



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
ARKANSAS SCHOOLS FOR ADVANCED STUDIES, INC.**

March 18, 2025

Location
School for Advanced Studies Northwest Arkansas Campus
121 West Poplar Street
Rogers, AR 72756

Board members present: Craig Barrett and Bill Harris

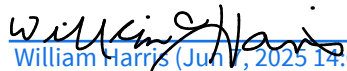
Board members absent: Chad Colby

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:04 am.
2. The agenda was adopted as presented.
3. DeAnna Rowe presented the Executive Director's Report and provided a summary of her recent efforts to work with the APSRC on legislative matters. She is monitoring legislation for impacts on the school, although education bills are expected to be minimal this session.
4. Damon Norris presented the FY25 Q2 Financial Report. Craig Barrett renewed his request for a proforma as soon as possible as well as periodic enrollment updates, every two weeks, between now and the next board meeting.
5. Peter Bezanson introduced the State of the School highlighting the continued growth and exceptionality of the school while acknowledging the continued challenges faced because of low enrollment. Jennifer Higgins provided updates on the school's efforts in the following areas: Academics; Business & Operations; Community Engagement; and Faculty & Staff. Specifically, she shared the schools' continued efforts to bring the students that needed support up to speed with differentiation programming while ensuring those students that came to the school prepared for the accelerated model were able to continue to grow. Additionally, she shared she's received flood of emails with inquiries from teachers who had heard amazing things about working at the school,

asking if there are staff openings. Aaron Pellowski provided the Academic update including growth based on MAP testing results, explaining the students are hitting the high achievement scores and shared efforts being made by the academics team. Current enrollment numbers as well as re-enrollment and anticipated FY26 enrollment numbers were included in the report. Liz Greenberg outlined the school website redesign and structure including the revamped logo. Michelle Keogh completed the report with a brief Legal and Compliance overview, sharing that the school should get more information about the next steps for accreditation in Arkansas on or before April 1 and will report back during the Q4 meeting.

6. The Board adopted the following Consent Agenda resolutions and items as presented:
 - a. Ratified the minutes of the December 17, 2024 meeting
 - b. Resolution ASAS25-R19: SY25-26 School Calendar
7. The meeting adjourned at 12:48 pm.

Minutes taken by Anastasia Hawkins.


William Harris (Jun 1, 2025 14:09 EDT)

William C. Harris
Secretary of the Board
Arkansas Schools for Advanced Studies, Inc.


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