



# ATLANTA NEIGHBORHOOD CHARTER SCHOOL

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## Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School

### Minutes

#### ANCS Governing Board Monthly Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Thursday August 19, 2021 at 6:30 PM

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*Notice of this meeting was posted on the ANCS website and both ANCS campuses in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1.*

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#### **Directors Present**

Angela Christie (remote), Barrett Coker Krise (remote), Ben Sutton (remote), Carla Wells (remote), Emily Ormsby (remote), Hanah Goldberg (remote), Irina Brimmell (remote), Jason Rhodes (remote), Kristi Malloy (remote), Lee Kynes (remote), Pouya Dianat (remote), Rhonda Collins (remote)

#### **Directors Absent**

None

#### **Guests Present**

Arnold Pierce (remote), Caron Buttrum (remote), Cathey Goodgame (remote), Chuck Meadows (remote), Jeremy Varner (remote), Jerry Hanes (remote), Jessica Gowen (remote), Krista Koch (remote), Lara Zelski (remote), Maria Geonaga (remote), Mark Sanders (remote), Meeghan Fortson (remote), Nicole King (remote), Nicole Lupo (remote), Paige Teusink (remote), Rachel Ezzo (remote), Rhiannen Laurent (remote), Sheridan Thompson (remote), Vivian Low (remote), Zahava Bailey (remote)

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### **I. Opening Items**

#### **A. Record Attendance and Guests**

#### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Lee Kynes called a meeting of the board of directors of Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School to order on Thursday Aug 19, 2021 at 6:31 PM.

**C. Brain Smart Start**

Mark Sanders led the group in a brain smart start to unite, disengage stress, and commit.

**D. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**E. Approve Minutes from Prior Board Meeting**

Jason Rhodes made a motion to approve the minutes from ANCS Governing Board Meeting on 06-21-21.

Carla Wells seconded the motion.

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

**F. PTCA President Update**

Rachel Ezzo provided the PTCA report. Updates were provided regarding membership, finances, and events. See board packet for details.

**G. Principals' Open Forum**

- Cathey Goodgame provided a middle campus update:
  - MAP Testing underway (working through some technology issues with Chromebooks).
  - Athletic tryouts underway. Participation is high, especially in girls volleyball.
  - Middle Years Program sessions have begun.
- Lara Zelski provided an elementary campus update:
  - MAP Testing underway (third grade delayed due to mandatory virtual week).
  - SARS-COV-2 surveillance testing is going well. Over 300 teachers, staff, and students were tested last week. The process is minimally disruptive to the classroom.
  - Curriculum Night is 8/26 and will be virtual.

**II. Executive Director's Report**

**A. Executive Director Report**

- Chuck Meadows provided the Executive Director report. He provided an update on COVID-19 mitigation, assessing academic achievement (Georgia Milestones and MAP testing), school-wide communications, and project updates. See board packet for details.

**III. DEAT Update**

**A. Monthly DEAT Report**

Carla Wells provided the DEAT report. She reviewed the DEAT vision, and shared updates regarding their focus for this year. A calendar of events for this year will be provided at the next board meeting. See board packet for details.

**IV. Finance & Operations**

**A. Monthly Finance & Operations Report**

Emily Ormsby shared a financial update and reviewed changes to the Financial Resolution. See the board packet for details.

**B. Vote on 2021-2022 Financial Resolution**

Ben Sutton made a motion to approve the Financial Resolution as updated by the Finance and Operations Committee.

Irina Brimmell seconded the motion.

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

**V. Governance**

**A. Monthly Governance Report**

Rhonda Collins provided Governance Committee updates, including the committee schedule and focus for the year. See board packet for details.

**B. Vote on Committee Membership**

Rhonda Collins made a motion to approve committee membership as identified by committee chairs.

Barrett Coker Krise seconded the motion.

Pouya Dianat should be added to the Educational Excellence Committee. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**C. Vote on Nondiscrimination & Parental Leave Policies**

Irina Brimmell made a motion to approve the Nondiscrimination and Parental Leave policies as presented.

Emily Ormsby seconded the motion.

There was discussion regarding HB 146 (that provides 3 weeks of paid parental leave to full-time state employees and teachers) and how it intersects with the proposed ANCS parental leave policy. These will run concurrently. There was also discussion on future enhancements to the policy to provide coverage for both parents if both employed at ANCS. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**D. Vote on ANCS Policies**

Emily Ormsby made a motion to approve the ANCS policies as presented.

Jason Rhodes seconded the motion.

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

**VI. Fund Development**

**A. Monthly Fund Development Report**

Barrett Coker Krise provided a report and discussed the annual Gather & Grow fund, the fundraising goal for this fiscal year, as well as strategic goals for the committee. See board packet for details.

**VII. Educational Excellence**

**A. Monthly Educational Excellence Report**

Jason Rhodes shared the schedule for the Educational Excellence committee, as well as the committee responsibilities. See board packet for details.

**VIII. New Business**

**A. September Monthly Meeting**

Lee Kynes shared we will move the September board meeting to Thursday, September 23 to allow observance of Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah.

## **IX. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

Jason Rhodes made a motion to adjourn the August Governing Board Meeting.

Carla Wells seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristi Malloy