

MINUTES
BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING
The Academy of Tucson
September 8, 2025

10720 E. 22nd Street, Tucson, AZ 85748 Conference Room
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- I. Call to Order:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.
- II. Roll Call:**
Present: Board Members:
- Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr.
 - Mrs. Marolyn Pierson
 - Mrs. Kirsten Stephens
 - Mr. James Persellin
- Others:
- Mrs. Wendi Allardice
 - Mrs. Paige Lincoln
- Absent:** Board Members:
- Dr. George Sokol
- III. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Stewart led the pledge.
- IV. Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Stewart called for a motion to approve the minutes for the board meetings held on August 11th, 2025. Mrs. Pierson moved and Mr. Persellin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Stewart called for a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Stephens moved and Mrs. Pierson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. ACTION ITEMS:**
- a) Updates to Special Education Policies:** Mr. Stewart called for a motion to approve the updates made to the Special Education Policies. Mrs. Pierson moved and Mr. Persellin seconded. It is the recommendation of the district office to approve the changes. Changes are in verbiage, not in actual policy. Roll call vote as follows:
- Mr. Stewart – Yes
 - Mrs. Pierson – Yes
 - Mrs. Stephens – Yes
 - Dr. Sokol – Absent
 - Mr. Persellin – Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Administrative Reports:

- a) Board President, Mr. Stewart:** No reports addressed.
- b) Superintendent, Mrs. Wendi Allardice:** Mrs. Allardice shared information on the TEP grant updates. Additions are still in progress. Mrs. Allardice shared information regarding the prevalence of digital marketing. Information shared on AI as it pertains to students as well as teachers. The benefits and challenges that come with utilizing AI programs. Information shared on The Academy of Tucson's EL program. About 25 minutes.
- c) Business Manager, Mrs. Paige Lincoln:** Mrs. Lincoln shared information on enrollment after the reflection of 10-day drops as well as government grants that were awarded this year. About 10 minutes.

VIII. Consent Agenda:

- a) Expense Vouchers: August 2025
 - b) Payroll Vouchers: 8/15/25 & 8/31/25.
- Mr. Stewart called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Persellin moved and Mrs. Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Board Remarks: Information shared on the passing of previous board member Ivan English. Fond memories and accolades shared. His funeral service will be held September 20, 2025. About 10 minutes.

X. Adjournment: Mr. Stewart adjourned the meeting at 5:25PM. The next meeting will be held Monday, October 13th at 4:30pm.

October 13th, 2025

Date Board Approved