1100 students enrolled, but in the next five years, the plan is to grow to 2200 students. So AZACS is reaching even more families.

Elizabeth did ask if there's additional money provided for students who have transportation written in the IEP. Ron replied no. But if a student has transportation written in their IEP, that will be provided by the school.

Myla added that for transportation and IEP's that, IDEA is the guidance that we use. The overall question is whether the student has access to the normally provided education, with the transportation they have access to. AZACS currently has one student that was determined who has been determined to be unable to access the educational environment. It was safer for the school to transport the student than the parents.

Ron then continued with the proposed model. Ron added that AZACS is working with a legal team on how to liquidate the vans. The idea is that AZACS will keep three vans for field trips: the main campus, one in Tucson, and one at Essential Peace Enterprises.

Ross had a question about McKinney-Vento children and whether we would still transport. Myla replied that transportation still applies to McKinney-Vento families and students with IEP's that have transportation provided. The Arizona Department of Education just reviewed our McKinney-Vento practices, and we passed that audit.

Matt added that he would offer help regarding anything we need from the grant regarding A for Arizona.

Ron replied that the insurance cost for each van is about \$10,000, no matter if they are in use. There are also maintenance and liability costs. Myla also added that we do use the vans for field trips, but those are on the smaller side. For larger field trips, we will rent buses, just like many other schools do.

Lorenzo thanked the team and the board for their availability to have this meeting.

No action was needed.

Adjournment:

Since there were no other agenda items, Lorenzo Romero requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ross Meyer made a first motion, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a second motion. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Monica Alvarez, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Keisha McKinnor, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Ross Meyer all approved adjourning the meeting, and the meeting ended at 1:52 pm.



Governing Board Committee Agenda

May 28th, 2026

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Board of Directors of Arizona Autism Charter Schools, Inc. and to the general public that the Board will hold a special meeting, open to the public as specified below. The Board of Directors reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings set for a specified time. To ensure compliance with the Open Meeting Law, recipients of this message should not forward it to other Board members, and Board members should not reply to this message.

ALL AGENDA ITEMS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, INCLUDING REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

When: May 28th, 2026, at 5:00 pm. MST/AZ Time

**Where: Virtual or in Person at 1414 E Indian School Rd., Suite 200,
Phoenix, AZ 85014**

Virtual Link Below

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/5334224859?pwd=7BcdPbbZYKhxPygHug8qY7VLgS9jVM.1>

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General Matters

- Call to Order
- Roll call to determine quorum
- Approval of agenda

Public Comment

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Board Meeting Minutes:

- **Review and take action:** May 14th, 2026 Minutes

Financials:

- **Review and take action:** April Financials
- **Review:** ERC Update
- **Review and Determine:** Special board meeting during the week of July 6

Announcements:

- General Campus Updates
- Graduation
- Mesa and Tucson Campus Updates and Ribbon Cutting

Adjournment:



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

Meeting May 28th, 2026
1414 E. Indian School Rd. Suite 200, Phoenix AZ 85014

----- MINUTES -----

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Ron Harrison, AZACS Co-Founder & CEO
Paul Pucino, AZACS CFO
Myla Goyne, AZACS Chief of Schools
Annie Loftis, AZACS Director of Compliance
Claudina Douglas, ADI
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. Ross Meyer made a first motion, and Monica Alvarez made a second motion. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Monica Alvarez, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Keisha McKinnor, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Ross Meyer 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. There were no members of the public in person or on the virtual link.

Meeting Minutes:

Lorenzo Romero moved to the next portion of the board meeting, which was the minutes. He asked if the board had reviewed the May 14th, 2026, board minutes. The board members indicated that they had and that there were no questions or comments.

Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

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

Financials:

Lorenzo Romero moved to the financial portion of the meeting and turned the meeting over to Paul Pucino, who shared the following information for the April financials:

AZACS' total YTD revenue was \$32.1 million. Total expenditures were \$28.2 million, which is \$392,000 below the budget, resulting in a net income of approximately \$3.9 million. Total cash generated YTD was \$3.3 million. Staffing was below plan at 476 versus 479. Enrollment was below plan at 1047 versus 1066. The ending cash balance was \$11.3 million, which was above plan by \$312,000. The forecast for bond covenant compliance comfortably exceeds the minimum requirements. Paul asked if there were any questions, and there were none.

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

ERC Update:

Paul then continued to give the board an update on the ERC. On April 10, the IRS notified AZACS that its appeal was denied, citing that the government orders followed were not mandated, did not materially change AZACS' operations, and that remote learning was not substantially different from classroom instruction. In response, AZACS has requested mediation through the IRS's new pilot program, with a pre-hearing scheduled for June 4. If mediation is unsuccessful, AZACS intends to pursue litigation, which is expected to begin in approximately 15 months. Paul asked if there were any questions, and there were none. No action needed.

Special Board Meeting Date:

Paul then continued that AZACS needs to schedule a special meeting with the board. It was determined that July 10th, 2026, will be the special board meeting.

Announcements:

Lorenzo Romero then turned the meeting over to Myla Goyne, who shared that AZACS had two students obtain their CTE certifications, graduation was a success with 51 students graduating, and 8th-grade promotions were happening.

Ron Harrison then shared that the Mesa Elementary Campus will have their ribbon cutting on June 9th, and the board is invited.

Adjournment:

Since there were no other agenda items, Lorenzo Romero requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a first motion, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a second motion. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Monica Alvarez, Matt Simon, Lorenzo Romero, Keisha McKinnor, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Ross Meyer all approved adjourning the meeting, and the meeting ended at 5:29 pm.



Governing Board Committee Agenda

June 8th, 2026

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Board of Directors of Arizona Autism Charter Schools, Inc., and to the general public that the Board will hold a special meeting, open to the public, as specified below. The Board of Directors reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings set for a specified time. To ensure compliance with the Open Meeting Law, recipients of this message should not forward it to other Board members, and Board members should not reply to this message.

ALL AGENDA ITEMS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, INCLUDING REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

When: June 8th, 2026, at 1:00 pm. MST/AZ Time

**Where: Virtual or in Person at 1414 E Indian School Rd., Suite 200,
Phoenix, AZ 85014**

Virtual Link Below

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/5334224859?pwd=7BcdPbbZYKhxPygHug8qY7VLgS9jVM.1>

Meeting ID: 533 422 4859

Passcode: 255903

All board members will attend this meeting via telephone or video conferencing.

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Public members will have access to the meeting virtually or in person, 15 minutes before the meeting.

General Matters

- Call to Order
- Roll call to determine quorum
- Approval of agenda

Public Comment

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public, may ask staff to review a matter, or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. Members of the Board, however, may not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during public comment unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action. Finally, be advised that internal processes are available for communication.

Board Meeting Minutes:

- **Review and take action:** May 28th, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Updated Addresses for New AZACS Campuses:

- **Review and take action:** On the address for the Tucson Upper Campus at 1844 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85711
- **Review and take action:** On the address for the Mesa Elementary Campus at 4507 South Mountain Rd, Mesa, AZ 85212

Adjournment:

Posted: June 5th @ 1:00 p.m. on website and at 4125 N. 14th Street, Phoenix, 8501



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

Meeting June 8th, 2026

1414 E. Indian School Rd. Suite 200, Phoenix AZ 85014

----- MINUTES -----

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Matt Simon

Others Present:

Ron Harrison, AZACS Co-Founder & CEO
Annie Loftis, AZACS 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 1:02 p.m. Lorenzo Romero called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ross Meyer made a first motion, and Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a second motion. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Monica Alvarez, Lorenzo Romero, Keisha McKinnor, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Ross Meyer 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. There were no members of the public in person or on the virtual link.

Meeting Minutes:

Lorenzo Romero moved to the next portion of the board meeting, which was the minutes. He asked if the board had reviewed the May 28th, 2026, board minutes. The board members indicated that they had and that there were no questions or comments.

Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a first motion, and Monica Alvarez made a second motion. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Monica Alvarez, Lorenzo Romero, Keisha McKinnor, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Ross Meyer all approved the minutes, and the motion passed.

AZACS Campus Address Updates

Lorenzo then moved to the next portion of the meeting, which was the updated addresses for two AZACS campuses. He turned the meeting over to Ron Harrison.

Ron shared the address information for Arizona Autism Charter School Tucson Upper Campus. This is a move to a new campus to allow growth of the upper campus. The new Tucson upper campus address will be 1844 South Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85711.

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

Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the Arizona Autism Charter School Tucson Upper Campus address.

Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a first, and Kerrie Mallory-Thompson made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Monica Alvarez, Lorenzo Romero, Keisha McKinnor, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Ross Meyer all approved the address change, and the motion passed.

Lorenzo then moved to the next address update, which is the Arizona Autism Charter School Mesa Elementary Campus. Lorenzo turned the meeting over to Ron Harrison. Ron shared that the campus has been officially acquired by AZACS and is located at 4507 South Mountain Rd., Mesa, AZ 85212.

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

Lorenzo asked for a motion to approve the updated address for Arizona Autism Charter School Mesa Elementary Campus. Monica Alvarez made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Monica Alvarez, Lorenzo Romero, Keisha McKinnor, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Ross Meyer all approved the address change, and the motion passed.

Adjournment:

Since there were no other agenda items, Lorenzo Romero requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Keisha McKinnor made a first motion, and Ross Meyer made a second motion. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Monica Alvarez, Lorenzo Romero, Keisha McKinnor, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Ross Meyer all approved adjourning the meeting, and the meeting ended at 1:05 pm.



Governing Board Committee Agenda

June 25th, 2026

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Board of Directors of Arizona Autism Charter Schools, Inc., and to the general public that the Board will hold a special meeting, open to the public, as specified below. The Board of Directors reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings set for a specified time. To ensure compliance with the Open Meeting Law, recipients of this message should not forward it to other Board members, and Board members should not reply to this message.

ALL AGENDA ITEMS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, INCLUDING REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

When: June 25th, 2026, at 5:00 pm. MST/AZ Time

**Where: Virtual or in Person at 1414 E Indian School Rd., Suite 200,
Phoenix, AZ 85014**

Virtual Link Below

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/5334224859?pwd=7BcdPbbZYKhxPygHug8qY7VLgS9jVM.1>

Meeting ID: 533 422 4859

Passcode: 255903

All board members will attend this meeting via telephone or video conferencing.

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General Matters

- Call to Order
- Roll call to determine quorum
- Approval of agenda

Public Comment

The Arizona Autism Charter School Governing Board accepts public comments on issues within the jurisdiction of the school. Comments should be limited to three minutes per individual. At the conclusion of public comment, the Board members may respond to the comments made by the

public, may ask staff to review a matter, or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. Members of the Board, however, may not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during public comment unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action. Finally, be advised that internal processes are available for communication.

Board Meeting Minutes:

- **Review and take action:** June 8th, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Financials:

- **Review and take action:** On the May financials
- **Review:** ERC Update
- **Review and take action:** FY27 Proposed Budget

Beyond Textbooks Agreement:

- **Review and take action:** SY27 Beyond Textbooks Agreement

26/27 High School Course Catalogs:

- **Review and take action on the following:**
 - On-Site Catalogs
 - Online Catalogs

Curriculum Review Outcome for Science:

- **Review and take action on the following:**
 - On-Site Curriculum Tables
 - Online Curriculum Tables

Announcements:

- Tucson Upper Campus Update
- Mesa Elementary Campus Ribbon Cutting Recap

Adjournment:



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

Meeting Thursday, June 25th, 2026

1414 E. Indian School Rd. Suite 200, Phoenix AZ 85014

----- MINUTES -----

Board Members Present:

Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, via virtual link
Matt Simon, via virtual link
Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, via virtual link
Keisha McKinnor, via virtual link

Board Members Absent:

Ross Meyer
Monica Alvarez
Lorenzo Romero

Others Present:

Ron Harrison, AZACS Co-Founder & CEO
Paul Pucino, AZACS CFO
Myla Goyne, AZACS Chief of Schools
Annie Loftis, AZACS Compliance Director
Claudina Douglas, ADI

General Matters:

A quorum was determined to be present on the virtual Zoom link. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson called the meeting to order at approximately 5:01 p.m. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a first, and Keisha McKinnor made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Keisha McKinnor all approved the motion, and the agenda passed.

Public Comment:

Kerrie Mallory-Thompson 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:

Kerrie Mallory-Thompson moved to the next portion of the board meeting, which were the minutes. She asked if the board had reviewed the minutes from the June 8th, 2026, board meeting. The board members indicated that they had and that there were no questions or comments.

Kerrie asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Keisha McKinnor made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Keisha McKinnor all approved the motion, and the minutes passed.

Financials:

Kerrie Mallory-Thompson then moved to the next portion of the meeting to review the May financials.

She turned the meeting over to Paul Pucino, who explained the following:

AZACS' YTD revenue is at \$35.3 million. AZACS expenses are \$31.3 million, below plan by \$516K, primarily driven by lower personnel expenses. AZACS' staffing is below plan at 476 vs. 479 budget. AZACS' enrollment is below plan at 1,037 vs. 1,066 budget. AZACS' net Income is coming in at approximately \$4 million YTD, with cash generated of \$3.3 million YTD and an ending May cash balance of \$11.2 million, above plan by \$587K. AZACS' bond covenant forecasts comfortably exceed the minimum requirements.

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

Kerrie Mallory-Thompson asked for a motion to approve the May 2026 Financial Statements. Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a first, and Keisha McKinnor made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Keisha McKinnor all approved the motion, and the financials passed.

Paul then moved to an update on the Employee Retention Credit.

AZACS has requested mediation through the new IRS pilot program as the next step in resolving the matter. A pre-hearing conference is scheduled for June 4, with the mediation expected to occur in late July or early August and consist of an eight-hour hearing held over one day. If mediation does not result in a favorable outcome, AZACS intends to move forward with litigation. Litigation is anticipated to begin approximately 15 months after the mediation process concludes.

Kerrie then moved to the next portion of the meeting to review the FY27 proposed budget.

Paul reviewed the ADE Budget Form and shared that AZACS's total budgeted revenues for fiscal year 2026 are \$38,545,493. For fiscal year 2027, estimated revenues are projected to increase to \$47,684,989, consisting of \$2,160,000 in local revenues, \$42,998,989 in state funding, and \$2,526,000 in federal revenue. No revenue sources not secured at this point are

projected for fiscal year 2027. The majority of AZACS's anticipated revenue will continue to come from state funding, which represents the largest source of financial support for the organization. Total expenses for FY27 are projected to be \$44,225,108, resulting in net income of \$3,459,630. The ending cash balance as of June 30, 2017 is forecast to be \$11,084,702.

Kerrie Mallory-Thompson called for a motion to approve the FY27 proposed budget. Matt Simon made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Keisha McKinnor all approved the motion, and the budget passed.

Beyond Textbooks Agreement:

Kerrie then turned the meeting over to Myla Goyne, who reviewed the annual agreement with the board. She also explained that this agreement allows teachers to submit created products to Beyond Textbooks, and they will vet and add the resources to their portal. There is also no cost difference to adding new campuses.

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

Kerrie Mallory-Thompson asked for a motion to approve the Beyond Textbooks agreement for the 27 school year. Keisha McKinnor made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Keisha McKinnor all approved the motion, and the agreement passed.

26/27 High School Course Catalog:

Kerrie then moved to the next portion of the agenda, which was the 26/27 High School Course Catalog. She turned the meeting over to Myla Goyne, who stated that for the on-site catalog, AZACS added Audio and Visual production. And in Tucson Upper Campus, AZACS added Culinary. For the online catalog, there were no changes.

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

Kerrie Mallory-Thompson asked for a motion to approve the 26th/27 High School Course Catalog. Keisha McKinnor made a first, and Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Keisha McKinnor all approved the motion, and both catalogs passed.

Curriculum Review Outcome for Science:

Kerrie then moved to the next portion of the meeting, which was the curriculum review outcome for science.

Kerrie then turned the meeting over to Myla Goyne, who shared that every year AZACS focuses on a specific subject, and this year was science. She stated that Patrick Masson led the committee to review with a quality selection of campuses and grades. The overall finding was

that no curriculum needed to be added, but there were training opportunities and a focus on how to implement the curriculum with fidelity.

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

Kerrie Mallory-Thompson asked for a motion to approve the curriculum review outcome for science. Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a first, and Matt Simon made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Keisha McKinnor all approved the motion, and the curriculum review outcome passed.

Announcements:

Kerrie then moved to the announcement portion of the agenda. She turned the meeting over to Ron Harrison, who shared that the board is welcome to attend the July 21, 2026 ribbon-cutting for the Tucson upper campus.

Then shared that the Mesa Elementary Campus ribbon-cutting was a huge success, and he thanked those board members who attended.

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

Adjournment:

Kerrie Mallory-Thompson requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez made a first, and Keisha McKinnor made a second. Kerrie Mallory-Thompson, Matt Simon, Elizabeth Simonhoff-Perez, and Keisha McKinnor all approved the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.