

Achievement House Cyber Charter School Board of Trustees

Public Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 21, 2025

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) – Not 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 September 16, 2025, board meeting.
1. Motion to approve the minutes from September 16, 2025, board meeting by Bob Worn, seconded by Bob Maranto. All ayes; unanimous.

VI. Discussion Academic Video Report

A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments about the Academic Video Report.
B. Angela Alderfer reported that she did not have any additional updates for the Board.
C. B. Worn asked A. Alderfer to explain how the teacher's classroom walkthroughs work. Some discussion followed.

VII. Discussion Special Education Video Report

A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments about the Special Education Video Report.
B. Trina Knauff reported that she did not have any additional updates for the Board.
C. B. Worn asked about the status of the gifted program and how many students are currently enrolled.
T. Knauff shared that there are now nine gifted students, including two twice-exceptional students, meaning they receive both gifted and special education services.
D. B. Worn asked about two of our monthly programs; the Monthly Transition Workshop and Virtual Field Trips. T. Knauff provided an overview of both programs for the Board.
E. M. Strangarity asked how long it takes to identify a student for gifted services. T. Knauff explained that although the state allows 60 calendar days, the school typically completes the process in approximately two weeks. She noted that the department continues to maintain a steady flow of special education evaluations through the current child-find process.

VIII. Discussion Curriculum Video Report

A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments about the Curriculum Video Report.
B. Jodi Byrne provided an update to her report, adding information about the upcoming in-service day scheduled for Friday, October 10, 2025.
C. Don Fraatz shared that he is impressed with all J. Byrne is presenting to our staff.

IX. Discussion Enrollment/Marketing Video Report

A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments about the Enrollment/Marketing Video Report.
B. Becky Aller updated her report to share that we now have 846 students enrolled at AHCCS.

- C. M. Strangarity asked if we knew why there are less students enrolled and Don Asplen provided an explanation outlining several contributing factors
- X. Discussion HR Video Report
 - A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments about the HR Video Report and there were none.
 - B. Stefani Frank reported that she did not have any additional updates for the Board.
- XI. Discussion Guidance Video Report
 - A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments about the Guidance Video Report.
 - B. Kris Botes reported that she did not have any additional updates for the Board.
 - C. B. Worn noted he was impressed to hear about the 50 new student visits and asked about the process. Chery Kern explained that the Student Success Coaches aim to meet with every new student who completes Orientation, spending approximately two hours with each student. She shared that the goal is to learn about the students and build strong relationships with them.
- XII. Special Marketing Report
 - A. D. Asplen introduced our marketing team, Lorenzo Falcone, Evan Trexler and Regan Sarmento, and invited them to provide the Board with an overview of their current initiatives and goals. The team shared a presentation with the Board and some discussion followed. M. Strangarity thanked them for their presentation.
- XIII. 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.
 - C. Motion to approve the written Treasurer's Report by B. Maranto, seconded by D. Fraatz. All ayes; unanimous.
- XIV. Discussion CEO Video Report
 - A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments about the CEO Video Report.
 - B. D. Asplen thanked all the staff and the Scouts that attended the meeting tonight.
 - C. D. Asplen shared that the school would continue to re-double its efforts to prepare students for an AI-influenced world, emphasizing the importance of helping students understand what is at stake and recognizing that "it is a different game this time."
- XV. Amend Public Agenda
 - A. M. Strangarity called for a motion to amend the public agenda to include the additional new hire of an Auxiliary Teacher, Barbi Conner, effective 10/7/2025.
 - B. Motion to amend the public agenda to include the additional new hire of an Auxiliary Teacher, Barbi Conner, effective 10/07/2025 by D. Fraatz, seconded by B. Maranto. All ayes, unanimous.
- XVI. Personnel
 - A. New Hires:
 - 1. Barbi Conner, Auxiliary Teacher – 10/7/25
 - B. Changes:
 - 1. Chrissi Cordovano, New Position: Gifted Resource Teacher – 10/6/25
 - C. Promotions:
 - 1. Kat Johnston, Senior Help Desk Technician – 8/20/25
 - D. M. Strangarity called for a motion to approve the employee new hires, changes and promotions on the amended agenda as listed above with salaries as discussed in the Executive Session.
 - 1. Motion to approve all the employee new hires, changes and promotions on the amended agenda with salaries as discussed in the Executive Session by D. Fraatz, seconded by B. Worn. All ayes; unanimous.
- XVII. Governance
 - A. November 2025 Board Meeting

1. M. Strangarity called for a motion to move the November 2025 board meeting from November 18, 2025 to November 11, 2025 and to authorize the administration to publish the proper notice of the change.
 - a. Motion to move the November board meeting from November 18, 2025 to November 11, 2025 and to authorize the administration to publish the proper notice of the change by D. Fraatz, seconded by B. Worn. All ayes; unanimous.

B. Act 55 Board Training

1. M. Strangarity called for a motion table the Act 55 board training to the January or February 2026 board meeting.
 - a. Motion to table the Act 55 board training to January or February 2026 board meeting by B. Worn, seconded by B. Maranto. All ayes; unanimous.

XVIII. New Business

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

XIX. Public Comment

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

XX. Adjournment

- A. M. Strangarity called for a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 8:15 pm.

1. Motion to adjourn the public meeting by B. Worn, seconded by D. Fraatz. All ayes; unanimous. The next meeting will be held on November 11, 2025.