

American Classical Schools of Idaho (ACSI) Board of Trustees

500 SW 3rd St., Fruitland, Idaho 83619

MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 30, 2025

Scheduled Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

Actual Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** by Board Chair, Mr. Lasnick.
2. **Roll Call of Board** by Mr. Bassetti. The following Board members were present: Mrs. Saylor, Mr. Lasnick and Mr. Bassetti, thus establishing a quorum. Mr. Dixon notified the board in advance that he would not be present. Other attendees included Dr. Kane, Dr. Francom, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Seely, Mrs. French and Mr. Lambert. A guest and TVCA parent, Mrs. Baughman was also present.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - 4.1. Adopt Agenda 4.30.25.
 - 4.2. Adopt Board Meeting Minutes 3.26.25. 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. **Open Public Comment:** No public comments were received prior to the board meeting.
6. **Guest Discourse**
 - 6.1. **Riverton Classical Academy Update:** Mr. Seely indicated he was granted a school leader fellowship starting July 1, 2025. He also noted that a \$25,000 commitment was recently made toward the Spirit of 76 campaign and that a two year roadmap would be ready for adoption at the next board meeting. The intent-to-enroll stood at 445. Mr. Seely noted the \$25,000 commitment had not yet been funded.
7. **Reports**
 - 7.1. **Finance Oversight Committee:** Mrs. Saylor summarized statements and activities from ACSI and all member schools, noting no irregularities. Mrs. Saylor noted that all statements were available on the [ACSI Board Drive](#) for review by board members. Mr. Bassetti inquired about the results of the recent audit.
 - 7.2. **Governance Committee:** Mr. Lasnick discussed the relevance of governance to the board moving forward, noting several topics of relevance including onboarding and how they will be handled moving forward.
 - 7.3. **ACSI Executive Director Report:** Mr. Lambert discussed the dashboard and discussed the role of our new Chief Growth Officer, Mr. Den Hartog, as well as his key areas of focus. Upcoming community outreach efforts are discussed as well as total ACSI-affiliated school enrollment which stood at approximately 2600 students. Other items discussed included the recent Hillsdale fundraiser, budget preparation for board review in June, and sculpture donation from Borbonas family for VCA. Preliminary loan rates and terms as well as expected timeframe for start of construction for Valor are also discussed.

- 7.4. Idaho Novus Classical Academy Principal Report:** Dr. Kane described matters related to attendance at INCA, noting the number of students with five or more absences and described corrective steps that were taken. He also discussed the lunch participation rate as well as end-of-year school activities. He described a collaborative effort with an INCA family to produce a promotional video and discussed hiring efforts for the 2025/2026 school year and answered questions posed by board members related to recent flood damage to the surrounding property.
- 7.5. North Idaho Classical Academy Principal Report:** Dr. Francom discussed progress related to outreach, primarily focused on kindergarten which has seen some reduction in intent-to-enroll, mainly due to the pivot in the opening date. He described work with communications organizations (i.e. emergency response, hospital, others) to develop safety and rescue plans. He spoke about the partnership plan for a gym space as well as preparation and purchasing related to buses and furnishings for the school facility. Dr. Kane described next steps related to several properties under consideration with special focus on the Old Mill site. Preliminary findings related to the phase two investigation were discussed. He noted engineering reports were also forthcoming and the purchase and sale agreement would be ready for review in the next two to three weeks.
- 7.6. Valor Classical Academy Principal Report:** Mr. Hunter described the continued climb in intent-to-enroll which stood at 946, noting that April was the first month that residents of Kuna exceeded those of all other surrounding communities for the first time. Nearly 75% of students live within 10 miles of the school. He noted that Powerschool was selected as the student information system (SIS) for Valor and that school leaders recently visited both Seven Oaks Classical Academy and Cincinnati Classical Academy. Mr. Hunter described recent outreach efforts and suggested that groundbreaking and site work were likely to commence in mid-July and vertical construction would begin in October.

8. Old Business

9. New Business

- 9.1. Review CSP mandated board governance and ethics training:** Responding to a request from BLUUM, Mr. Hunter noted that Mr. Yorgason will be facilitating board governance and ethics training which requires completion within the next 1.5 years. He noted this training was a requirement of the second tranche of the CSP grant. It was suggested by Mr. Lasnick that we conduct this at the same time as one of the upcoming board meetings.
- 9.2. Review feedback on bylaws from board retreat:** Mr. Bassetti reviewed amendments suggested as a result of the recent ACSI board retreat. Board members provided feedback and Mr. Bassetti agreed to provide a draft of amendments for a first reading at the May board meeting.
- 9.3. Review board member expense request process:** Mrs. French described the board member expense request process, noting it was the same with the existing and documented PO process. She reiterated the logic of the process which ensures all expenses run through BLUUM.
- 9.4. Approve Bill.com credit card for Mr. DenHartog (Action item):** Mrs. French described job responsibilities associated with the role of chief growth officer and sought approval for a Bill.com credit card to be issued to Mr. DenHartog. Following a brief discussion which included changes to category approvers, a motion was made by Mrs. Saylor to approve a Bill.com credit card for Mr. DenHartog. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bassetti and approved by unanimous consent.
- 9.5. Approve NICA PSA (Action item):** Dr. Francom noted that the purchase and sale agreement was not ready to be evaluated by the board for approval and would instead be ready in time for the May meeting.
- 9.6. Executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (a) (Action Item):** Mr. Lasnick requested a motion to move to executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (a). A motion was made by Mrs. Saylor and seconded by Mr. Bassetti to move into executive session at 8:25 PM. A roll call voice vote was taken with

Mrs. Saylor, Mr. Lasnick and Mr. Bassetti all voting in the affirmative. All other attendees left the meeting. The executive session concluded at 8:48 PM.

9.7. Discuss next steps for evaluating board member candidates: Mr. Lasnick opened up discussion about evaluating board member candidates, including two recent applications for membership to the ACSI Board. Discussion included picking candidates, criteria and opportunities for working with potential candidates in advance of formally joining the board. Other suggestions included the necessity of school visits as part of the onboarding process.

9.8. Review board committees (Action item): Mr. Lasnick discussed Hillsdale recommendations related to committee function and purpose, including those related to standing committees and ad-hoc committees. The potential for a committee focused on academic excellence is discussed as well as collaborative efforts underway by school leaders to build a strategic oversight calendar that should improve the board's ability to function in an oversight role. This calendar is expected to be available in draft form sometime in July. Following discussion a motion was made by Mrs. Saylor to disband the Governance Committee which was seconded by Mr. Bassetti and approved by unanimous consent.

10. Adjournment

10.1. Having completed the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm.

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John Bassetti, ACSI Secretary