



NOTICE AND AGENDA MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING

AZ Rush Education Sports Academies - NEWS Point Academy

CHARTER SCHOOL

<https://www.newspointacademy.org/>

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Governing Board of AZ Rush Education Sports Academies- NEWS Point Academy and the public that the Board will hold a meeting open to the public, as follows

Date: October 20, 2026

Time: 5:30-6:00

Location: Virtual

(This meeting will be open to the public.)

AZ Rush Education Sports Academies Board Meeting

Time zone: America/Phoenix

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/nny-ubmp-bjn>

The Board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings set for a specific time. Board members will participate virtually.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03.A.3, the Board may vote to convene an executive session, which will not be open to the public, for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the Board's attorney on any matter on the agenda.

A copy of background material for an Agenda item provided to Board members (except for materials relating to executive sessions) is available for public inspection at the School (6321 S Ellsworth Rd, Mesa, AZ 85212) at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the Board meeting.

Persons with a disability may request reasonable accommodations, and/or persons requiring translation services may request needed services by contacting mlarson@rusheducation.org. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange for the accommodation.

Instructions for Public Comment

The Board welcomes and encourages public engagement. Members of the public may address the Board during the designated "Call to the Public" agenda item.

Request to Speak: Individuals wishing to address the Board must complete a "Request to Speak" form, available in the chat at the start of the meeting and submit it to the Board Secretary within the first 5 minutes of the meeting.

Time Limit: Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes. The Board President may limit the total time for all public comments to 20 minutes to ensure the efficient conduct of the meeting.

Topic Restriction: Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), the Board may not discuss or take action on matters raised during the "Call to the Public" that are not specifically listed on the agenda. However, individual Board members may ask staff to review the matter or place it on a future agenda.

Virtual Participation: To submit comments virtually, please email Jim Sigman at jsigman@rusheducation.org by 12:00 PM on the day of the meeting with your name and the agenda item you wish to address.

NEWS Point Academy

Mission:

To *empower* students with a rigorous, college-preparatory education while fostering a strong sense of leadership, sportsmanship, and community. We are committed to developing well-rounded individuals who excel academically, thrive in athletics, and lead with integrity.

Vision:

To *cultivate a global learning environment* that empowers high school students to thrive academically, excel in college, and succeed in their future careers. We are dedicated to equipping students with the knowledge, skills, and leadership qualities needed to make a meaningful impact in a rapidly evolving world.

Core Values:

Networking. Excellence. Wellness. Service.

Agenda

Welcome & Operations Housekeeping

Call to Order: 5:32

Roll Call: Jim Sigman, Danielle Calderon, Emily Britton, Nick Thomas

Call to Collect Names of Public Commenters Esmeralda and Amber

Open Meeting Law Postings:

www.newspointacademy.org & 6321 S Ellsworth Rd, Mesa, AZ 85212 (Fieldhouse C)

Public Comments and Procedures:

1. Share: 3-minute limit for each commenter
2. Share: 20-minute overall time-budget for total commenters per meeting

General Agenda

Old Business:

Employee Handbook & Teacher Evaluation Tool (see attachments)

Shared in 10.7. Meeting; Principal Sigman highlighted it contains weighting of 40% student achievement data & 60% instructional behaviors and believes it's aligned to ASBCS expectations. **Motion passed unanimously**

Principal Sigman also shared on 10/7 that the only significant change is that PTO is frontloaded and that the document was reviewed and approved by the employment attorney for alignment to state and federal laws. **Motion passed unanimously**

2)Amendment to remove Melanie Larson as Charter Representative

Motion passed unanimously

3)Amendment to formally remove Melanie Larson as Board Member

Motion passed unanimously

4)Amendment to remove Samantha as Board Member

Motion passed unanimously

Review, Action Items...Adjournment

Closing (5 minutes)

Next Meeting Date & Time: TBD; Emily will send an email re: availability for 1st/2nd Week of November

Next Meeting Agenda Items: TBD

Other Announcements: n/a

Time Adjourned: 6:00

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE: A copy of the attached notice was duly posted on the NEWS Point Academy's website (NEWSPointAcademy.org) at NEWS Point Academy, 6321

S Ellsworth Rd, Mesa, AZ 85212, 24 hours before the board meeting in accordance with the statement filed by AZ Rush Education Sports Academies – NEWS Point Academy.