



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

March 5, 2026

Location

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

Board members present¹: Craig Barrett, Chad Colby and Marcia McCullough.

Board members absent: Bill Harris

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:37 pm.
2. The agenda was adopted as presented.
3. Public comment: No public comment was received.
4. David Hubalik presented the Management Report, with updates provided by Jennifer Higgins and school leadership. Jennifer Higgins introduced Ray Herndon and shared accolades from his tenure over the last few months and his transition into his new role. Ray Herndon provided the Schools' Arkansas ATLAS assessments data demonstrating strong student performance gains across all categories and dramatic proficiency changes in Algebra as well as 8th grade Science nearly doubling in proficiency. Enrollment remains at 136 students, 11 students higher than the budgeted enrollment of 125. Liz Greenberg provided marketing and community engagement efforts including ramped up marketing efforts which resulted in increased traffic to the websites as well as the beginning of their testing phase for Spring messaging. Jennifer Higgins reported on the State of the School highlighting the significant changes in leadership mid-year and how positive those changes have been on the school. Judy King provided an update on the Standards for Accreditation, noting the school is completely in the green and should get full approval on May 1.

¹ In accordance with the Board's approved waiver pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-13-619(a)(1)(A) and (c)(1)(A), and applicable law, Board members were permitted to participate in the meeting virtually, which is standard practice for the Board.

5. Damon Norris presented the FY26 Q2 Financial Report.
6. DeAnna Rowe presented the Executive Director's Report.
7. The Board adopted the following Action Item resolutions:
 - a) Minutes of the December 8, 2025 meeting of the Arkansas Schools for Advanced Studies, Inc. Board of Directors.
 - b) Resolution ASAS26-R07 approving revisions to the Bylaws of the Arkansas Schools for Advanced Studies, Inc. Board of Directors.
8. Summary of current events and future items: Jennifer Higgins shared highlights from a recent visit with SAS students and former President Barack Obama, noting the significant impact on students and the depth of reflection demonstrated during a subsequent seminar.
9. The meeting adjourned at 4:52 pm.

Minutes taken by Anastasia Hawkins.

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