



Advanced Learning Charter School, Inc.
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 11, 2025 | 10:30 AM EST
Location: 5855 NW 171 Street, Miami, FL 33015 – Main Conference Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Peter Dedesma, Board Chair
- Jenny Maya-Munne, Board Member
- Victor Giorgini, Board Member
- Joaquin Novoa, Board Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

- Carlos Gonzalez, School Operations
- Javier Lopez, Finance
- Additional staff and guests as noted on attendance log

1. OPENING SESSION: Chair: Peter Dedesma

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by Chair Peter Dedesma.

Approval of Prior Minutes

Mr. Dedesma reviewed the prior meeting's minutes and asked for approval.

Vote: Passed unanimously.

School Principal Assignment

Mr. Gonzalez shared that the selection process suggested the placement of Mr. Sergio Bonilla as next Principal of HIVE Preparatory School. Mr. Bonilla was recently the Principal of Beacon College Prep (a K-8 charter school in Miami-Dade) and was the Assistant Principal at HIVE for 4 years prior. Mr. Giorgini noted that Mr. Bonilla showed more experience and talent since his previous time at HIVE and that this seems like a great move for the school. Mr. Gonzalez presented that the previous Principal, Mrs. Zequeira was willing to stay on as long as possible to help transition the leadership team. Mr. Gonzalez suggested that 6 months would be the maximum amount needed and that it would allow for some support in other areas of the business.

Vote: Both Passed unanimously.

2024–2025 School Grades

Mr. Gonzalez showed that HIVE earned excellent results in the prior school year's state assessments.



The school earned its highest scores in proficiency for Math, Science, Reading, and Acceleration. Civics was very high still and learning gains were very good (but not the school's best). Overall, the school maintained its A-grade, its high performing charter designation, and its School of Excellence designation. Also, HIVE finished within the Top 5% - Top 1% in every proficiency category, earning the position as the highest average points earned title 1 charter school in the State.

2. SCHOOL OPERATIONS: Presented by: Carlos Gonzalez

SY25 Enrollment & Staffing

Enrollment numbers and staffing positions were reviewed. The school has met its enrollment goal for the current year. Kindergarten enrollment was maintained and the school was able to replace all other available vacancies. In addition, the school is fully staffed, within the classrooms and throughout the campus.

OOF Waivers

Mr. Gonzalez presented the list of Out-of-Field waivers (ESOL & Academic). He shared the reasons for the waivers and the rules behind waivers and their approvals.

Vote: Passed Unanimously

New State Policies & Compliance Updates

Mr. Gonzalez provided the Board with updates and details on regarding new State laws and rules regarding:

- School Safety Plan
- New Student Information Requirements
- New Student Welfare Protocols
- Threat Management Plans Updates
- New Wireless Communication Guidelines
- Instructional Staff Arrest Reporting Updates

Vote: All passed unanimously

Board Required Annual Approvals

The following items were presented for annual review and approval:

- **TSIA (Threat and Safety Incident Assessment) Plan**
- **FSSAT (Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool)**
- **Designation of Conflict Resolution Person**
- **Wellness Plan Policy Review**

Vote: Passed unanimously.

Title I Designation

The school's Title I designation was confirmed, and program implementation steps were reviewed. Mr. Gonzalez also presented the Title 1 Allocation and Budget. The school prepared a budget that utilized



the majority of these funds for additional/supplemental staffing. This staff was specifically positioned to address the school's academic goals aligned in the SIP.

Vote: Passed Unanimously

3. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Presented by: Javier Lopez

Review of 2025 Financial Audit

The audit report showed no material findings. The school finished the fiscal year with greater reserves than budgeted. Mr. Lopez explained this was due to less expenses than projected and steady enrollment.

Local Tax Referendum Back-Pay

Update provided on distribution schedule and compliance reporting. The final year of the back-pay was recently received. These funds will continue to be utilized as required.

SY26 Budget

The SY26 Budget was reviewed and aligned to the newest enrollment numbers and staffing. Due to there being no variances with these numbers the budget was not significantly changed. The major expenses that are expected are the finalization of the canopy project and the replacement of the interior lights within the old building.

4. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Presented by: Carlos Gonzalez

HIVE High School Option

The Board discussed exploring a high school expansion option under the HIVE model. Further feasibility research will be conducted. The current costs of the tenant improvements and the rent escalation are higher than feasible. The school will continue to work Bridgerock to negotiate terms that are feasible and sustainable. Mr. Gonzalez emphasized the advantages to growing into a high school and that the charter application will continue to be completed.

5. GOVERNANCE

Chair: Peter Dedesma

Next Board Meeting

The adjustment to hosting two mandatory board meetings per year was discussed and analyzed. The board approved hosting two mandatory meetings each school year and that any pressing or time-sensitive needs that may arise may be addressed via emergency meetings. The next board meeting was then scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2026.



ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **12:42 PM**.

Approved by the Governing Board on: September 17, 2025