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# Assurance Learning Academy

## Minutes

### Regular Board Meeting

Operated by Antelope Valley Learning Academy Inc, A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday February 18, 2025 at 2:30 PM

#### Location

**Meeting Location:** 177 Holston Drive, Lancaster, CA 93535

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#### Directors Present

Carol Stanford, Claudette Beck, John Dortch, Michael R Adams, Victoria Hancock

#### Directors Absent

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None

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Call the Meeting to Order

Board President Beck read aloud the notices regarding meeting logistics and accommodations.

Claudette Beck called a meeting of the board of directors of Assurance Learning Academy to order on Tuesday Feb 18, 2025 at 2:30 PM.

### B. Record Attendance and Guests

Board President Beck performed a board member roll call, and a quorum was established.

Board President Beck then introduced Jillian Rojas, who performed a roll call of the learning center locations that joined the meeting via a two-way teleconference line.

### C. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Dortch led the pledge of allegiance.

### D. Staff Introductions

Jeff Brown, CEO

Jeri Vincent, Corporate Secretary

Shellie Hanes, Superintendent

Darin Bower, COO

Victor Nardiello, Area Superintendent

Bill Thompson, Legal Counsel

### E. Approve Agenda for the February 18, 2025, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors

John Dortch made a motion to approve Agenda for the February 18, 2025, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Michael R Adams seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

Carol Stanford Aye

Claudette Beck Aye

Victoria Hancock Aye

John Dortch Aye

Michael R Adams Aye

## **II. Public Comment**

### **A. Public Comment**

Board President Beck read the following announcement for members of the public:

At this time, members of the public may address the Board on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board, whether or not the item is on the agenda. The time allotted per presentation will not exceed three (3) minutes, unless a member of the public utilizes a translator, in which case the time allotted will not exceed six (6) minutes. In accordance with the Brown Act, no action may occur at this time, but it is the Board's prerogative to hold a brief discussion, provide information to the public, provide direction to staff, or schedule the matter for a future meeting.

Board President Beck asked if there were any members of the public who wished to offer public comment. There were no members of the public who offered public comment or submitted written comment.

## **III. School Reports and Information**

### **A. Mid-Year Local Control Accountability Plan Update**

Victor Nardiello greeted the board and directed them to the 2024-2025 Mid-Year Local Control Accountability Plan ("LCAP") report located in the board packet. Mr. Nardiello updated the board on changes to the LCFF funds. He then reviewed the following LCAP data:

- Goal #1 Increase Academic Progress: Focus is on teacher qualifications, student growth in core academics, and support for English learners. Highlighted EL paraprofessionals, tutors, and bilingual staff.
- Goal #2 Students Will Gain Skills for College and Career-Readiness: Focus is on coursework, state standards, and specialized programs. Highlighted student success strategies and counseling for post-graduation pathways.
- Goal #3 Increase Student Retention: Focus is on improving student engagement and support. Highlighted retention rate and attendance.
- Goal #4 Increase Educational Partners' Engagement: Highlighted ELPAC participation and student safety.

Mr. Nardiello thanked the board for their support and asked if they had any questions or feedback

Board President Beck thanked Mr. Nardiello for his presentation.

## **IV. Additional Corporate Officers and Board Members' Observations and Comments**

### **A.**

## Observations and Comments

Jeff Brown thanked Mr. Nardiello.

## V. Closing Items

### A. Next Board Meeting Date: March 4, 2025, 1:00pm

### B. Adjourn Meeting

Victoria Hancock made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Carol Stanford seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

Victoria Hancock Aye

Michael R Adams Aye

Claudette Beck Aye

Carol Stanford Aye

John Dortch Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael R Adams

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