Board Meeting Minutes for Thursday 21 May 2026 18:30

Academy of Arts and Knowledge
aka Northern Colorado Academy of Arts and Knowledge
4800 Wheaton Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525
Video call link: https://meet.google.com/dnm-rehw-ifp

I. OPENING SECTION

A. Call to Order at: 18:31

B. Regular Board Members in attendance:
Merrily Bowers (Present) Sydnee Davis (Absent) Samuel Kornfeld (Present)
Anthony Neal (Present) Dorothy Shapland (Present)

C. Motion to adopt proposed agenda: Approved
Motion by: Bowers Seconded by: Shapland
Bowers (Aye) Davis (Absent) Kornfeld (Abstain) Neal (Aye) Shapland (Aye)

D. Public Comment: None

II. REPORTS

A. Secretary Report
Motion to adopt 23 April 2026 Meeting Minutes: Approved
Motion by: Neal Seconded by: Shapland
Bowers (Aye) Davis (Absent) Kornfeld (Abstain) Neal (Aye) Shapland (Aye)

B. Executive Summary

1. Enrollment: 259, Attendance: 92%
2. CSI / State reports for assessments, GT, enrollment have been submitted.
3. Strategic Plan Tracker Q3 and Compliance Checklist available for review
4. Literacy coach working for stronger class libraries and reading rotations
5. 2026-27 Positions Filled - music, art, Spanish, speech, OT, 3rd, and 4th
-End of year evaluations are underway for all staff.
-Board requested exit interviews for leaving staff
-New custodian is onboard
6. PD set for June 8-9th with focus on reading block.
7. EOY iReady test to be done this week.
8. 2026-27 Schedule Priorities to reduce transitions and wasted minutes.
9. Graduation Ceremonies June 3, Field Day June 4, Block Party June 5.
10. 51 students on an IEP - 13 Speech, 2 BIP, 11 Check in/out.
-Completing EOY meetings, transition meetings, and EOY evals for staff
12. Working with CSI on the Emergency Management Plan for new space
13. CLC determining summer participants for summer staffing and substitutes
14. Preschool/K Fully staffed, Enrollment almost full, still open in 3yoa room

C. Treasurer Report

1. April 2026 financial report complete and reviewed.

2. Preliminary 26-27 Budget to be presented for approval next meeting in June with no increase in funding, although 2-3% is possible.

III. BOARD BUSINESS

Motion to adopt proposed 2026-27 Lease Resolution: Approved
Motion by: Bowers Seconded by: Shapland
Bowers (Aye) Davis (Absent) Kornfeld (Abstain) Neal (Aye) Shapland (Aye)

IV. BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Facility – Presented to BEST Grant board, now wait for the award announcements anticipated to be made in June.
- EFF Dinner planned for 19 August 2026. Board is encouraged to attend.

B. Banking - Audit cost marginal 8% increase with addition of Building Corp 990
- Difficulties with U.S. Bank Single Point System, started discussing a transition to Bank of Colorado for local costumer service and nearby resources

C. Minga Education Group 2026-27 Agreement Renewal presented, which has a competitive 3% increase of another 482 monthly or 5,784 annually, agreement will be presented for approval next meeting in June.

V. CLOSING SECTION

A. Next Meeting Dates: Thursday 18th June 2026 at 18:30

B. Adjourned at 19:20