

MINUTES
BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING
The Academy of Tucson
January 12, 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. Kirsten Stephens
 - Mr. James Persellin
 - Mrs. Marolyn Pierson
- Others:
- Mrs. Wendi Allardice
 - Mr. Willie Henry
 - Mrs. Karen Wilson
 - 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 December 8, 2025. Mrs. Pierson moved and Mrs. Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Stewart called for a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Stephens moved and Mr. Persellin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. ACTION ITEMS:**
- a) SY26/27 School Calendar** Mr. Stewart called for a motion to approve the SY26/27 School Calendar. Mrs. Pierson moved and Mrs. Stephens seconded. It is the recommendation of the district office to approve the Calendar. Roll call vote as follows:
- Mr. Stewart – Yes
 - Mrs. Pierson – Yes
 - Mrs. Stephens – Yes
 - Dr. Sokol – absent
 - Mr. Persellin – Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

b) Removal of Board Secretary Duties from Dr. Sokol Mr. Stewart called for a motion to remove the duties of board secretary from Dr. Sokol. Mrs. Stephens moved and Mr. Persellin seconded. Roll call vote as follows:

- Mr. Stewart – Yes
- Mrs. Pierson – Yes
- Mrs. Stephens – Yes
- Dr. Sokol – absent
- Mr. Persellin – Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

c) Appoint Board Secretary Duties to Mrs. Stephens Mr. Stewart called for a motion to appoint Mrs. Stephens as the board secretary. Mrs. Pierson moved and Mr. Persellin seconded. 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 presented.

b) Superintendent, Mrs. Wendi Allardice:

- Middle School Principal Mr. Henry and Middle School Assistant Principal Mrs. Wilson shared updates on the happenings at the Middle School. The school went from D rating to a B rating and are only 3 points away from an A rating, which they anticipate achieving for this school year. Culture at the school is strengthening across faculty, parents, and students. Extracurricular activities have been successful. Enrollment is steadying and slowing increasing. Next year's enrollment is trending positive. About 45 minutes.

c) Business Manager, Mrs. Paige Lincoln: The SY25 Audit is nearing completion, with the draft anticipated to be done within the next couple of days. All bond covenants will be met. Financial projections for next year have begun. An adjustment to the SY25 AFR and SY26 Budgets will be coming after the audit is complete. About 20 minutes.

VIII. Consent Agenda:

Expense Vouchers for December 2025

Payroll Vouchers for 12/15/2025 & 12/31/2025

Mr. Stewart called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Pierson moved and Mr. Persellin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Board Remarks: Mrs. Stephens will be distributing Dictionaries to 3rd grade students on Friday, January 23rd.

X. Adjournment: Mr. Stewart adjourned the meeting at 5:51PM. The next meeting will be held once the SY25 Audit is completed.

January 16th, 2026

Date Board Approved