

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
ARIZONA VIRTUAL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) 38-431.02, notices is hereby given to the members of the Arizona Virtual Academy Governing Body members and to the general public that the Governing Body will hold a public meeting, open to the public as specified below. The Governing Body reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda. One or more members of the Governing Body may participate in the meeting by telephonic communications.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03.A.2 and A.3, the Governing Body may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, for legal advice concerning any item on the agenda or to review, to discuss and consider records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law.

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DATED AND POSTED this **4th day of October 2024**



By

Mr. Charles A. Woods Jr
Executive Director
Arizona Virtual Academy and
Insight Academy of Arizona

Monday, October 7th, 2024: 8:30 AM

Via Zoom Video Conferencing

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Meeting ID: 985 8266 2013
5323 N. 99th Avenue, Suite 210
Glendale, AZ 85305

Agenda

A. Roll Call: 8:33AM

Governing Board Members Present: Dr. Celestino Fernandez, Dr. Mark Duplissis

Absent: Dr. Jessie Finch

School Attendees: Charles Woods Jr.; Cedric Corbin, ISAZ Executive Director; Forrest Smith, AZVA Executive Director; Daisha Oshiro, Operations Manager; Sarah Olivas, Finance Manager; Tina Littell, Portfolio Vice President; Carla Shelton, Office Manager, and Mike Ronquillo, Senior Finance Manager

B. Call to the Public: This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Governing Body may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01.G., action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing school staff to study the matter, respond to any criticism, or schedule the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date

Public Attendees: None

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C. Review & possible adoption of July 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Celestino Fernandez made a motion to approve the **adoption of July 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes**; Mark Duplissis 2nd the motion: it was taken to a vote

Vote:

Celestino Fernandez: Yea

Mark Duplissis: Yea

All Approved. Motion passed

D. Executive Director updates: Celestino Fernandez gave Charles the floor. Charles introduced the 2 new Executive Directors, Forrest Smith and Cedric Corbin. Charles stated that he is still with Stride, so the transition will be good and amazing and will be fully transitioned by the end of the first semester or early second semester at the latest. Charles will continue to work from the office in Glendale and will continue to be a support to both Forrest and Cedric. Things are moving in the right direction and the Executive Directors have been well accepted and received by the staff. Celestino Fernandez asked how enrollment was this year? Tina Littell responded that things are about the same. The company is focused on the “student experience” this year and has a few projects in the works to address this issue. Mark Duplissis asked for the school’s enrollment number this year because of concerns of low student enrollment across the state. Mark stated that he’s going to participate in a review group concerning this issue. Forrest Smith responded, we are about 80 students lower, so we are stable. But our “re-enrollment” is higher in both schools; both schools did very well getting students: Forrest stated that school enrollment is at 5969 for both schools. Last year it was at 6055.

E. Presentation & possible adoption/acceptance of Arizona Virtual Academy FY25 Annual Financial Report Insight Academy of Arizona FY25 Proposed Budget

Celestino Fernandez yielded the floor to Sarah Olivas – Celestino asked if the budget has been submitted to the state and Sarah replied that it has not been submitted to the state yet. Need the approval and they have until October 15th to submit. Sarah proceeded to provide a summary of what was spent last year off her major summary tab of her spreadsheet. Sarah broke down how regular funds and federal funds were spent comparing last year and this year. Sarah ended with questions. Celestino Fernandez asked what the ending balance was? Sarah said that the ending project balance reserve total is 7.6 million. Celestino Fernandez asked if there were any questions. Celestino Fernandez stated that the schools are financially healthy.

Celestino Fernandez made a motion to approve the **Arizona Virtual Academy FY25 Annual Financial Report/ Insight Academy of Arizona FY25 Proposed Budget**; Mark Duplissis 2nd the motion: it was taken to a vote

Vote:

Celestino Fernandez: Yea

Mark Duplissis: Yea

All Approved. Motion passed

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F. Presentation and acceptance of the removal of Charles Woods as Charter Representative.

Charles Woods stated, Daisha did good work with the state on the Arizona State Board of Charter Schools (ASBCS) consent agreement; they only had praises about how we completed it so that chapter is now closed. It's time for him to transition into another role within the Stride Company. Celestino Fernandez made last comments to Charles Woods stating that they appreciate his leadership and all that he has done, and the transparency he brought navigating the processes by the state. Mark stated that Charles did well on that and thanked him for his service.

G. Celestino Fernandez made a motion to approve the removal of Charles Woods as Charter Representative at the end of the semester unless otherwise noted; Mark Duplissis 2nd the motion: it was taken to a vote

Vote:

Celestino Fernandez: Yea

Mark Duplissis: Yea

All Approved. Motion passed

H. Presentation and acceptance of adding Cedric Corbin, ISAZ Executive Director as a charter representative.

Celestino made a motion to approve of adding Cedric Corbin, ISAZ Executive Director as a Charter Representative once documentation was ready; Mark Duplissis 2nd the motion: it was taken to a vote

Vote:

Celestino Fernandez: Yea

Mark Duplissis: Yea

All Approved. Motion passed

I. Presentation and acceptance of adding Forrest Smith, AZVA Executive Director as a charter representative.

Celestino made a motion to approve the adding of Forrest Smith, AZVA Executive Director as a Charter Representative once documentation was ready; Mark Duplissis 2nd the motion: it was taken to a vote

Vote:

Celestino Fernandez: Yea

Mark Duplissis: Yea

All Approved. Motion passed

Celestino Fernandez welcomed both Cedric and Forrest –

Cedric Corbin stated how he grew up in AZ and is a Bay area fan

Forrest Smith stated he is a Texan and lives in Texas. He stated he will be commuting every couple of weeks for a while.

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Any other comments: Tina Littell stated that she has seen the low enrollment rates across the state and that we want to be part of the solution and would like to work with any problem-solving projects.

J. Adjournment: 8:56AM