



**Ascent Classical Academy South Carolina**  
 Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes  
 October 10, 2025

Business Meeting

1. Preliminary.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm.

Director	Present
Mark Shuler	X
Mark Dillon	X
Michael Murphy	X
Dennis Getter	X
Caleb Greene	X – Joined after Consent Agenda Item
Brendan Kelley	X
Marifrances Bolger	Absent (Excused)

Mr. Getter moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The agenda was adopted 5-0.

Mr. Sinclair from Erskine introduced himself to the board.

2. Consent Agenda
- a. Approve September 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes
  - b. Approve September 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Murphy moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Mr. Shuler. The consent agenda was adopted 5-0.

3. Executive Session – The board may enter executive session as allowed under SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss contract negotiations and receive legal advice.

Mr. Getter moved to enter executive session, second by Mr. Murphy. The motion was approved 6-0. The board entered executive session at 2:11pm.

Mr. Shuler moved to exit executive session, seconded by Mr. Getter. The motion was approved 6-0 and the board returned to public session at 3:14pm.

4. Business

a. Action Items from Executive Session

Mr. Kelley moved to add agenda item 4.a – to select nominees for two open elected positions, seconded by Mr. Dillon. The agenda item was added on a 6-0 vote.

Mr. Dillon moved to nominate Caleb Greene, Brendan Kelley, and Marifrances Bolger for two open elected positions and directed ACA to conduct an election, seconded by Mr. Getter. The motion was adopted 6-0.

5. Executive Director Update

a. Fort Mill update

Mr. D. Shuler provided an update to the board regarding the termination of Mr. Mullins as headmaster and Mr. Belcher.

ACA has been working on a plan to fill teacher vacancies on campus.

b. Staff PD

The campus and ACA team met the past Friday during the scheduled professional development day to discuss the transition. Teachers are committed to doing their best in the classroom to support the students.

c. Role of board

Mr. D. Shuler provided a reminder to board that its structure is fairly unique in SC, as it is a single governing board for multiple campuses. It is responsible for governance and is not involved in operations or management. The board operates via adopting policy, budgets, and provides oversight for academics and financial management.

d. Grievance process

The board's grievance policy provides a process for parents and other stakeholders to have concerns adjudicated. This process is provided in the parent handbook and also on a web page accessed from the campus website. To date there are only two outstanding grievances. Complaints that have been going to the authorizer are not following the board process.

6. Public Comment – The board received comments from the public.

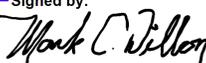
7. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

**Vision**

Ascent Classical Academies develop the moral and intellectual skills, habits, and virtues upon which independent, responsible, and joyful lives are built, in the firm belief that such lives are the basis for a free and flourishing republic.

**Mission**

Ascent Classical Academies train the minds and improve the hearts of young people through a classical, content-rich education in the liberal arts and sciences, with instruction in the principles of moral character and civic virtue in an orderly and disciplined environment.

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