PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS

School Governing Board Meeting Agenda July 11, 2025

Notice of Special Meeting: 9:15 AM

1477 W. Commerce Ct. Tucson, AZ 85746

The Boardroom will be open to members of the public at 9:00am or 15 minutes prior to any meeting.

General Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment

The Partnership Schools Governing Board welcomes public comment on issues within the jurisdiction of the schools. Comments should be limited to three minutes per individual. At the conclusion of public comment, the Board members may respond to the comments made by the public to the Committee, may ask staff to review a matter, or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. Members of the Committee, however, may not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during public comment unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action. Finally, be advised that internal high school(s) and academy processes are available to students and employees for communication.

Reports:

Superintendents Reports:

ACHS Closure

Enrollment/Recruitment

FY26 Budgets

Action Items:

- Motion to approve Minutes from the June 30, 2025, Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting.
- Motion to approve the Surrender of the Charter for Arizona Collegiate High School LEA Entity ID: 90536 (Pima Prevention Partnership), which operates Arizona Collegiate High School. School Entity ID: 90907 to the Arizona State Board for Chater Schools due to the financial conditions brought about by low enrollment.
- Motion to adopt the FY26 Preliminary Annual Budget for The Pima Partnership School (LEA Entity ID: 79959, Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership School, The).
- Motion to adopt the FY26 Preliminary Annual Budget for Pima Partnership Academy (LEA Entity ID: 89864, Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership Academy).

Announcements:

The next regular meeting is proposed for August 26, 2025, 9:15a.m. at COPE Community Services, Inc. 1477 W. Commerce Court, Tucson, AZ 85746.

Adjournment:

Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2025, at COPE Community Services
1477 W. Commerce Ct. Tucson, AZ 85746

Members Present:

- Khalid Al-Maskari (Via Zoom)
- Daniella Hisey (Via Zoom)
- Richard Paige (Via Zoom)

Members not present:

- Joe Higgins

Staff Present:

- Ian Kidd, Superintendent (In person)
- Rod Cook, CEO (In person)

Guests Present:

- Clarissa Jimenez, COPE (In person)
- Paul Wade, Teacher (In person)

General Matters:

1. **Call to Order**
   Ms. Hisey called the Partnership Schools Governing Board meeting to order at 9:16 a.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
   The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Public Comment**
   Ms. Hisey stated there was someone for public comment. Mr. Paul Wade introduced himself as the Social Studies teacher at Arizona Collegiate High School (ACHS). Ms. Hisey informed Mr. Wade that the Board can hear his comments today and he has a 3-minute limit, but the Board cannot respond to his comments because they need to follow the agenda and the action items.

   Mr. Wade stated he has been a history teacher at ACHS for the last 2 years and was expecting another year. He stated back in March his boss asked if he would be returning for the next fiscal year he stated yes, and as late as June 3rd, Human Resources contacted him to sign his contract. Mr. Wade informed the Board he wants to make sure they know the weight of the decision of the Board if they move forward with the budgets and the closure of ACHS. He stated he did his part and stood by his word to return for the next school year while trying to finish his teaching certificate. Mr. Wade informed the Board he did not want to put the stress on his boss having to try and fill his position if he decided not to give a verbal yes to returning. Mr. Wade stated he understands and recognizes the organizational position of the Board and what is needed for operations but does not think it excuses COPE from hearing about the harm and damage it has caused to teachers and staff.

   Mr. Wade informed the Board he has two children, one which is 8 months old and one that is 3 years old and as a single-family income the unemployment benefits just aren't enough. Mr. Wade also reported to the Board he is on the public student loan forgiveness program and not working for a non-profit organization now stops that which puts a strain on him financially. He also stated that Social Studies teachers' jobs are harder to find but is hoping there is something in the budget for teachers to be compensated for their time of looking for new jobs. Ms. Hisey apologized but stated Mr. Wade's 3 minutes are up and thanked him for his comments but again stated the Board cannot respond since they need to stick to the agenda and their meeting protocols.

Reports

1. Superintendent's Report

a. ACHS Closure

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board the big topic and agenda item today is the surrender of the Arizona Collegiate High School charter and that the school is to be closed. Mr. Kidd reported that ACHS had been recruiting but only had 80 students for this next school year. Along with the lease being up for renewal for 5 years, he tried to negotiate but they were not willing with the student count, and the overhead costs were not operationally viable. Mr. Kidd stated throughout the year student count and attendance had dropped since January, since the school had gone from 140 students to under 100. Mr. Kidd also stated that the recruitment and marketing company that enrollment number was not going to change much, especially in that area.

Mr. Cook reported to the Board that with the loss of students the school's loss was over $400,000 this last school year. With this next school year, it could not continue with that big of a loss. The original plan was that they could negotiate with the landlord for the lease terms, but they wanted up to 9 months of additional rent even if the school lost funding or didn't have enough students to maintain it and had to close it.

Mr. Al-Maskari asked if there was any way of moving the school to help the student count or if finding another location to move the school. Mr. Kidd stated to move the school they would have to get approval from the Charter Board if they moved the school 2 miles out of the area. Moving the furniture, building and finding a new lease would be a big expense and a 6-month process to move for the charter. Mr. Kidd informed the Board that another couple of schools in the ACHS area are losing students as well. One school went from over 100 students to 50. As ACHS is an alternative at risk school it would have to serve the same population so it would need to move to the same type of neighborhood. Mr. Kidd stated he had once looked at moving the middle school here so there is a lot that goes into it.

Mr. Al-Maskari asked what the projections for this year are if the school continued. Mr. Cook informed the Board if this year the school continues with 80 students it would be around $250,000 to $300,000, depending on how the other school does too. Some of the expenses that are allocated to the ACHS school will now have to be moved to the schools here. Mr. Al-Maskari asked if there had been any discussion about moving students to another school in the area or moving them to the school down here in Tucson. Mr. Kidd informed the Board that they haven't notified the student body yet because the Board meeting needed to happen but once the meeting is over and the Board votes on the ACHS closure, they will notify students and family. Mr. Kidd also stated the principal at ACHS has been working with a couple of other schools in the area for the in-person students and hopefully the online students will transfer to the online program in Tucson.

Mr. Cook stated it has not been an easy decision to close the school in Phoenix. Mr. Cook informed the Board the Phoenix school requires a lot more administrative duties done here at Admin. Also, with the closure of one school it will hopefully save the two schools in Tucson, allowing to cut costs on Administration overhead. Mr. Cook reported the two schools down here are struggling as well.

Mr. Paige asked Mr. Kidd what the breakdown is between the students online and in-person. Mr. Kidd reported there are 40 students registered on the online program from ACHS. Only 40% of students can be enrolled in the online program of total student enrollment. The in-person student count is about 40 students, so it is 50/50 for online and in-person students. Ms. Hisey then asked if some of the in-person students from ACHS can transition to online. Mr. Kidd informed the Board they can offer that as an option as well as other in-person schools in the neighborhood.

Mr. Al-Maskari asked how many teachers, and staff will be impacted with the closure of AHCS. Mr. Kidd reported there are 5 teachers, the principal, office staff, dean of students, the counselor and 3 admin staff here in Tucson as well that are going to be termed. Mr. Al-Maskari asked how many staff in total, Mr. Kidd responded and stated that about 11 or 12 people so a 50% reduction in force. Mr. Al-Maskari stated that looking at all the alternatives the bottom line is the net loss every year and the projected loss this year there are no other grants or alternatives for funding. Mr. Kidd stated the federal government has frozen all title grants right now until September and is not sure if that money will be released. The federal government is auditing the Department of Education over discrepancies. Mr. Cook clarified that the previous year ACHS did not lose money but this last school year they did and it was a shock because the numbers dropped so much from 130 students to 80, which is a big hit with $8,500 a person. Mr. Kidd stated that with the loss of 10 students it comes close to $90,000 so when 30 students out it has a huge impact.

Mr. Cook informed the Board that with this last fiscal year on June 30th, they were over $400,000 loss and that is before even closing out in June and going on with 80 students it would be the same loss. Mr. Cook stated that we had done the budget but did not estimate for 80 students, even with 100 students it would still be around $190,000 loss. Mr. Al-Maskari asked if the decision to move forward with the closure is what the plan is about informing families, students and the community. Mr. Kidd informed the Board they will notify parents and students first giving them the options for online with PPHS or in-person with other schools. The motion will cover the surrender of the Charter, then the Arizona Department of Education will be notified and closed out that process. The landlord has already been notified and must vacate by the end of July.

b. Enrollment/Recruitment

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board they are getting everything ready for the upcoming school year. It looks like PPHS and PPA are on track to meet their enrollment goals. The two Tucson schools are getting into recruiting events to increase enrollment.

c. Budgets

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board that the budgets are on the agenda today to adopt the preliminary budget forms.

1. Motion to approve minutes from the June 30, 2025, Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting.

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the June 30, 2025, meeting.

Motion: Mr. Al-Maskari moved to approve the June 30, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Paige seconded the motion.

Vote:

Khalid Al-Maskari: Affirmative
Daniella Hisey: Affirmative
Richard Paige: Affirmative

The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Motion to approve the Surrender of the Charter for Arizona Collegiate High School LEA Entity ID: 90536 (Pima Prevention Partnership), which operates Arizona Collegiate High School. School Entity ID: 90907 to the Arizona State Board for Chater Schools due to the financial conditions brought about by low enrollment.

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board this motion is the closure of the ACHS school, and if the motion passes the students and families will be informed as previously stated.

Motion: Mr. Paige moved to approve the Surrender of the Charter for Arizona Collegiate High School LEA Entity ID: 90536 (Pima Prevention Partnership), which operates Arizona Collegiate High School. School Entity ID: 90907 to the Arizona State Board for Chater Schools due to the financial conditions brought about by low enrollment.

Vote:

Khalid Al-Maskari: Affirmative
Daniella Hisey: Affirmative
Richard Paige: Affirmative

The motion was unanimously approved.

3. **Motion to adopt the FY26 Preliminary Annual Budget for The Pima Partnership School (LEA Entity ID: 79959, Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership School, The).**
   The Board reviewed the FY26 Preliminary Annual Budget for The Pima Partnership School (LEA Entity ID: 79959, Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership School, The).

   Motion: Mr. Paige moved to approve the FY26 Preliminary Annual Budget for The Pima Partnership School (LEA Entity ID: 79959, Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership School, The). Mr. Al-Maskari seconded the motion.

   Vote:

   Khalid Al-Maskari: Affirmative
   Daniella Hisey: Affirmative
   Richard Paige: Affirmative

   The motion was unanimously approved.

4. **Motion to adopt the FY26 Preliminary Annual Budget for Pima Partnership Academy (LEA Entity ID: 89864, Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership Academy).**
   The Board reviewed the FY26 Preliminary Annual Budget for Pima Partnership Academy (LEA Entity ID: 89864, Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership Academy).

   Motion: Mr. Al-Maskari moved to approve the FY26 Preliminary Annual Budget for Pima Partnership Academy (LEA Entity ID: 89864, Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership Academy). Mr. Paige seconded the motion.

   Vote:

   Khalid Al-Maskari: Affirmative
   Daniella Hisey: Affirmative
   Richard Paige: Affirmative

   The motion was unanimously approved.

Announcements

1. **Next Meeting**
   The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2025, at 9:15 a.m. at COPE Community Services, Inc. 1477 W. Commerce Court, Tucson, AZ 85746.

Adjournment

1. **Motion:** Mr. Paige moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Al-Maskari seconded the motion.
   The School Board meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.