

**Board Meeting of the Online School of  
Arizona Board of Directors**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Date: Time: Location:**

Tuesday August 6, 2024 1:00 PM Arizona Time

To be conducted via Google Meet

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**Item 1: Call to Order / Roll Call**

Erin Albert, Board President called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Erin Albert - President	Present	
Laura Hatton – Vice President/Treasurer	Present	
Paul Mendoza – Secretary	Present	

Others present: Pandey, Cozette Moore

**Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance**

Erin Albert, Board President recited the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

**Item 3: Statement of Purpose**

Erin Albert, President recited the Statement of Purpose as follows:

"This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the Academy's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda."

**Item 4: Regular Business**

- **Approval of the Agenda**

Erin Albert, President made a motion to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Laura Hatton. Ayes – all. Nays - none. Motion carried to approve the Agenda.

Ayes: Erin Albert, Laura Hatton, Paul Mendoza.

Nays: none.

- **Public Comments on Agenda Items**

No one present at meeting for public comment on Agenda Items.

- **Approval of the last Board Meeting Minutes**

Erin Albert, President made a motion to approve the last Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Paul Mendoza. Ayes – all. Nays - none. Motion carried to approve the last Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Erin Albert, Paul Mendoza, Laura Hatton

Nays – none.

- **Amending the last Board Meeting Minutes and approving the amended last Board Meeting Minutes**

Pandey presented and read following to the Board for discussion on ASBCS request to amend the last Board Meeting Minutes.

Regarding the May 3, 2024, board meeting, we acknowledge and request to amend the minutes to reflect that the meeting was called to order at 2:22 PM, despite being scheduled for 2:00 PM. We would like to provide context for this delay to ensure proper understanding and compliance with Arizona's Open Meeting Law and become part of our amended minutes.

On May 3, 2024, although the quorum was met and the majority of board members were ready to proceed at 2:00 PM, one of our board members Laura Hatton experienced technical difficulties logging into the virtual meeting platform. This unexpected issue necessitated a delay to ensure full participation and proper conduct of the meeting.

While A.R.S. § 38-431.02(A)(1)(b) requires public bodies to post all public meeting notices on their website and to provide additional public notice as is reasonable and practicable, it also inherently considers that unforeseen circumstances can affect the timing of the meeting. We believe that our actions were in good faith and within the spirit of the law, as we ensured that:

**Public Notice** The meeting was properly noticed on our website, fulfilling the initial requirement of the statute.

**Reasonable and Practicable Additional Notice** The delay was unavoidable and communicated immediately through the meeting platform to all waiting participants, ensuring transparency.

It is not uncommon for public meetings to experience slight delays due to technical or logistical issues. For instance, the Arizona Open Meeting Law provides that:

**A.R.S. § 38-431.05(B)** Recognizes that minor deviations in meeting times do not constitute a violation if the public body acts in good faith.

**Arizona Attorney General Opinion 185-042** Indicates that a reasonable delay due to unforeseen circumstances does not violate the spirit of the Open Meeting Law, provided the public is kept informed.

Given these precedents, the delay experienced on May 3, 2024, was both reasonable and necessary to ensure full participation and adherence to the law's intent. The board's priority was to facilitate a meeting where all members could contribute effectively, which necessitated waiting for the member experiencing technical difficulties.

To prevent similar issues in the future, we are implementing the following measures:

**Technical Support** Ensuring that all board members have access to technical support prior to meetings to resolve any issues promptly.

**Contingency Plans** Establishing contingency plans for technical difficulties, including backup login methods and alternative communication channels.

We trust that this explanation provides a clear understanding of the situation and the steps we are taking to ensure compliance with Open Meeting Law and provide a reasonable reason why we will request ASBCS that we should not get a non-compliance measure on our operation dash board for Measure 2.d.: Open Meeting Law

We will submit an administratively complete Charter Representative Amendment Request by August 16, 2024, addressing all operational noncompliance issues.

There were no further questions from the board.

Erin Albert, President made a motion to approve and amend the last Board Meeting Minutes reflecting above clarification. The motion was seconded by Paul Mendoza. Ayes – all. Nays - none. Motion carried to approve the last Board Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Erin Albert, Paul Mendoza, Laura Hatton  
Nays – none.

### **Item 5: Leadership Update**

- File an amendment to Remove Charter Representative
  - Travis GostingerPandey presented to the Board for discussion to File an amendment to Remove Charter Representative - Travis Gostinger. There were no questions by the Board.

- File an amendment to Remove Charter Representative
  - Robert Giordano

Pandey presented to the Board for discussion to File an amendment to Remove Charter Representative – Robert Giordano. There were no questions by the Board.

- Audit Update

Shubham Pandey presented to the Board for discussion Audit Update. PTAA Arizona has retained a new CPA and audit is scheduled for October 2024. There were no questions by the Board.

### **Item 6: Additional Business**

- Approval to file an amendment to remove Charter Representative Travis Gostinger

Erin Albert, President made a motion to file an amendment to remove Charter Representative Travis Gostinger. The motion was seconded by Paul Mendoza. Ayes – all. Nays - none. Motion carried to file an amendment to remove Charter Representative Travis Gostinger. Ayes: Erin Albert, Paul Mendoza; Laura Hatton. Nays – none. Motion carried.

- Approval to file an amendment to remove Charter Representative Robert Giordano

Erin Albert, President made a motion to file an amendment to remove Charter Representative Robert Giordano. The motion was seconded by Laura Hatton. Ayes – all. Nays - none. Motion carried to file an amendment to remove Charter Representative Robert Giordano. Ayes: Erin Albert, Laura Hatton, Paul Mendoza; Laura Hatton. Nays – none. Motion carried.

### **Item 7: Board Strategy and Planning**

No items.

**Item 8: Public Comments on Non Agenda items**

No one present to present Public Comment

**Item 9: Adjournment**

Erin Albert, President made a motion to adjourn meeting. The motion was seconded by Laura Hatton. Ayes Erin Albert, Laura Hatton, Paul Mendoza. Nays none. Motion carried to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m. Arizona Time