

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

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

## MEETING MINUTES

Date: Sept 24, 2025

Scheduled Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

Actual Start Time: 7:01 p.m.

Location: 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: Mrs. Saylor, Mr. Lasnick, Mr. Schwalbach, Mr. Dixon and Mr. Bassetti, thus establishing a quorum. 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. McGuckin (INCA), Mrs. McGuckin, Mrs. Miranda, Mrs. Wonacott, Mrs. Petushkov, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Nausbaum, et al.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
  - 4.1. Adopt Agenda 9.24.25.
  - 4.2. Adopt Board Meeting Minutes 8.27.25. 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. **Public Comment:** A parent at INCA (Mrs. McGuckin) provided two minutes of commentary.
6. **Guest Discourse**
7. **Reports**
  - 7.1. **Finance Oversight Committee:** Mrs. Saylor reviewed the financial auditor results, noting several procedural deficiencies as highlighted by the auditors. Mr. Carnigan provided additional context related to the deficiencies, some of which were already remediated as well as steps for remediation of others. Balances for all accounts are reviewed with no anomalies noted. Questions were asked by board members and discussion ensued.
  - 7.2. **American Classical Schools of Idaho Executive Director Report:** Mr. Lambert provided an overview of the ACSI monthly dashboard, including member school enrollment of 3200+ students. Mr. DenHartog discussed expansion and facilities efforts, noting the recent signing of MOA with the founding group in Mountain Home as well as a founding group effort in Blaine County with 400+ ITE. The TVCA conversion from an incorporated entity to an LLC is briefly discussed, noting a final designation change was still being awaited from the IRS.
  - 7.3. **Idaho Novus Classical Academy Principal Report:** Dr. Kane reviewed the INCA Mission Report, noting his intent to provide this as an annual report. He noted INCA is at 97.5% enrollment capacity. The issue of attendance was noted as an issue of strategic importance, noting that INCA demonstrated a higher-than-average rate of absenteeism as compared to local schools. He discussed a multifaceted strategy for tackling this issue and answered questions from board members.
  - 7.4. **North Idaho Classical Academy Principal Report:** Dr. Francom observed both a focus on and growth in enrollment at NICA. He noted progress on demolition of the structure on the site of the future NICA facility. He indicated facility plans had been submitted and feedback was expected in the coming weeks. He noted RFP's were underway for furniture and buses as well as a grant for the playground. He noted that the public bid process resulted in two contractors putting together bids on the project and would be

ensuring next steps related to financing. Dr. Francom continued to work on strengthening partnerships in support of the future school and its mission.

**7.5. Valor Classical Academy Principal Report:** Mr. Hunter discussed enrollment and project progress at VCA, noting 1246 ITE with an expected completion of August 6th of 2026. He noted that staff screening interviews were underway, with candidate interviews physically being conducted at INCA and noted enrollment lottery would open up later this year.

**7.6. Riverton Classical Academy Report:** Mr. Seely noted a 50% enrollment bump this past month as well as receipt of a recently received letter of support from Hillsdale. He noted confirmation of a charter petition hearing by IPCSC and a subsequent hearing in December. Mr. Seely also noted the RCA logo had been completed, allowing for more focused publicity and launch of the capital campaign.

## 8. Old Business

## 9. New Business

**9.1. Renew INCA AY 24-25 Board Mission Report:** Dr. Kane provided a detailed review of the INCA Mission Report, noting his intent to provide this as an annual report. He noted INCA is at 97.5% enrollment capacity. The issue of attendance was noted as an issue of strategic importance, noting that INCA demonstrated a higher-than-average rate of absenteeism as compared to local schools. He discussed a multifaceted strategy for tackling this issue and answered questions from board members. A multitude of data sources were synthesized to form the basis of the reporting and its stated focus on measuring cultural formation at INCA.

**9.2. Discuss ACSI November/December Board Meeting Dates:** Mr. Lambert and board members discussed modified dates for board meetings in November, determining 19 November and 17 December work. Notice will be posted in the usual place for date changes.

**9.3. Approve NICA RLF Resolution (Action Item):** Mr. DenHartog presents elements of the the capital stack required for NICA, noting similarities to funding for all other ACSI affiliated facilities. He noted that the capital stack and proposed resolution had undergone review by ACSI's legal counsel. A motion was made by Mrs. Saylor to approve the NICA RLF resolution which was seconded by Mr. Dixon and approved with unanimous consent.

**9.4. Executive Session Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (a)/(f):** Mr. Lasnick announced intent to enter an executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (a)/(f). A roll call vote was taken by Mr. Bassetti to enter an executive session with Mr. Dixon, Mr. Lasnick, Mrs. Saylor, Mr. Schwalbach and Mr. Bassetti all voting to approve entry into an executive session at 9:04 PM. By unanimous vote, the board voted to exit the executive session at 9:26 PM.

**9.5. Appointment to Fill Vacant Board Seat to Represent VCA (Action Item):** Mr. Lasnick opened discussion related to the vacant board seat for VCA. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Bassetti to confirm Mrs. Edinger to the board seat representing Valor Classical Academy which was seconded by Mr. Dixon. Mr. Dixon, Mr. Lasnick, Mrs. Saylor and Mr. Bassetti voted to confirm Mrs. Edinger and Mr. Schwalbach abstained. The motion to confirm Mrs. Edinger passed and Mr. Lasnick agreed to contact Mrs. Edinger and welcome her to the ACSI Board.

## 10. Adjournment

**10.1. Having completed the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm.**



John Bassetti  
ACSI Secretary