MINUTES
BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING
The Academy of Tucson
October 13, 2025

10720 E. 22nd Street, Tucson, AZ 85748
Conference Room

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. Kirsten Stephens
- Mr. James Persellin

Others:
- Mrs. Wendi Allardice
- Mrs. Paige Lincoln

Absent: Board Members:
- Dr. George Sokol
- Mrs. Marolyn Pierson

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 September 8, 2025. Mrs. Stephens moved and Mr. Persellin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

V. **Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Stewart called for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Persellin moved and Mrs. Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. **ACTION ITEMS:**

a) **2026 Budget Revision #1:** Mr. Stewart called for a motion to approve the revisions to the 2026 Budget. Mrs. Stephens moved and Mr. Persellin seconded. It is the recommendation of the district office to approve the updates. Roll call vote as follows:
- Mr. Stewart – Yes
- Mrs. Pierson – Absent
- Mrs. Stephens – Yes
- Dr. Sokol – Absent
- Mr. Persellin – Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

b) **2025 Annual Financial Report (AFR) :** Mr. Stewart called for a motion to approve the 2025 AFR. Mr. Persellin moved and Mrs. Stephens seconded. It is the recommendation of the district office to approve the AFR. Roll call vote as follows:
   - Mr. Stewart – Yes
   - Mrs. Pierson – Absent
   - Mrs. Stephens – Yes
   - Dr. Sokol – Absent
   - Mr. Persellin – Yes

   Motion carried unanimously.

c) **Food Program Permanent Service Agreement:** Mr. Stewart called for a motion to approve the addition of Brittany Fuentes to the Food Program Pernanent Service Agreement. Mrs. Stephens moved and Mr. Persellin seconded. It is the recommendation of the district office to approve the changes. Roll call vote as follows:
   - Mr. Stewart – Yes
   - Mrs. Pierson – Absent
   - Mrs. Stephens – Yes
   - Dr. Sokol – Absent
   - Mr. Persellin – Yes

   Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Administrative Reports:

a) **Board President, Mr. Stewart:** No reports given.

b) **Superintendent, Mrs. Wendi Allardice:** Mrs. Allardice shared information the teacher vacancies at the middle school as well as information regarding the increasing presence of displaced adults near the middle school. About 15 minutes.
   - **Elementary Principal, Mr.** Joshua Hancock: Mr. Hancock shared updates on fundraisers, afterschool programs, success in the EL program, and upcoming events. Information about the upcoming reading endorsement requirements were shared along with concerns that it might pose to the elementary school. About 35 minutes.

c) **Business Manager, Mrs. Paige Lincoln:** Mrs. Lincoln shared information on award of the Direct Student Services Grant. Auditors will be on-site next week. IRS contact called to inform us our case was closed regarding the 2024 Q2 941 and that the 941X is awaiting to be processed.

VIII. Board Remarks: Mrs. Stephens rotary club has been in contact with the elementary school to do Dictionaries for 3rd Graders.

IX. Adjournment: Mr. Stewart adjourned the meeting at 5:35PM. The next meeting will be held Monday, November 3rd at 4:30pm.

November 3rd, 2025

Date Board Approved