Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB)

Board of Directors – Regular Meeting
Approved Minutes March 27 & 28, 2026
Virtual

1. Call to Order
President Julia Phelan called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

2. Roll Call

Amber Frommherz	Present
Tim Doran	Present
Carl Jacobs	Present (6:30/10:20)
Frieda Nageak	Absent
Phil Burdick	Present
Annie Weyiouana	Present (6:13)
Melanie Kasayulie	Present
Penny Vadla	Present
Clarence Daniel	Present
Marie Greene	Present
Margo Bellamy	Present
Michael Swain	Present
Darlene Trigg	Present
Dana Mock	Excused
Julia Phelan	Present

3. Establish Quorum
A quorum was established

4. Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Julia Phelan

5. Land Acknowledgment
Read by Darlene Trigg

6. Equity Statement
Read by Margo Bellamy

7. Approval of Agenda
Action: Motion to approve the agenda as amended.
Moved by: Clarence Daniel
Seconded by: Margo Bellamy
Outcome: Agenda approved as amended

8. Approval of Minutes
Action: Motion to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2025, meeting.
Moved by: Clarence Daniel
Seconded by: Penny Vadla
Outcome: Meeting minutes were approved as amended

9. Recognition of Visitors
None

10. Correspondence
Included in the packet.

11. Reports/Discussion Items

11. A. Finance Officer Report
Speaker(s): Evan Reeves
CFO Reeves presented an update on the organization's financial status and referred Board members to the supporting documents included in the meeting packet. He also reviewed the proposed revisions to the 2026 operating budget.

11. B. President's Report
Speaker(s): Julia Phelan
President Phelan noted that her report was included in the meeting packet and shared photographs from the NSBA Advocacy Trip to Washington, D.C. She also elaborated on the meetings held with U.S. Senators during the trip. President Phelan further reported on AASB's legislative Fly-In and the Executive Director search.

11. C. Past President's Report
Speaker(s): Dana Mock (Excused)
A report was included in the meeting packet, along with attachments containing information from NSBA.

11. D. President - Elect Report
Speaker(s): Darlene Trigg
President-Elect Trigg gave a verbal report highlighting the Pacific Region Meeting in Washington, D.C., which she attended, as well as the leadership sessions.

11. E. Secretary Treasurer Report
Speaker(s): Michael Swain
Secretary-Treasurer Swain reported that there were no updates at this time.

11. F. ASAA Report
Speaker(s): Margo Bellamy
AASB's ASAA representative, Margo Bellamy, reviewed the report included in the meeting packet, highlighting actions taken at ASAA's most recent meeting.

Recess: 8:03 PM
Reconvened: 8:32 AM

11. G. Sustainability Committee Report
Speaker(s): Tim Doran
Committee Chair Tim Doran reported on the work of the Sustainability Committee. He introduced a new matrix developed by Associate Executive Director Katie Oliver. Board members commented on the usefulness of having a visual matrix.

11. H. Scholarship Committee Report
Speaker(s): Dana Mock, Katie Oliver
Associate Executive Director Katie Oliver reported on behalf of Committee Chair Dana Mock. The scholarship application period is still open and will close on April 10, 2026. Pete Hoepfner, staff liaison for the committee, has conducted a robust recruitment of reviewers.

11. I. Annual Conference Report
Speaker(s): Katie Oliver
An Annual Conference report was included in the meeting packet. The report provided information on sponsors, attendee evaluations, registration history, and planning for the 2026 Annual Conference.

11. J. Summer Meeting Logistics
Speaker(s): Katie Oliver
Katie Oliver reported that the AASB Board of Directors Summer Meeting will be held July 16–19, 2026, in Delta Junction. The report included in the meeting packet provided venue information and outlined possible activities outside of the meeting.

Recess: 9:45 AM
Reconvened: 10:00 AM

12. Staff Reports

12. A. Executive Director Report
Speaker(s): Lon Garrison
Executive Director Lon Garrison provided a brief verbal update on the report included in the meeting packet. He highlighted the approval of AASB to become a sponsor for BuyBoard and provided an update on staffing.

12. B. Associate Executive Director Report
Speaker(s): Katie Oliver

Associate Executive Director Katie Oliver provided a written report in the packet. Katie shared the new Participation Tracker with the board.

12. C. Director of Conditions for Learning Report
Speaker(s): Lauren Havens
Deputy Director Lauren Havens reviewed the report she provided in the packet.

12. D. Advocacy Report
Speaker(s): Lon Garrison
Executive Director Lon Garrison provided a verbal report on the activities of the Advocacy Team and updates regarding the 34th Alaska State Legislature.

12. E. Director of Membership Services Report
Speaker(s): Tiffany Jackson
Director of Membership Services Tiffany Jackson highlighted key points from the report included in the meeting packet.

13. Action Items

13. A. FY 2026 Budget Revision
Action: Motion to adopt the 2026 budget revision as presented.
Moved By: Clarence Daniel
Seconded By: Amber Frommherz
Outcome: Adoption of the 2026 budget revision.

13. B. Policy Committee and Recommended Action:
Action: motion to adopt the amended policies as presented by the 2026 AASB Policy Committee.
Moved By: Michael Swain
Seconded By: None required (committee motion)
Outcome: Motion adopted.

14. Board Comments

- **Margo Bellamy:** Margo wanted to let everyone know that ASAA is taking nominations for its Golden Lifetime Pass.
- **Tim Doran:** Thanked Lon Garrison for his leadership, balance, and business acumen.
- **Penny Vadla:** Echoed Tim Doran's comments and expressed appreciation for Lon's leadership.
- **Clarence Daniel:** Provided additional context on the ASAA Golden Lifetime Pass and AASB's representation.
- **Lon Garrison:** Shared appreciation for the organization and stated he will remain involved.
- **Katie Oliver:** Noted that, per policy, all past presidents are lifetime members of the association.

15. Future Business

- Spring Academy
- Executive Director Search Interviews

16. Adjournment

Motion: Motion to adjourn
Made By: Margo Bellamy
Seconded By: Clarence Daniel
Outcome: Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM