

Alabama Classical Group

Minutes of the Called Board Meeting

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Time: 4:00 PM

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Approved:

12/15/2025

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3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and unanimously adopted as presented.

Vote: Approved 4–0

4. Public Comment

The meeting was open for public comment. However, no members of the public were present, and no comments were received.

5. Head of School Report

SY 2025–2026 Organizational Chart

The Head of School presented the proposed organizational chart for the 2025–2026 academic year. Team Leads have been appointed across departments, with only three teachers not returning from the previous year. This limited turnover was noted positively.

A board member raised a question about the potential for teacher and staff burnout. The Head of School acknowledged the concern and indicated steps were being taken to support teacher wellness and retention.

Current Enrollment

Current enrollment was reported at 808 students, with an active waitlist of 150. The goal is to reach the target capacity of 854 students by September 30th. The Board discussed efforts to convert waitlisted applicants into enrolled students and the importance of timely outreach to families.

ACAP Performance Data (SY 2024–2025)

The Head of School shared that ACAP scores were in line with or slightly above state benchmarks. A minor decline in Math performance was noted, which aligns with curricular expectations and trends.

Upcoming Events

The school will undergo Compliance Monitoring on October 6th, 2025. Preparations are currently underway to ensure all requirements are met.

6. New Schools for Alabama Report

Monthly Financials

The financial team presented monthly financials, including updates on revenue, expenditures, and fund balances.

Presentation of Budget – 2nd Hearing

The Board conducted the second public hearing on the FY 2026 Budget. The first hearing occurred on July 31, 2025.

Key Updates Included:

- The removal of the Director of Operations position from the personnel plan.
 - An increase in student enrollment allocations due to updated projections.
 - Roll-over of A&T (At-Risk and Technology) funding from the previous year to support the budget.
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7. Board Update

The Board engaged in a discussion regarding ongoing school operations. Topics included logistical coordination, communication with families, and academic planning. No action was required.

8. Action Items

Approval of SY 2025–2026 Organizational Chart

Vote: Approved unanimously (4–0)

Approval of FY 2025 Amended Budget

Action: Deferred to next meeting

Approval of FY 2026 Budget

Vote: Approved unanimously (4–0)

Resolutions Passed (All Approved 4–0):

- Authorization of continuation insurance for Ivy Classical Academy
 - Allocation of funds for trademark protection
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- Prohibition of unauthorized use of school intellectual property
- Prohibition of unauthorized commercial use of school social media
- Regulation of use of school intellectual property for extracurricular clubs and sports teams
- Authorization for the Head of School to enter into purchasing card transactions
- Adoption of the updated Procurement Policy

All resolutions were presented, discussed, and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board.

9. New Business

Teacher/Faculty/Administration/Board Security

The Board discussed concerns about school security. The idea of placing a School Resource Officer (SRO) on campus was raised. Additional discussion included the potential for selected school personnel, such as administration, to obtain concealed carry licenses as a proactive security measure. No action was taken pending further research.

Records Management Policy

A discussion was held regarding record-keeping formats, specifically the transition from paper to digital records. Considerations included protection from fire, water damage, and long-term accessibility. The topic was tabled for further policy review.

Recreational Sports Portal and Payment Gateway

The Board discussed implementing an online portal and payment system to streamline the registration and management of recreational sports activities. More information will be gathered and presented at a future meeting.

10. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made and unanimously approved.

Next Meeting: The date and time of the next board meeting will be announced at a later date.

Minutes Prepared by:Nick Affholter

Date:August 27th 2025

Approved on: [To be filled at next meeting]
