

Ascent Academies of Utah Board of Directors Meeting



Date: March 2, 2026

Location: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83988820271>

Board Members Present: Chris Bleak, Tyler Schvaneveldt, Mike Greenhalgh

Excused Members: Stuart Adams, Jim Horton

Others Present: Wade Glathar, Gabe Clark, Erin Winterton, Heidi Bauerle, Hannah Jones, Joe Dunlop

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Bleak called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CONSENT ITEMS

- December 15, 2025, Board Meeting & Closed Session Minutes
Mike Greenhalgh made a motion to approve the December 15, 2025, Board Meeting and Closed Session minutes. Tyler Schvaneveldt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Chris Bleak, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye.

VOTING & DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Chromebook Purchases
Chromebooks are being purchased for the West Valley and Lehi campuses. The board reviewed the quotes provided in the board documentation prior to the meeting. *Tyler Schvaneveldt made a motion to approve the Chromebook Purchases. Mike Greenhalgh seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Chris Bleak, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye.*
- Building Block Seal Purchase (West Jordan, Farmington, & Lehi Campuses)
The buildings at the West Jordan, Farmington, and Lehi campuses need block seal as it has been ten years since the buildings were built. There were no questions or concerns from the board.
Tyler Schvaneveldt made a motion to approve the Building Block Seal Purchases not to exceed \$97,000. Mike Greenhalgh seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Chris Bleak, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye.
- School LAND Trust Amendment – West Valley Campus
Wade Glathar explained the amendment to the School LAND Trust Plan for the West Valley campus, which will allow the funds to be used for the Chromebook purchase approved in this meeting.

Mike Greenhalgh made a motion to approve the School LAND Trust Amendment for the West Valley Campus. Tyler Schvaneveldt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Chris Bleak, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye.

- Award RFP for Janitorial Services for Lehi Campus

Wade Glathar shared the evaluation committee statement and scores that were determined for the bids that were submitted in response to the RFP.
Mike Greenhalgh made a motion to award the RFP for Janitorial Services for the Lehi Campus to Caliber Cleaning Services. Tyler Schvaneveldt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Chris Bleak, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye.
- Helpside Professional Employer Agreement

Every five years, the Helpside Professional Employer Agreement is reviewed and re-approved for procurement purposes. The agreement has reached its five years, and the board determined to move forward with a year-to-year contract with Helpside.
Tyler Schvaneveldt made a motion to approve the Helpside Professional Employer Agreement. Chris Bleak seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Chris Bleak, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye.
- Policies
 - Amended Student Conduct and Discipline Policy

SB 170 (2025) and revisions to USBE Rule R277-608 (effective November 2025) updated requirements governing emergency safety interventions, including physical restraint and seclusion, and those changes have been incorporated into the Student Conduct and Discipline Policy. The policy has also been revised to reflect current laws and USBE rules regarding due process, reinstatement and reintegration, discipline plan requirements, suspension and expulsion definitions (R277-609), alternative education services, and state reporting.
Mike Greenhalgh made a motion to approve the Amended Student Conduct and Discipline Policy. Tyler Schvaneveldt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Chris Bleak, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye.
 - Amended Fee Waiver Policy

HB 344 (2025) separates courses into “non-fee” and “fee” categories, restricts allowable fees, requires secondary schools beginning in 2026–2027 to offer at least one no-fee option for each graduation requirement (with limited charter school exceptions), and moves the annual fee schedule approval deadline from April 1 to June 1. These changes, along with updates to R277-407 (December 2025), have been incorporated into the school’s Fee Waiver Policy.
Mike Greenhalgh made a motion to approve the Amended Fee Waiver Policy. Tyler Schvaneveldt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Chris Bleak, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye.

ADJOURN

At 9:22 AM Mike Greenhalgh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tyler Schvaneveldt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Chris Bleak, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye.