



Independence Academy
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Board Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2025
5:00 P.M-Commons Area

Brought to order: 5:16 pm

Present:

- **Brad Thompson**
- **Jane Pizem**
- **Hadassa Berger**
- **Thomas Gibson**
- **Burke Martin**

Absent:

- **Lisa Sutherland**

I. Staff and Student Celebrations:

A. Maddy P. attended the national competition for NHD.

- II. Public Comment:** Time-limited TBA – individuals may make public comments, limited to items on the agenda and two (2) minutes. The Governing Board asks that each member complete a public comment card, available in the front office, prior to the commencement of the meeting. Public comment cards should be given to the Executive Director, who will then deliver them to the Governing Board President.

A. None at this time

III. Approval of the May 19, 2025, Board Minutes.

Motion: Thomas Gibson

Second: Hadassa Berger

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

IV. Approval of the April 2025 Financials.

Motion: Burke Martin

Second: Thomas Gibson

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

V. Approval of the May 2025 Financials.

- A. Lisa Gonsalves reviewed the overage under supplies, pointing out that this is the purchase of band instruments that was previously approved at the April 2025 board meeting.**

Motion: Haddasa Berger

Second: Burke Martin

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

VI. Approval of a funds transfer of 2 million dollars from the IACS general account to the investment account.

- A. The board discussed the potential of having funds in an ICS account with an amount over \$250,000.00 for coverage purposes.**

- B. Lisa Gonsalves briefed the board on how much they have made on the initial investment in 2022, of approximately \$500,000.00.**

Motion: Thomas Gibson

Second: Hadassa Berger

Vote: 4-0 vote passes.

VII. The board accepted Hadassa Bergers' resignation from the IACS board.

- A. The board will transfer Jane Pizem from a non-voting member to a voting member beginning in August 2025.**

VIII. Executive Director's Report.

A. Events Calendar

1. Back to School Night is August 7, 2025, from 4-6 pm.

B. Facilities Report

1. An additional parking lot was added to the North side of the property.

IX. Executive Session CRS Section 24-6-402 (4)(f)

C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4) The members of a local public body subject to this part 4, upon the announcement by the local public body to the public of the topic for discussion in the executive session, including specific citation to the provision of this subsection (4) authorizing the body to meet in an executive session and identification of the particular matter to be discussed in as much detail as possible without compromising the purpose for which the executive session is authorized, and the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the quorum present, after such announcement, may hold an executive session only at a regular or special meeting and for the sole purpose of considering any of the following matters; except that no adoption of any proposed policy, position, resolution, rule, regulation, or formal action, except the review, approval, and amendment of the minutes of an executive session recorded pursuant to subparagraph (II) of paragraph (d.5) of subsection (2) of this section, shall occur at any executive session that is not open to the public.

Moved into the Corporation Meeting at 5:37 pm.

- I. Approval of the lease Agreement between Independence Academy Charter School and Independence Building Corporation in the amount \$836, 956.00 with \$150,000.00 of that being paid by the capital construction grant, effective the first week of June 17, 2025.

Motion: Hadassa Berger

Second: Thomas Gibson

Vote: 4-0 vote passes

Adjourned: 5:40 pm