

BOARD COMMITTEE
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
SCHOOL GOVERNANCE

Date: May 19, 2025
Time: 8:00 PM
Location: AACS Online

Attending: Zahida Hirani-Saran (Chair)
Fauziat Raji (Vice Chair)
Constance Amenaghawon
Ajoke Oimage
Kerry-Ann Sitcheron
Jennifer Singh
Ian Gray
Khryssa Genery
(Recording Secretary)

Absent: Adedayo Ojeleye

Guests: None

Items

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| 1. | Land Acknowledgement (Zahida Hirani-Saran, Board Chair)
Board Chair Zahida Hirani-Saran read the Land Acknowledgement and called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. | 8:00PM |
| 2. | Call to Order (Zahida Hirani-Saran, Board Chair)
Meeting called to order by the Board of Directors Chair at 8:00 PM, and was held virtually for the public via Google Meets. | 8:02PM |
| a. | Approval of the May 19, 2025 Meeting of the Board of Directors Agenda

Motion: Motion to accept the Board of Directors Agenda for May 19, 2025 as presented was moved by Fauziat.
Seconded: Ajoke Oimage
Vote Decision: Vote to accept the agenda as presented 5 in favour 2 absent. | 8:03PM |
| b. | Approval of the Minutes of April 17, 2025
Motion: The motion to accept the Meeting Minutes for the Board of Directors meeting on April 17, 2025 was moved by Fauziat Raji
Seconded: Constance Amenaghawon
Vote Decision: The board vote outcome was unanimous. | 8:05PM |
| 3. | Transportation | 8:07PM |
| a. | Contractor Provider Selection (Motion)
Motion: The motion to accept vendor number 3 based on the Request for Proposal(RFP) posted for the year 20225-2026 year and beyond by Ajoke Oimage.
Seconded: Constance Amenaghawon
Vote: unanimous vote decision | |
| b. | Bussing Fees (Motion)
Motion: Motion to accept 2025-2026 school year to have the school fees be scenario #3 of \$885 dollars per year for grades 1-12 and \$500 for Kindergarten was moved by Kerry-Ann Sitcheron.
Seconded: Constance Amenaghawon
Discussions:
It was noted that the 2024–2025 bussing fee was \$875. Scenario 3 would allow for a total of 30 buses, accommodating 1–2 more buses than currently in operation. Concerns were expressed regarding the affordability of increased fees for families with multiple children. A question was raised about whether Scenario 4’s proposed fee of \$950 was fixed, and it was clarified that the scenarios are intended to provide budgetary guidance. The Board may approve any fee it deems appropriate.

Further concerns included the potential impact on fees if fewer students ride the bus. Administration explained that costs are calculated based on the number of students registered for transportation, within the 75-minute bus route restriction. The idea of hub-based bussing was raised as a possible cost-saving measure. It was confirmed that while surveys are being conducted to explore this option, it is not part of the current plan. Increased ridership from the recent school transition has led to a recommendation for 31 buses, up from the current 28, which introduces some uncertainty.

It was confirmed that if the motion passes, the approved fees will be charged to families, unless Aurora Academic Charter School reallocates funding to offset the cost, whether through a surplus or a budgeted deficit.

Vote: The vote was abolished and did not pass. | |

Further Discussion:

An alternative amount of \$900 was proposed as a modest increase from the current rate, offering greater flexibility for future changes and route adjustments. A request was made to consider offering a \$50 early payment discount.

Motion#2: Motion was made by Ajoke to set the bussing fees for the 2025–2026 school year at \$900 per student (Grades 1–12) and \$525 for Kindergarten.

Seconded: Fauziat Raji

Vote: 5 in favor 1 against motion passes

4. Next Meeting

May 22, 2025 at AACPS Primary Campus

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Board of Directors Meeting for May 19, 2025 was motioned by Ajoke Oimage.

The meeting of the Board of Directors for May 19, 2025 was adjourned at 8:41 PM.

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