



Atlas Board Meeting

June 12, 2025

5 PM Central

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Board of Directors

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

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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, June 12, 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/88215290188?pwd=bkB4IDNlfbzfkIVcSQb4JfhJqZ4LxS.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 May Board Meeting

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

Russ Kirk, Board President

- Recap of Public Hearing
- [Board Retreat: July 23rd at CityPark](#)

Governance Committee Report: 5:10-5:25 pm

Alice Dickherber, Governance Committee Chair

- Governance Committee MINUTES (Coming Soon)

Finance Committee Report: 5:25-5:40 pm

Scott Malin, Committee Chair

- Finance Committee [MINUTES](#) from June 5th Meeting

Review & Discuss [Atlas Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Overview](#)

Review and Discuss [Atlas FY26 Budget](#)

- [Side by Side View](#)

Vote to approve the FY26 Budget

Consent Agenda: 5:40-5:45 PM

Board President: Russ Kirk

- Vote to approve the following discussed items:
 - **Governance:**
 - May Board Meeting Minutes
 - **Finance:**
 - May Financials & Bank Register

Executive Director Report: 5:45-6:15 PM

Executive Director: Colby Heckendorn

- **Phase II Building Update**
 - [Construction Progress](#)
 - The project is on budget and ahead of schedule!
 - Considering the addition of bathrooms to the existing preschool classrooms
- **Staffing Update**
 - 100% of the Atlas Team Members who were asked back for the 2025-2026 school year have signed their letter of intent for continued employment indicating they will be returning
 - 100% of our homeroom teacher and math teacher positions have been filled with a certificated teacher
 - We promoted six internal candidates who were assistant teachers into lead teacher positions
 - 2025-2026 Resident Teachers
 - 3-4 Residents through Teach STL
 - Up to 6 Internal Residents
 - All Residents are certified teachers or will be certified by the 26-27 SY
 - Staff Onboarding
- **Student Recruitment Update**
 - As of 6/10 we have received 413 applications for the 2025-2026 school year
 - We have received just over 100 applications in the last three months
 - We are currently enrolling raising 1st-5th grade students for summer session

Q&A + Announcements: 6:15 PM

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

Motion to Adjourn: 6:20 PM