

Ascent Academies of Utah

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: September 28, 2026

Time: 8:30 AM

Location: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87805755052>

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

Excused: Stuart Adams, Jim Horton

Others Present: Wade Glathar, Brandon Fairbanks, Platte Nielson, Heidi Bauerle, Hannah Jones



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER Chris Bleak called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

REPORTS

- Director Report

Wade Glathar reported that enrollment across Ascent Academies' five campuses was 2,800 students as of September 24, slightly below the budgeted number. Like many schools in the state, Ascent saw an unexpected drop at the start of the year, mostly from families choosing to try homeschooling. Wade is working with the finance team on any needed budget changes. Wade is also working with principals and the marketing coordinator to bring in new students, and about 20 have enrolled so far. Ascent is requesting 16 LEA Specific Licenses this year. These are school-approved teaching licenses for teachers who are waiting on state paperwork, finishing their teaching degree, or teaching one elective outside their license area. Also shared were early results from the state School Report Cards, which will be released to the public on October 14. Administration recognizes strong student growth at the Farmington, Lehi, West Valley, and Saratoga campuses and strong overall achievement at Lehi.

- Finance Report

The board reviewed the monthly financial statements included in the board documentation.

CONSENT ITEMS

- August 10, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes

Tyler Schvaneveldt made a motion to approve the August 10th, 2026, Board Meeting & Closed Session Minutes. Mike seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Chris Bleak, Aye; Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye.

VOTING & DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2026-2027 LEA-Specific Licenses

Administration is requesting LEA-specific licenses for 16 individuals. The license areas, and endorsements shall be valid for three (3) academic years as indicated on the attached spreadsheet which contains the associated educator information and rationale for the request. All LEA-Specific licenses will expire on June 30th of the final academic year approved.

Mike Greenhalgh made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 LEA Specific Licenses. Tyler Schvaneveldt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Chris Bleak, Aye; Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye.

- Amended TSSA Framework

The TSSA framework is required to be updated to include a Literacy Achievement in accordance with SB 241 (2026) and State Rule R277-927. The Plan has been updated to address the school's progress toward statewide literacy proficiency goals and if the school fails to meet statewide literacy goals, the school must dedicate at least 50% of TSSA funds toward evidence-based literacy interventions and practices as described in 53G-7-921304(2)(e).

Tyler Schvaneveldt made a motion to approve the Amended TSSA Framework. Mike Greenhalgh seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Chris Bleak, Aye; Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye.

- Policies

- Amended Attendance Policy
- Amended Bullying and Hazing Policy
- Amended Fee Waiver Policy
- Amended Financial Reporting Policy
- Amended Financial Reporting, Debt, and Risk Management Plan
- Amended Lottery and Enrollment Policy
- Amended Religion and Education Procedures
- Amended Student Conduct and Discipline Policy

Platte Nielson reviewed the amendments being made to each policy. Board members reviewed the amended policies included in the board documentation.

Mike Greenhalgh made a motion to approve the policies listed above. Tyler Schvaneveldt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Chris Bleak, Aye; Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye.

CALENDARING

The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 14, 2026, at 8:00 AM.

CLOSED SESSION - to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(d).

Item tabled.

ADJOURN

At 8:50 AM Mike Greenhalgh made a motion to adjourn. Tyler Schvaneveldt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Votes were as follows: Chris Bleak, Aye; Tyler Schvaneveldt, Aye; Mike Greenhalgh, Aye.