



Atlas Board Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2024
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Board of Directors

Russ Kirk, Board President
Scott Malin, Board Treasurer
Nancy Wild, Board Secretary
Alice Dickherber, Member

Kwofe Coleman, Member
Lorna Sanchez McClellan, Member
Mark Minden, Member
Victor Thomas, Member

Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Atlas Public Schools Board of Directors will hold a digital board meeting on Monday, July 22, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. To join by Zoom copy and paste the following URL in a web browser:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87427485384?pwd=2Z0vPyad61DYwdmAcoczycNfBa7dh0J.1>

Any individual wishing to make a public comment must notify the Atlas Board Chairman via email at russ.kirk@atlaspublic.org by noon the day of the meeting. An individual has a maximum of three (3) minutes for its public comment(s).

The Board of Directors retains the right to return to a closed Executive Session for reasons permissible under Section 610.021 of the Missouri Revised State Statutes.

Our Mission: The mission of Atlas Public Schools is to educate the whole child by combining a rigorous academic program with authentic, real-world experiences so all students thrive in middle school, high school and beyond.

Our Vision: At Atlas we envision a time when all students in St. Louis have the skills and habits needed to be successful in the 21st century, and where St. Louis is heralded as a model of a flourishing, diverse, and empowered community. We believe that high quality public schools will be the catalyst for community transformation that will result in a thriving city.

Meeting Agenda

Salutation: 4:00 pm

Russ Kirk, Board President

Call to Order + Roll Call + Welcome

Russ, Alice, Mark, Nancy, Lorna, Scott–Present; Kwofe, Victor–absent

Scheduled Public Comments

No public comments.

Minutes

- Review [MINUTES](#) from June board meeting

There were no comments/edits or additions to the June minutes.

Board Chair Report: 4:05 pm

Russ Kirk, Board President

- **Quick Update: Thanks to all the Board and Committee members plus our quests for a very professional and fruitful Retreat. Thank you!**
- **All three Board members who had terms ending June 30, 2024, have signed up for a second, three-year term!**

Governance Committee Report: 4:05-4:15 pm

Alice Dickherber, Governance Committee

- Governance Committee [MINUTES](#)
- [Enrollment & Lottery Policy](#)
- [Seclusion & Restraint Policy](#)
- [Atlas Family Handbook](#)

Highlights from the meeting:

- **Russ briefed the committee on the progress to the July 22 Retreat.**
- **Colby detailed a coordinated team of four charter schools working to make admissions applications to school easier for parents by having one “common” student application.**
- **The committee reviewed the 1) enrollment & lottery policy; 2) seclusion & restraint policy; 3) the Atlas family handbook. The committee voted unanimously to approve the three and recommend approval to the full Board.**
- **Russ mentioned that three Board members’ terms expired on June 30, 2024 and he would reach out to check their status going forward. Those three members were: Lorna, Mark and Scott.**

Finance Committee Report: 4:15-4:25 pm

Scott Malin, Committee Chair

Finance Committee [MINUTES](#)

June's Financial Statements:

- [Cash Flow Statement](#)
- [Statement of Activities](#)
- [Balance Sheet](#)
- [Ramp Register](#)
- [Bank Account Registers](#)
- [Bank Reconciliation](#)

Highlights from the review: NOTE–THIS IS YEAR-END FINANCIAL.

- **Consolidated assets are approximately \$18,616,559 and total liabilities are approximately \$15,941,088 resulting in net assets of \$2,675,469. (These amounts exclude any depreciation of the property and equipment for the 2024 fiscal year.)**
- **Actual year-end revenue is approximately 109% of the Board budget, which is approximately 9% more than budgeted on an annualized basis.**
- **Actual year-end expenditures are approximately 103% of the Board budget which is 3% greater than the budget on an annualized basis.**
- **Discussed points of interest:**
 - **On Cash flow Statement, a year-end balance of \$2,291,575 sets Atlas up for additional growth going forward.**
 - **On the Credit card register the Committee appreciates grant designations on expenses. A charge of \$9,474.34 for Preschool classroom supplies will be reimbursed by two early-childhood grants Atlas has earned.**
 - **On the bank register, the format changed and the Committee did not find the change a positive. Colby will work with Rhonda at LDR to re-evaluate the change.**
 - **On the Reconciliation Report, the format changed and the Committee did not find the change a positive. Colby will work with Rhonda at LDR to re-evaluate**

Consent Agenda: 4:25-4:27 pm

Board President: Russ Kirk

- Vote to approve the following discussed items:
 - **Governance:**
 - June [Minutes](#)
 - [Enrollment & Lottery Policy](#)
 - [Seclusion & Restraint Policy](#)
 - [Atlas Family Handbook](#)
 - **Finance:** June Financials & Bank Register

Alice made a motion to approve the Consent agenda; Nancy seconded; Unanimously approved.

Q&A + Announcements: 4:27-4:30 pm

- [Board of Directors' Meeting Schedule](#)
- [Board Member Professional Development Tracker](#)

Motion to Adjourn: 4:30 pm

Mark made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Alice seconded; Unanimously approved.

Russ Kirk, Board Chair