

American Classical Schools of Idaho (ACSI) Board of Trustees

500 SW 3rd St., Fruitland, Idaho 83619

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Aug 26, 2026

Scheduled Start Time: 7:00 p.m. MDT / 6:00 PDT

Actual Start Time: 7:03 p.m.

Physical Meeting Location: Valor Classical Academy, 10501 W Tiercel Drive, Kuna, ID 83634

Virtual Meeting: Zoom

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, Mrs. Saylor, Mr. Schwalbach and Mr. Bassetti, thus establishing a quorum. Other attendees included Dr. Francom, Mrs. French, Mr. Hunter, Dr. Kane, Mr. Lambert and Mr. Schwenk.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - 4.1. Adopt Amended Agenda 8.26.26.
 - 4.2. Adopt Board Meeting Minutes 7.29.26. Mr. Lasnick sought comments or amendments from board members on the consent agenda. Hearing none, both items on the consent agenda were adopted.
5. **Public Comment**
 - 5.1. Pursuant to ACSI's public commentary guidelines, commentary was provided by Valor Classical Academy parent Issac Skeldon. He provided an overview of a safety concern related to road construction in the proximity of a bus route near Desert View Estates.
6. **Guest Discourse**
 - 6.1. No guests or guest discourse.
7. **Reports**
 - 7.1. **Finance Oversight Committee:** Mrs. French spoke on behalf of Mrs. Saylor who joined the meeting at 7:20 PM. Mrs. French noted that no financials had been received from BLUUM to allow for the audit and stated that financials from BLUUM would be available at the next board meeting. Mrs. Saylor uploaded all other relevant information to the board drive.
 - 7.2. **American Classical Schools of Idaho CEO Report:** Mr. Lambert noted excitement related to four currently operating schools, including two new schools (NICA and Valor) and ACSI personnel involved in each opening. Mr. Lambert then made himself available for questions from board members.
 - 7.3. **Treasure Valley Classical Academy Head of School Report:** Mrs. Marshall provided a high-level overview of progress partway through the first week noted an enrollment of 604 students at opening rather than expected 604. She noted this shortfall was expected to be partially made up with three pending students in the upper school and seven students in the lower school. Mrs. Marshall is actively pursuing to fill these seats and will consider any budget impacts for the remainder of the school year. Mrs. Marshall then answered questions from board members.
 - 7.4. **Idaho Novus Classical Academy Head of School Report:** Dr. Kane noted a "strong launch" during the first week school. He noted no financial issues or enrollment challenges and highlighted the recent event with Dr. Sax related to evidence-based parenting. Dr. Kane then stood for questions from board members.
 - 7.5. **North Idaho Classical Academy Head of School Report:** Dr. Francom provided an update on NICA noting a slight delay in opening day attributable to facility construction. He noted a slight drop in enrollment

but maintained it was still above budgeted enrollment. Dr. Francom then stood for questions from board members.

7.6. Valor Classical Academy Head of School Report: Mr. Hunter briefly discussed recent ribbon-cutting and an open house with an estimate of approximately 500 people in attendance. He noted several disenrollments which were able to be replaced and highlighted the value of ACSI staff in attendance who provided support during the first days of school. Mr. Hunter then stood for questions from board members.

7.7. Riverton Classical Academy Head of School Report: Mr. Seely stated that intents-to-enroll were approaching 1000 students. He provided an update on the future RCA site and expected city council approval by September 23rd, 2026. Mr. Seely spoke about the upcoming hiring campaign and groundbreaking scheduled for October 6th, 2026. He also indicated he felt significant value in being able to participate in the first two days of classes at Valor. Mr. Seely stood for questions from board members.

8. Old Business

8.1. Follow-up on ACSI Board of Directors Employment Policy: Mr. Lambert decided unwise to further modify policy, noting it was already quite restrictive per Atty. Yorgason.

9. New Business

9.1. Approve TVCA/INCA/NICA/VCA Amended Slate of Employees (Action Item): Mrs. Marshall, Dr. Kane, Dr. Francom and Mr. Hunter each provided updates and minor modifications to their slate of hires. Each school leader described specific scenarios and positions requiring modification to their slate of hires. Mr. Lasnick then solicited questions. Hearing none, Mr. Bassetti motioned to approve TVCA, INCA, NICA and VCA's slate of hires. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dixon and approved with unanimous consent.

9.2. IC 33-145 Policy Amendment and School Policy Adoption (Action Item): Mr. Lambert explained guidance from the department of education related to the new section of Idaho code. He noted its applicability in reporting and disclosure, primarily within the hiring pipeline. Policy changes were done in coordination with Atty. Yorgason and incorporation into individual ACSI school policy, likely as an appendix. Mr. Lasnick then solicited questions. Hearing none, Mr. Bassetti motioned to approve the Policy Amendment and School Policy Adoption Pursuant to IC 33-145. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Saylor and approved with unanimous consent.

9.3. Approve Erstadt Architecture Contract for INCA (Action): Mr. DenHartog reviewed the proposed architectural contract with Erstadt Architecture for INCA Phase II expansion. He noted this was the same agreement as was used at both VCA and RCA and was reviewed by Mr. Yorgason. Mr. DenHartog then answered questions from board members. Following questions, Mrs. Saylor motioned to approve the Erstadt Architecture Contract for INCA. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dixon and approved with unanimous consent.

9.4. Update on Board Membership. Mr. Lasnick discussed Alana Baughman's resignation due to the potential conflict with her concurrent role as athletic director.

9.5. Discuss Physical Meeting Location(s) for Board Meetings: Mr. Lasnick reminded board members that each school that is open should have someone present at that location in the event that parents or community members are interested in joining.

9.6. Update on ACSI Foundation: Mr. DenHartog provided a summary of the intent and purpose for creating a foundation. He noted creation of such a foundation was common for CMO's in our space and described a potential structure for such an organization. Three members of the existing ACSI Board (Bassetti, Dixon and Schwalbach) were nominated to establish the Foundation Board. Board members discussed next steps and agreed to a path forward including creation of bylaws and articles of incorporation.

- 9.7. Ramp Credit Limit Increase:** Mrs. French requested a credit limit increase for expenses related to opening both NICA and VCA. She discussed the business necessity for this additional budgeted spending, indicating it was expected to decrease after the opening of each school. An additional explanation was provided in the board drive in a memorandum to the ACSI Board from Mrs. French dated 10 August 2026. Board members were in agreement on the need for the modest increase in credit limit.
- 9.8. Pledge Reclassification:** Mrs. French described the pledge reclassification as detailed in the Pledge Reclassification Memo to the CEO and ACSI Board dated 10 August 2026. Pursuant to GAAP rules, an “unconditional” pledge was reclassified to “conditional” in full collaboration with the donor. Board members then asked clarifying questions.
- 9.9. Discussion About ACSI Oath:** Mr. Lambert discussed the requirement of board members taking an oath to ACSI. Board members and school leaders talked about similar requirements currently in effect for school leaders. Discussion also occurred around where the oaths would be taken and it was determined that Mr. Lambert would come up with a plan for individuals to take such an oath.
- 9.10. Executive Session Pursuant to Idaho Code 74.206 (f):** Pursuant to Section 74.206(f) of Idaho Code, Mr. Lasnick indicated an executive session was needed to discuss a topic related to a legal matter. A motion by Mr. Bassetti and seconded by Mrs. Baughman to enter into executive session via voice vote was passed with seven (6) votes in favor and none (0) against. The executive session commenced at 8:29 PM and concluded at 8:57 PM and included heads of school and board members only.
- 10. Adjournment**
- 10.1. Having completed the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM.**



John Bassetti
ACSI Secretary