

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

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## MEETING MINUTES

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

Date: Feb 25, 2026

Scheduled Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

Actual Start Time: 7:01 p.m.

Meeting Location: Virtual

1. **Call to Order** by Board Chair, Mr. Lasnick.
2. **Roll Call of Board** by Mr. Lasnick. The following Board members were present: Mrs. Baughman, Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Edinger, Mr. Lasnick, Mrs. Saylor, Mr. Schwalbach and Mr. Bassetti, thus establishing a quorum. Other attendees included Dr. Francom, Mr. Hunter, Dr. Kane, Mrs. French and Mr. Lambert.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
  - 4.1. Adopt Amended Agenda 2.25.26 with all voting in favor to amend item 9.1 to include discussion related to INCA expansion.
  - 4.2. Adopt Board Meeting Minutes 1.28.26. 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:** Mrs. Saylor discussed finances for ACSI and all active school entities under the ACSI umbrella. She reviewed balances for all ACSI and member school-related accounts, noting no irregularities. She also demonstrated an improvement to the organizational structure utilized for board meeting financial document review.
  - 7.2. **American Classical Schools of Idaho CEO Report:** Mr. Lambert described collaborative effort between BLUUM and Mrs. French in support of eventual CFO takeover of CFO duties by ACSI. Recent attendance of both ACSI management and ACSI Board Chair at CSGF conference noted strong support for a second round of grants as well as lots of mentions of classical education in general. A summary of other ACSI founding group efforts and interest throughout the state was discussed including effort in Blaine County. The microscool effort is still having regular strategy engagement sessions but focus remained on bricks and mortar efforts. Board members asked questions including status of TVCA conversion and oversight transition. Mr. Lambert illustrated technical steps (implications for tax-exempt bonds, new TEFRA hearing and ultimate approval of governor) and process likely to take several months.
  - 7.3. **Idaho Novus Classical Academy Head of School Report:** Dr. Kane provided commentary on budget and enrollment, noting no concerns. He discussed attendance and sources of increasing enrollment (other local public schools, private schools and homeschoolers). The parent satisfaction survey noted an increase from 95.88% to 97% satisfaction as of the most recent survey. He also discussed healthy scholars, upcoming events and outreach efforts.
  - 7.4. **North Idaho Classical Academy Head of School Report:** Dr. Francom noted an enrollment of 274 students, noting this was full for every grade except 5th grade. He indicated the lottery would be

conducted next Thursday and significant effort continued to be focused on faculty and staff hiring. He discussed facility construction, displayed progress photos and discussed schedule and expected completion schedule.

**7.5. Valor Classical Academy Head of School Report:** Mr. Hunter noted that 738 students had applied and expected approximately 300+ students on the waitlist. He discussed facility progress including construction milestones. Teacher and staff hiring was also discussed.

**7.6. Riverton Classical Academy Head of School Report:** Mr. Den Hartog provided an overview of RCA including intent-to-enroll highlights and progress being made toward a future facility and the land upon which it will be located. He discussed progress with public officials in the Cassia-Minidoka County (Planning and Zoning, county commissioners, engineers) resulting in unanimous approval. Mr. DenHartog noted that the RCA website was successfully launched and that \$58,000 had been raised as part of the fundraising effort.

## **8. Old Business**

**8.1. Approve ACSI FY25 Audit:** Mrs. Saylor reminded board members of the recent and extensive review provided by Ms. Hawley from CliftonLarsenAllen during the January 2026 meeting of the ACSI Board. An opportunity was provided by Mr. Lasnick for further discussion prior to requesting a motion. A motion was then made by Mr. Bassetti to Approve the ACSI FY2025 Audit. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dixon and approved with unanimous consent.

**8.2. Discuss ACSI SSO Survey:** Mrs. Baughman and Mr. Lambert discussed giving school leaders an opportunity to provide feedback on services provided by ACSI's school support office (SSO). There was general agreement on the concept and suggestions of how such feedback could be best provided were discussed. Possibilities ranged from a written survey to ongoing conversations. It was noted that care would need to be exercised to ensure the board avoided any type of co-management role in trying to interpret or act upon any such survey results. It was determined that discussion of this topic at a future strategy session would be appropriate. An agenda, facilitator and potential dates for such a strategy session will be discussed at the March meeting of the ACSI Board.

## **9. New Business**

**9.1. Approve SDE INCA Significant Expansion and New Charter Letters (Action Item):** Mrs. French discussed the purpose of this document and noted that the "boilerplate" language is required by the state and essentially given to us. She noted this was not necessarily something new but it never went to the board for approval in the past. Mr. Bassetti made a motion to Approve SDE INCA Significant Expansion and New Charter Letter. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dixon to Approve SDE INCA Significant Expansion and New Charter Letters.

**9.2. Approve INCA Pre-Development Loan (Action Item):** Mr. Den Hartog discussed the purpose of the INCA Predevelopment loan. Board members asked questions regarding loan specifics and risks. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Saylor to authorize the school to move forward with the acquisition of a pre-development loan up to the amount of \$700,000 for the purpose of funding pre-development costs for the Idaho Novus Classical Academy project, payable with funds from and upon closing of the project's long-term financing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schwalbach and approved with unanimous consent.

**9.3. Approve INCA Charter School Assurances for Pre-Development Loan (Action Item):** Mr. Den Hartog discussed the predevelopment loan package, highlighting the portion affirming that INCA met the definition of charter school. A motion was then made by Mrs. Saylor to approve INCA charter school assurances allowing for the pre-development loan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dixon and approved with unanimous consent. Board approval will provide for Mr. Lasnick to sign the "assurance" document on behalf of the ACSI Board.

- 9.4. **Marketing Update:** Mr. Den Hartog and Mr. Lambert discussed the design of an outreach document which served to describe functions performed by ACSI as well as engage with potential donors. This document was described by Mr. Lambert and Mr. DenHartog as a Master Engagement Document. Conceptual ideas and methods for engagement campaigns and post-campaign analysis and targeted advertising were also discussed.
  - 9.5. **Hillsdale Spring 2026 Board Development Training:** Mr. Lambert reminded board members of the availability and logistics related to the semi-annual board development training at Hillsdale College..
  - 9.6. **Review FY25 IRS Form 990:** Mrs. Saylor and Mrs. French reviewed the IRS Form 990 and answered both specific and general questions from board members. This IRS 990 Form will be signed by Mrs. Saylor after nuances of questions posed by board members are answered by CLA.
  - 9.7. **Executive Session Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (f)/(j):** Mr. Lasnick discussed the high level topic being proposed for the executive session. A brief discussion among board members determined that no discussion was required at this time and therefore no motion to move to executive session was put forth. The board then proceeded to agenda item 10.1.
10. **Adjournment**
    - 10.1. **Having completed the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.**



John Bassetti  
ACSI Secretary