

# American Classical Schools of Idaho (ACSI) Board of Trustees

500 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Fruitland, Idaho 83619

## MEETING MINUTES

Date: Nov 19, 2025

Scheduled Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

Actual Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Idaho Novus Classical Academy, 19255 N McLeod Way, Boise, ID 83714

1. **Call to Order** by Board Chair, Mr. Lasnick.
2. **Roll Call of Board** by Mr. Lasnick. The following Board members were present: Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Edinger, Mr. Lasnick, Mr. Schwalbach and Mr. Bassetti thus established a quorum. Mrs. Saylor provided advance notice of vacation and was not in attendance. Other attendees included Dr. Kane, Dr. Francom, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Seely, Mrs. French and Mr. Lambert. Guest attendee(s) included Mrs. Baughman (TVCA) and Mrs. Itterly (INCA).
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
  - 4.1. Adopt Agenda 11.19.25.
  - 4.2. Adopt Board Meeting Minutes 10.29.25. Mr. Lasnick sought comments or amendments from board members on consent agenda. Hearing none, both items on the consent agenda were adopted.
5. **Public Comment**
  - 5.1. No public comments
6. **Guest Discourse**
7. **Reports**
  - 7.1. **Finance Oversight Committee:** Financial statements and balances were made available to board members in advance of the meeting for review. The official report was deferred to the December meeting as Mrs. Saylor was on vacation.
  - 7.2. **American Classical Schools of Idaho Executive Director Report:** Mr. Lambert and Mr. DenHartog provided a high-level overview of ACSI portfolio of schools and current interest and enrollment. Recent “Excellence in Education” conference and lessons learned were briefly discussed as well as logistics and board preparation for upcoming RCA petition presentation at Idaho Public Charter School Commission. CSGF relationship was discussed as well as creation of a fraud tipline.
  - 7.3. **Idaho Novus Classical Academy Principal Report:** Dr. Kane reviewed the INCA dashboard noting that attendance had been steady at 98% and bus ridership and lunch participation remained steady. He noted continued growth of extracurricular activities as well as upcoming theatrical and seasonal events. He also provided some highlights related to hiring and upcoming facility expansion.
  - 7.4. **North Idaho Classical Academy Principal Report:** Dr. Francom noted ITE status moved to “enroll” status and 120 more students were picked up in 19 days. He also provided a facility overview, noting that the owner had removed contaminated soil from the site. Dr. Francom answered questions from several board members regarding the facility.
  - 7.5. **Valor Classical Academy Principal Report:** Mr. Hunter provided an overview of VCA facility construction progress, schedule and upcoming topping off ceremony. After discussing faculty openings, he discussed methods for engaging potentially large numbers of parents with questions about enrollment and lottery. **Riverton Classical Academy Principal Report:** Mr. Seely discussed enrollment, noting RCA recently exceeded 700 ITE. He noted the charter was resubmitted after recent review by the IPCSC and discussed board member preparation for the December 11th commission meeting. He also noted progress with

the City of Kuna engineer and progress toward subdivision of the land. Mr. Seely then answered questions from board members.

**8. Old Business**

- 8.1. Discuss At Large Board Seat:** Mr. Lasnick discussed the open board seat and several board members indicated support for the existing candidate to represent TVCA. Mr. Schwalbach requested an opportunity for 1:1 discussion with the existing candidate prior to a vote and Mr. Lasnick concurred, indicating that a vote on the candidate would be postponed until the December meeting.
- 8.2. Discuss Public Comments:** Mr. Lambert discussed guidelines for public commentary created in collaboration with board members, noting that the new guidelines would be published in the public comments section of the agenda of each regular monthly meeting.

**9. New Business**

- 9.1. Discuss RCA IPCSC Presentation:** Mr. Lambert discussed preparation logistics and answered questions regarding the ACSI Board presentation to the IPCSC on Thursday, Dec 11th, 2025.
- 9.2. Approve NICA AY25-26 Calendar (Action Item):** Dr. Francom proposed the 2025-2026 academic year schedule which was extensively discussed, particularly variances to the typical five day schedule at the beginning and end of the academic calendar. Concerns with teaching literacy essentials being taught in a four-day week were also discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Schwalbach to approve the AY 2025-2026 Calendar which was seconded by Mr. Dixon. The motion was approved with four in favor and one opposed.
- 9.3. Approve INCA Family Engagement Policy (Action Item):** Mrs. French and Dr. Kane discussed the INCA Family Engagement Policy, noting it was based on a state-provided template. A motion was made by Mr. Dixon to approve the INCA Family Engagement Policy which was seconded by Mr. Schwalbach and approved with unanimous consent.
- 9.4. Approve ACSI-wide Admissions Preferences Policy (Action Item):** Mrs. French reviewed the Admissions Preference Policy which would serve to add a preference category allowing transfer between schools. Mrs. French answered questions from board members which included the caveat related to late applicants. A motion was then made by Mr. Dixon to approve the ACSI-wide Admissions Preferences Policy which was seconded by Mr. Schwalbach and approved with unanimous consent.
- 9.5. Executive Session Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (a)/(f):** Mr. Lasnick requests a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (a)/(f) to discuss legal matters which is made by Mr. Dixon and seconded by Mrs. Edinger. A voice vote was taken by Mr. Bassetti with Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Edinger, Mr. Lasnick and Mr. Schwalbach voted in favor of a move into executive session. All guests and attendees other than Mr. Lambert and Dr. Kane departed the meeting and the executive session commenced at 9:03pm and ended at 9:20pm after a unanimous vote by board members to conclude the executive session was made.

**10. Adjournment**

- 10.1. Having completed the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm.**



John Bassetti  
ACSI Secretary