



**Achievement House Cyber Charter School Board of Trustees**  
**Public Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 20, 2026**

The Executive Session commenced at 6:00 p.m. and continued until 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 October 21, 2025, board meeting.

1. Motion to approve the minutes from October 21, 2025, board meeting by Bob Worn, seconded by Don Fraatz. All ayes; unanimous.

VI. 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. The financial report was unredacted and all categories of expenses and revenue are identified. This commitment ensures that the Board and the public have a complete view of the school's financial operations.

B. M. Strangarity called for a motion to approve the written Treasurer's Report.

1. Motion to approve the written Treasurer's Report by D. Fraatz, seconded by B. Maranto. All ayes; unanimous.

VII. Personnel

A. Stefani Frank gave an update on our Personnel changes.

1. Separations:

a. Daniel Puentes, Mentor – 11/28/25

b. Daniela Carmona, Mentor – 1/16/26

B. Open Positions: None

C. M. Strangarity called for a motion to approve the employee separations as listed above.

1. Motion to approve the employee separations by B. Maranto, seconded by D. Fraatz. All ayes; unanimous.

D. M. Strangarity inquired about our payroll system, UKG. S. Frank reported that she has received positive feedback from employees. She also noted that UKG's customer service has been excellent throughout the transition.

VIII. Governance

A. 2026-2027 School Year Calendar

1. M. Strangarity asked if anyone had any questions regarding the 2026-2027 School Year Calendar and there were none.
2. M. Strangarity called for a motion to approve the 2026-2027 School Year Calendar.
  - a. Motion to approve the 2026-2027 School Year Calendar by B. Worn, seconded by D. Fraatz. All ayes; unanimous.

- B. Statement of Financial Interest Form (SOFI)
  - 1. All board members must annually provide a SOFI to AHCCS. The forms will be mailed to the board members for completion. Please return your completed forms to Sherri Gilligan, Sr. Administrative Assistant, by March 1, 2026.
- IX. Discussion Academic Video Report
  - A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Academic Video Report and there were none.
  - B. Angela Alderfer reported that she did not have any additional updates for the Board.
  - C. A. Alderfer introduced Katie Bonesteel, who delivered a presentation developed by the Team Captains focused on team building and promoting a positive school culture while collaborating in a virtual environment. The team-building activities included a collaborative scavenger hunt (Goose Chase), Makerspace activities, the Save Buzzy Escape Room, Holiday Team Building, and a Family Feud–style game.
- X. 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 was unavailable this evening; however, A. Alderfer stated that there were no additional updates for the Board and she would try to answer any questions they might have.
  - C. B. Worn noted that he was impressed with the results of the parent survey.
- XI. Discussion Curriculum Video Report
  - A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Curriculum Video Report and there were none.
  - B. Jodi Byrne reported that she did not have any additional updates for the Board.
- XII. 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 updated her report to share that we now have 992 students enrolled at AHCCS with 14 pending enrollments.
  - C. B. Worn shared that he looks forward to hearing about all of our field trips. He suggested we schedule a field trip to the Bicycle Heaven Museum in Pittsburgh, PA. B. Aller noted she will share that with Kelsey Montgomery who is in charge of our field trips.
- XIII. 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 did not have any additional updates for the Board.
- XIV. Discussion Guidance Video Report
  - A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Guidance Video Report and there were none.
  - B. Kris Botes shared an update to her report. She noted we are expecting approximately 11 to 15 January 2026 graduates. She gave a shout out to Jordan Connors who has been spearheading getting the students across the finish line.
- XV. 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 shared information about Building 21, an innovative program within the School District of Philadelphia. The program emphasizes relationship-centered learning, restorative practices and restorative justice, personalized learning pathways, project-based learning, and a growth mindset. As part of Building 21’s initiatives, D. Asplen highlighted an AI-centric, project-based program known as Launchpad, which is available to students during their senior year. D. Asplen met with Building 21’s Executive Director and program leadership, who expressed interest in collaborating with our organization. Representatives from Building 21 plan to participate in AHCCS’s second and final AI Summit, which will focus on defining mission, goals, and organizational stance related to artificial intelligence. A Building 21 leader will attend the summit and bring a student to share firsthand experiences. Additionally, Building 21 expressed interest in sharing resources and exploring opportunities to offer programming to Philadelphia-based students during the school year and summer months. Mr. Asplen noted that these discussions present promising collaboration opportunities.

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 7:44 pm.

1. Motion to adjourn the public meeting by B. Worn, seconded by B. Maranto. All ayes; unanimous.  
The next meeting will be held on February 17, 2026.