

ARIZONA GOODWILL EDUCATION SERVICES
4837 E. McDowell Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85008 – Virtual Only (Webex)

AGES Quarterly Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 1:00PM MST

Remote via WebEx ONLY

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Members Present

Akshai Patel
Bryan Davey
Sentari Minor
Timothy O'Neal
Vanessa Garcia

Members Absent:

Jonae Harrison

Other Attendees/Guests

Aaron Martin
Angie Gonzalez
Che Wei (Jack) Chang
Elizabeth Nunez
Jess Grasso
Julia Karl
Madeline Ramirez
Matt Parson
Rachelle Durham
Sylvia Garza
Diana Byers, Official Charter Representative

** In addition to this meeting summary, the meeting was recorded. The recording is also available on The Excel Center website.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call of Board Members Present.** Mr. Sentari Minor called the AGES Governing Board Meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. A quorum of the members was present at the time of roll call (Sentari Minor, Timothy O'Neal, Akshai Patel, Bryan Davey, Vanessa Garcia).
2. **Open Call** – There was no public comment made.
3. **Consent Agenda Adoption** – Discussion and Potential Action
Mr. O'Neal moved to **approve** the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Davey. The Motion passed unanimously (Ayes: Mr. Patel, Mr. Minor, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Davey, Mr. O'Neal).

Discussion: Full discussion can be found on the recording from 00:30 – 01:06 ([here](#)).

4. **Introduction** – Discussion – Sylvia Garza, Administrative Operations Manager, introduced herself to the group. Sylvia briefly discussed the support she provides to the organization and past board experience. Sylvia has been with Goodwill of Central and Northern Arizona for 20 years. Sylvia will cross-train as a Charter Representative to support the AGES Board meetings and serve as a liaison between the Arizona School Board for Charter Schools, the AGES Board, and the Excel Center.

Discussion: Full discussion can be found on the recording from 01:13 – 02:30 ([here](#)).

5. **Approval of Appointment of Authorized Charter Representative – Discussion and Potential Action.** Mr. Davey moved to **appoint** Sylvia Garza as a Charter Representative seconded by Mr. Patel. The appointment passed unanimously (Ayes: Mr. O'Neal, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Minor, Mr. Davey, Mr. Patel)

Discussion: Full discussion can be found on the recording from 02:32 – 04:25 ([here](#))

6. **Approval of Submitting Amendment Request to Appoint Authorized Charter Representative to ASBCS - Discussion and Potential Action.** Mr. Davey moved to **approve** the amendment request to ASBCS for appointment of Sylvia Garza as a Charter School Representative, Ms. Garcia seconded. The request passed unanimously (Ayes: Mr. Patel, Mr. O'Neal, Mr. Minor, Mr. Davey, Ms. Garcia).

Discussion: Full discussion can be found on the recording from 04:28 – 05:04 ([here](#))

7. **Presentation of AGES FY2026 Financial Audit and Compliance Questionnaire**

Discussion: Full discussion can be found on the recording from 05:06 – 14:21([here](#))

8. **Approval of AGES FY2026 Financial and Compliance Questionnaire – Discussion and Potential Action. As required by statute, voting on this item will be by roll call.**
Mr. Davey moved to **approve** the AGES FY2026 Financial and Compliance Questionnaire as presented; Mr. O'Neal seconded. The motion passed unanimously (Ayes: Mr. Davey, Mr. O'Neal, Mr. Patel, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Minor)
 - a. Vote by Roll Call

Discussion: Full discussion can be found on the recording from 14:21 – 15:30 ([here](#))

9. **Approval of FY2026 Annual Financial Report – Discussion and Potential Action**
Mr. Davey moved to **approve** the FY2026 Annual Financial Report, seconded by Ms. Garcia. The motion passed unanimously (Ayes: Mr. Patel, Mr. O'Neal, Mr. Minor, Mr. Davey, Ms. Garcia)

Discussion: Full discussion can be found on the recording from 15:59 – 17:15 ([here](#))

10. **School Update** – Discussion

a. School Operations Update

- i. Mission Moment
- ii. Graduates
- iii. Certifications
- iv. Enrollment
- v. Teachers/Staff
- vi. Charter Schools Growth Fund Grant
 1. Night Classes
- vii. Regulatory
 1. Arizona State Charter Board 5 Year Review
- viii. Fund Development
 1. Excel Center Legislative Engagement Plan 2027
 2. Excel Strategy Map
 3. Excel Basic State Aid Bill Draft

b. Financial Update

Discussion: Full discussion can be found on the recording from 17:20 – 44:10 ([here](#)).

11. **Dates and Times of Future Meetings** – Discussion and Potential Action

Next Meeting: November 16, 2026, at 2:00PM and January 20, 2027, at 1:00PM.

Discussion: Full discussion can be found on the recording from 44:14 – 44:28 ([here](#)).

12. **Adjournment of Board Meeting – Potential Action**

Meeting adjourned at 1:46PM.