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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

Thursday September 18, 2025 at 11:00 AM

#### Location

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

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#### REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY

Please see the "Accommodations" notice below.

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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 Thursday Sep 18, 2025 at 11:00 AM.

### 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 Stanford led the pledge of allegiance.

### D. Staff Introductions

Shellie Hanes, Superintendent

Darin Bower, COO

Victor Nardiello, Area Superintendent

Jamie Lambert, Principal

Heather Stuve, Sr. Director of Special Programs and Services

Bill Thompson, Legal Counsel

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

Michael R Adams made a motion to approve Agenda for the September 18, 2025, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors.

John Dortch seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

Carol Stanford Aye

Victoria Hancock Aye

John Dortch Aye

Claudette Beck 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. Vanessa Mendoza announced there was one written comment received and one request to speak.

Board President Beck then asked if the member of the public would like to address the board. There were no members of the public who offered public comment or submitted written comment.

## III. Additional Corporate Officers and Board Members' Observations and Comments

### A. Observations and Comments

There were no further comments.

## IV. Closed Session

### A. Adjourn open public Board meeting to go into closed session

Confidential Student Expulsion Case #2025-01.

Carol Stanford made a motion to adjourn open public Board meeting to go into closed session.

Victoria Hancock seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

Carol Stanford Aye

Michael R Adams Aye

Victoria Hancock Aye

Claudette Beck Aye

John Dortch Aye

### B. Adjourn closed session and reconvene to open public Board meeting

Victoria Hancock made a motion to adjourn closed session and reconvene to open public Board meeting.

John Dortch seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Michael R Adams Aye

Victoria Hancock Aye

Claudette Beck Aye

John Dortch Aye

Carol Stanford Aye

**C. Report of action taken or recommendations made in closed session, if any**

Board President Beck reported that the board took the following action on Confidential Student Expulsion Case #AVLA 2025-01: with a motion by Board Secretary Adams and a second by Board Member Hancock, the board unanimously voted to expel the pupil in accordance with board policy and for a period of one year.

**V. Closing Items**

**A. Next Board Meeting Date: December 9, 2025, 1:00pm**

**B. Adjourn Meeting**

John Dortch made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Carol Stanford seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

John Dortch Aye

Claudette Beck Aye

Carol Stanford Aye

Michael R Adams Aye

Victoria Hancock Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael R Adams

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