



Atlas Board Meeting

April 24, 2025

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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 Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. To join by Zoom copy and paste the following URL in a web browser:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81661606086?pwd=56Hbc7vnJmmOZv85tIrlQzNxvb3u7Y.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: 5:00-5:05 pm

Russ Kirk, Board President

Call to Order + Roll Call + Welcome

Scheduled Public Comments

Minutes: Review MINUTES from the March 27th Board Meeting

Board Chair Report: 5:05-5:10 pm

Russ Kirk, Board President

- Board Retreat: July 23rd at CityPark

Academic Oversight Committee Report: 5:10-5:30

Lorna Sanchez McClellan, Committee Chair

- Academic Oversight Committee [MINUTES](#)
 - [Mid-Year Data Stepback](#)

Governance Committee Report: 5:30-5:50 pm

Alice Dickherber, Governance Committee Chair

- Governance Committee [MINUTES](#)

Review and Discuss [Charter Amendment 5](#)

- Vote to Approve Charter Amendment 5

Finance Committee Report: 5:50-6:00 pm

Scott Malin, Committee Chair

- Finance Committee [MINUTES](#)
 - [Budget by Month](#)
 - [Cash Flow Statement](#)
 - [Statement of Activities](#)
 - [Balance Sheet](#)
 - [Ramp Register](#)
 - [Bank Registers](#)
 - [Bank Reconciliation](#)

Development Committee Report: 6:00-6:10

Nancy Wild, Committee Chair

- Development Committee MINUTES

Consent Agenda: 6:00-6:05 PM

Board President: Russ Kirk

- Vote to approve the following discussed items:

- **Governance:**
 - March Board Meeting Minutes
- **Finance:**
 - March Financials & Bank Register

Executive Director Report: 6:05-6:15 pm

Executive Director: Colby Heckendorn

- Phase II Building Update
 - Construction Progress
 - [Project Dashboard Summary](#)
- Staffing Update
 - **76 of 78 or 97.4%** of Atlas Team Members have indicated they intend to return for the 2025-2026 School Year.
 - Offer Letters for the 25-26 SY went out to teachers on 4/21 and are due 4/28
 - To date, we've **hired 6 external teacher candidates**
 - We currently have 1 teacher vacancy in Elementary Spanish
 - Resident Teachers
 - 2-3 Residents through Teach STL
 - Up to 6 Internal Residents
 - All Residents are certified teachers or will be certified by the 26-27 SY
- Student Recruitment Update
 - As of 4/22 we have received 346 applications for the 2025-2026 school year
 - Up from 318 applications last month
 - We had over 50 new families at the Atlas Open House event on 4/12

Q&A + Announcements: 6:15 pm

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

Motion to Adjourn: 6:15 pm