



**Achievement House Cyber Charter School Board of Trustees**  
**Public Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

The Executive Session commenced at 6:00 p.m. and concluded at approximately 7:00 p.m.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
  - Mrs. Marilou Strangarity (President) – Present
  - Mr. Bob Worn (Vice President) – Present
  - Mr. Don Fraatz (Secretary) – Present
  - Dr. Bob Maranto (Member) – Present
  - Dr. Lisabeth Sweeney (Member) – Not Present
  - Mrs. Maryanne Cullen (Member) – Present
- III. Notification of Recording
  - A. Marilou Strangarity announced that the Public Session would be recorded on an audio device.
- IV. Executive Session Statement
  - A. M. Strangarity announced that the Board held an Executive Session this evening to discuss personnel matters, financial matters, and legal issues.
- V. Approval of the Minutes
  - A. M. Strangarity called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2026, Board meeting.
    1. Motion to approve the minutes from March 17, 2026, Board meeting was made by Bob Maranto, seconded by Don Fraatz. All ayes; motion carried unanimously.
- VI. Discussion: Academic Video Report
  - A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Academic Video Report.
  - B. Angela Alderfer provided an update to her report regarding Keystone testing. She reported that six additional students remain to be tested, and as of this date, 85.5% of students have completed testing (89% in Algebra, 87% in Biology, and 87% in Literature), with a total of 188 students having completed all three Keystone exams to date.
  - C. Bob Worn commended staff for achieving a 97% participation rate for PSSA testing.
  - D. A. Alderfer recognized the contributions of Susan Deegan-Watson; the IT Department, including Dave Knuaff, Bob Boyd, and Rob Botes; and Kevin Smochko for his work on the Attendance App, noting the collective effort as a job well done. A. Alderfer and D. Asplen also reported that the school was audited this year and performed exceptionally well. As a result, the school will receive a letter of commendation, and auditors requested permission to use the school's processes, procedures, checklists, and systems as a model for other cyber charter schools.
- VII. Discussion: Special Education Video Report
  - A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Special Education Video Report.
  - B. Trina Knauff reported that she did not have any additional updates for the Board.
  - C. M. Strangarity requested an assessment of the Gifted Program as the school approaches completion of its first year. T. Knauff responded that the program is strong and will continue to be implemented as designed, with plans to further build and expand offerings in the upcoming school year, including efforts to increase student enrollment. M. Strangarity expressed enthusiasm regarding the new gifted classes being offered. T. Knauff also acknowledged the contributions of Jodi Byrne and Chrissy Cordovano in supporting the development of the curriculum. She noted that parents have expressed satisfaction with the options available for their gifted students. Jodi Byrne added that Amanda Reighard also contributed significantly to the development of the gifted courses.
- VIII. Discussion: Curriculum Video Report
  - A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Curriculum Video Report.

- B. Jodi Byrne reported that she did not have any additional updates for the Board.
  - C. B. Maranto asked how many students participated in AP testing this year. J. Byrne reported that three students took the AP U.S. History exam, three students took the Pre-Calculus exam, one student took the Calculus exam, and one student took the English Language and Composition exam. She noted that the school was very pleased with the level of student participation. She further stated that there has been increased student interest and that three teachers will be adding AP courses next year to provide additional opportunities for students.
- IX. Discussion: Enrollment/Marketing Video Report
- A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Enrollment/Marketing Video Report.
  - B. Becky Aller provided an update, reporting that current enrollment stands at 976 students and that efforts are underway to recruit students for the upcoming school year.
  - C. M. Strangarity requested clarification regarding students returning next year, specifically whether this included new students or the current students returning. B. Aller clarified that it includes both groups. She explained that some students were withdrawn due to truancy and are eligible to return at the start of the next school year. Some discussion followed.
  - D. M. Strangarity requested a comparison to prior years, specifically inquiring about student retention and the number of returning students each year. B. Aller indicated that she will follow up with this information and report back to the Board.
- X. Discussion: HR Video Report
- A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the HR Video Report and there were none.
  - B. Stefani Frank reported that she had no additional updates for the Board.
- XI. Discussion: Guidance Video Report
- A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Guidance Video Report.
  - B. Kris Botes reported that she had updates to her report. She is currently tracking students on track for graduation, noting that 197 students are projected to graduate, with an additional 24 students currently on a fourth marking period plan.
- XII. Finance/Business Report
- A. Ryan Schumm presented the monthly Treasurer's Report, offering a clear summary and highlighting key items for discussion. He emphasized that Achievement House maintains full financial transparency, with all incoming and outgoing funds clearly documented and accessible.
  - B. M. Strangarity called for a motion to approve the written Treasurer's Report.
    - 1. Motion to approve the written Treasurer's Report was made by D. Fraatz, seconded by B. Maranto. All ayes; motion carried unanimously.
  - C. M. Strangarity commended R. Schumm and his team, as well as D. Asplen, and she expressed appreciation to them for their contributions in helping to ensure the school remains financially stable and operationally strong.
- XIII. Discussion: CEO Video Report
- A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the CEO Video Report and there were none.
  - B. D. Asplen commended Ana Meyers for her outstanding contributions and for making a positive impact from day one.
  - C. D. Asplen provided an update on the ongoing truancy-related lawsuit involving seven schools, noting that progress has been slower than anticipated. A decision on the injunction, which seeks to allow enrollment of truant students, is expected in early June, with an update anticipated at the next Board meeting.
- XIV. Personnel
- A. New Hires:
    - 1. Ana Meyers, CEO – eff. 6/01/26
    - 2. John Hulik, Summer School Teacher – eff. 5/07/26
  - B. Open Positions: None

C. M. Strangarity called for a motion to approve the hiring of the new CEO, effective June 1, 2026, and the hiring of the Summer School Teacher, effective May 7, 2026, with salaries as discussed in the Executive Session.

1. Motion to approve the new hires was made by B. Maranto, seconded by D. Fraatz. All ayes; motion carried unanimously.

XV. Governance

A. Finance Committee Formation

1. M. Strangarity called for a motion to form a Finance Committee to be made up of Marilou Strangarity and Don Fraatz in accordance with the requirements of Pennsylvania law regarding charter schools and finance committees.
  - a. Motion to form a Finance Committee was made by D. Fraatz and seconded by B. Maranto. All ayes; motion carried unanimously.
2. M. Strangarity called for a motion to appoint Marilou Strangarity and Don Fraatz to the Finance Committee.
  - a. Motion to appoint Marilou Strangarity and Don Fraatz was made by B. Worn, seconded by Maryanne Cullen. All ayes; motion carried unanimously.

XVI. New Business

A. M. Strangarity asked if there was any new business and there was none.

XVII. Public Comment

A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any public comments and there were none.

XVIII. Adjournment

A. M. Strangarity called for a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 7:55 p.m.

1. Motion to adjourn the public meeting was made by M. Cullen and seconded by D. Fraatz. All ayes; motion carried unanimously. The next meeting will be held on June 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.