

American Classical Education Tennessee
Board Agenda- November 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

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1. Call to order

2. Public comment

Individuals wishing to speak must sign up in advance [on this form](#).

3. Approval of October 17, 2024 minutes (vote)

4. Secretary role and vote

5. Policy updates and approvals

6. Committee report

7. ACAR update

8. Madison opening date (vote)

9. Adjourn

Public Comment Period: Pursuant to TCA 8-44-112, the board reserves up to 20 minutes for members of the public to comment on agenda items the board intends to vote on at the meeting. Each speaker is allowed up to 2 minutes to speak. The number of speakers is limited to 10. Members of the public who want to comment should register prior to the start of the meeting by signing up [online](#).

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Draft Board Minutes- October 17, 2024 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order

Board members Jackie Archer, Michelle Garcia, Tricia Stickel, and Darrell Woodard were present. David Codevilla, Joey Hale, and Dennis Pearson were absent.

Rich Haglund, Maya Sethi, Phill Schwenk, and Yvonne Adkins were also present.

2. Public comment

No individuals signed up for public comment.

3. Approval of September 19, 2024 minutes (vote)

Ms. Archer moved approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woodard and approved by unanimous voice vote.

4. Policy updates and approvals

There were no policy updates for the board to review. However, Ms. Stickel proposed appointing an ad hoc policy committee to review the policy governance policies and bring final versions to the board for review and approval. Counsel to the board would guide and support the committee in carrying out that work.

Ms. Archer and Mr. Woodard volunteered to serve in that capacity.

5. Agenda amendment

Without objection, Ms. Stickel added an item at the end of the agenda to review the board meeting schedule.

6. Committee report

Ms. Garcia updated the board on the work of the committee. The committee will meet next week to review 10 questions the committee asked of staff and then bring a revised budget to the board's November meeting.

7. Resolution updates and approvals

Ms. Archer moved that, in light of certain contingency planning in which the finance committee is engaged, the board, approve, at the direction of a member of the finance committee, the school's fiscal service provider reserve adequate funds in order to ensure financial control and oversight.

Mr. Woodard seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous voice vote.

8. ACAR update

After reviewing the school updates provided by Mr. Schwenk (attached), the head of school, board members discussed and asked questions of the head of school regarding enrollment and marketing, operations, and finance (including additional fundraising and revenue opportunities).

Board members asked Mr. Schwenk about how marketing efforts for the next few months will help the school reach the projected enrollment of 390 for the 2025 - 26 school year. Mr. Schwenk committed to provide the board a detailed plan, including what parents notice is different about this school.

Board members discussed the positive review from Hillsdale College's K - 12 Education Office and asked Mr. Schenk to share his plans for responding to the recommendations in the College's report.

9. Discussion on board meeting schedule

Ms. Stickel proposed that the board move to a semi-monthly schedule after the November meeting. A full discussion was had including a commitment that the board can always call additional meetings as needed.

10. Adjournment