

ASU Preparatory Academy



Board of Directors Meeting- Regular Session

Tue Sep 9, 2025 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM MST

**Board Members Present**

George Dean, Board Chair

José Cárdenas, Vice Chairperson

Amy McGrath, Chairperson

Julie Young, Chairperson

**Board Members Not Present**

Katie Ratlief, Chairperson

**Non-Board Members Present**

Leah Lommel, ASU Prep Chief Administrative Officer

Phil Netolicky, ASU Prep Chief Financial Officer

Betsy Fowler, ASU Prep Head of Schools - AZ Campuses

Jill Rogier, ASU Prep Head of Schools - Digital

Lisa Molloy, ASU Prep Chief of Staff

Whitney Marsh, ASU Prep Board Clerk and ASU Executive Director

Deanna Rader, ASU Prep Legal Counsel

Barbara Dickerson, ASU Associate VP-Chief of Staff, EOSS

Elora Diaz, ASU Assistant VP, EOSS

Monica Miller, Public Attendee

## 1. Regular Session

### a. Call to Order – Chairman

George Dean called the meeting to order at 9:04am

### b. Pledge of Allegiance – Chairman

George Dean led the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

### c. Roll Call - Board Clerk

Whitney Marsh took roll call and verified a quorum was present

## 2. Public Comment

### a. Call for Public Comments – Chairman

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 (H), action taken because of the public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

Public Attendee: Monica Miller

Discussion: ASU Prep Polytechnic High School parent expressed concern with the grading scale and adoption of a new mastery-based grading scale pilot in their student's classroom as well as concern with the technology policy that is to be voted on by the board for adoption in accordance with the new state law.

## 3. Informational Item

### a. Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, October 14 at 9am

### b. 2026 Graduation will be held on Monday, May 18 at 7:30pm at Desert Financial Arena

### c. Educational Highlights

Presented by Jill Loveall

Highlight: Mastery-Based Learning (MBL) is an approach where students progress by demonstrating what they know and can do against clearly defined standards, rather than earning grades through points, seat time, or compliance. This approach ensures accurate grade reporting of student learning. Select teachers have volunteered to pilot MBL at our Poly 7-12, South Phoenix 7-12, Downtown Phoenix 9-12, Pilgrim Rest 7-8, and Casa Grande 9-12 campuses.

### d. Financial Update

Presented by Phillip Netolicky, Chief Financial Officer

### e. Update on ASU Prep Phoenix

The Board may vote to go into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(7) to consult with and obtain legal advice from the Board's attorney and to discuss and consult with representatives of ASU Preparatory Academy in order to consider its position

and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property for ASU Preparatory Academy Phoenix.

#### **4. Approval of Action Items**

##### **a. Approval of July 8, 2025 Regular Session Meeting Minutes**

It is requested that the Board of Directors approve the Regular Session Meeting Minutes for July 8, 2025.

Julie Young made a motion to approve the July 8, 2025 Regular Session Meeting Minutes

Seconded by Amy McGrath

Motion Carries

Yea: George Dean, José Cárdenas, Julie Young, Amy McGrath

##### **b. Approval of July 8 2025 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes**

It is requested that the Board of Directors approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes for July 8, 2025.

Julie Young made a motion to approve the July 8, 2025 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

Seconded by José Cárdenas

Motion Carries

Yea: George Dean, José Cárdenas, Julie Young, Amy McGrath

##### **c. Approval of the Adoption of the FY 2026 ASU Prep Proposed Budgets**

It is requested that the Board of Directors approve the adoption of the FY26 proposed budgets for the following ASU Prep charters:

- ASU Preparatory Academy AZ campuses
- ASU Preparatory Academy Digital

José Cárdenas made a motion to approve the FY2026 ASU Prep budgets

Seconded by Julie Young

Motion Carries

Yea: George Dean, José Cárdenas, Julie Young, Amy McGrath

##### **d. Approval of ASU Prep Technology Policy**

It requested that the Board of Directors approve the adoption of the technology policy at ASU Prep in accordance with the new state law.

Julie Young made a motion to approve the ASU Prep technology policy

Seconded by José Cárdenas

Motion Carries

Yea: George Dean, José Cárdenas, Julie Young, Amy McGrath

##### **e. Approval of the Student Handbook**

It is requested that the Board of Directors approve to adopt the student handbook for ASU Prep AZ campuses and ASU Prep Digital.

- [ASU Prep campus handbook](#)
- [ASU Prep Digital handbook](#)

Julie Young made a motion to approve the ASU Prep student handbooks

Seconded by José Cárdenas

Motion Carries

Yea: George Dean, José Cárdenas, Julie Young, Amy McGrath

**f. Approval of the Resolution to Amend Charter Contract**

Approval of a resolution to amend ASU Preparatory Academy's Charter Contract with its sponsor, the Arizona Board of Regents (on behalf of Arizona State University).

José Cárdenas made a motion to approve the resolution to amend charter contract

Seconded by Julie Young

Motion Carries

Yea: George Dean, José Cárdenas, Julie Young, Amy McGrath

**5. Executive Session**

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3), the Board may go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, to consult with its attorney and obtain legal advice on any item listed on the agenda.

**6. Adjournment**

Julie Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by José Cárdenas, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08am

Motion Carries

Yeas: George Dean, José Cárdenas, Julie Young, Amy McGrath

**a. Made available to the public this 5 day of September by Lisa Molloy, ASU Preparatory Academy Board Clerk 480-727-2435**