



Attendance (Voting Members in **Bold**)

Allison Otu, President	P	Michelle Davidson, Vice President	P	Leola Abraham, Secretary	P
Scott S. Stone, Treasurer	P	Melvin (Mel) Brown	P	Michelle Buckley	A
Carrie Larson	A	Michael Medici, AIA	P	Dr. Lorisa Pombo	P
Marcelino Quiñonez	P	Nonnie Shivers	P	Annette Zinky	A
David Alderslade	P	Jennifer Delgado	P	Elizabeth (Liz) Goodman	P
Joshua Pierce, Honorary Arts Faculty	P	Todd Webster, Honorary Academic Faculty	P	Eva Luz Pombo, Honorary Student	P
Liam Wohlert, Honorary Student	P	David Lujan, Executive Director	P	Leslie Tan Religioso, Development Director	P
Elizabeth (Liz) Shaw, Business Director	P	Carolyn Smith, Executive Assistant	P		

Agenda Items

 Call to the Public	
	Allison Otu
 Mission Moment	
Answering the Question: Why ASA? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:35pm Room A-101 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Guitar Foundations 3 Performance, Department Mission Statement • 5:45pm Room B-107 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ World Guitar Performance, Student Q&A, Wrap-up 	Joshua Pierce, Eva Pombo & Liam Wohlert
 Board Recognition	
	Allison Otu
 Discussion Items	
Finance Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Reports • Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Update 	Scott Stone & Elizabeth Shaw

Resource Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Dashboard • Showcase Sponsorship 	Allison Otu & Leslie Religioso
Governance Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Handbook Update • New Board Member Nomination 	Nonnie Shivers & David Lujan
 Consent Agenda	
Board President Updates	Allison Otu
Executive Director Report	David Lujan
Development & Marketing Director Report	Leslie Religioso
 Action Items	
Approval of the March 23, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes	
Approval of the Revised Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Community Handbook	
Approval of the Revised School Year 2026-2027 Student Fees	
Approval of Jaime Dempsey as a Member of the Board of Directors as of June 1, 2026	
 The Board of Directors may vote to hold an executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Board's attorney on any matter listed on the agenda pursuant to: ARS §38-431.03 (A)(3) Legal Advice	

Minutes

Board President Allison Otu called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Call to the Public

No members of the public were present at the meeting to make comments on the agenda, so Allison moved to the next agenda item.

Mission Moment

Allison first congratulated Liam Wohlert and Tri-M on a very successful talent show the prior Friday evening. The price of admission was at least one canned good or other nonperishable item for the PV Community Food Bank; Liam reported that they were able to collect four large boxes of food.

Joshua Pierce introduced the agenda for an extended Mission Moment that would include guitar student performances in their classroom environments followed by a Q&A with Upper School students. This was an effort to help board members see ASA's mission in action and give them an aid in answering the question, "Why ASA?" when asked by potential sponsors and families. Board members first went to a Lower School classroom in Building A to see the Guitar Foundations 3 class perform "Sun Dance" by Annette Kruisbrink, they then went across campus to Building B to see Upper School World Guitar students perform two movements of "Road to the Sun" by Pat Metheny. Both groups were very accomplished.

Following the performance Eva Pombo and Liam led some of the World Guitar students and a question and answer session. The students discussed how their education at ASA impacted them as performing artists, as academic students, and as people. Most of the students have attended ASA since 5th grade and were able to discuss their growth in all three areas and give their perspectives

on the school's strengths and areas for improvement, most particularly in allowing for more dedicated performance and practice spaces. They were also able to show the Board the natural ties between performing arts and academic performance; all four of the students were seniors going into STEM majors at high-level colleges and universities, but all feel that they are moving on with a sense of how to conduct themselves in this next phase as individuals and as team players.

Upon returning to the meeting room, the Board moved on to the balance of the agenda.

Board Recognition

Allison recognized board members Leola Abraham, Annette Zinky, and Michelle Buckley for bringing in new, as well as increased, sponsorship to Showcase. Additionally, Mike Medici purchased twenty Showcase tickets that he will be giving to middle school students in the Roosevelt School District who are interested in the performing arts, in an effort to show them what ASA can do to help develop their skills on the high school level.

Discussion Items

Finance Committee

Liz Shaw and Scott Stone said that the February/March financial reports were available on the Board Portal for review and that they were continuing as anticipated considering we have fallen below the bond covenants. Liz informed them the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget is in process and there would be a draft version for review at the May meeting.

Resource Development

Leslie Religoso informed the Board that we are now above \$50k in sponsorship for Showcase, but the goal has been extended to \$100k to help bridge some of the gap in the Annual Fund. Leslie told board members the three things they can do to help:

- Sell more sponsorships; she can accept them until May 11th to allow potential sponsors to receive the benefit of promotion in the Showcase program.
- Buy their own and guest tickets. This is an excellent way to introduce future sponsors to ASA, by allowing them to see what sponsorship can do for our students.
- Invite VIPs to the reception prior to the May 27th show.

Governance Committee

David let the board know that draft versions of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 handbooks would be made available to them at the May 18th meeting rather than this one to allow the faculty to review some curriculum policies at their next professional development day before presenting them to the Board; final drafts will be voted on at the June 22nd meeting. However, a revised version of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Community Handbook is up for approval during the Action Items to make it compliant with the ASBCS 5-year review findings.

David also reintroduced Jaime Dempsey who would be up for approval as a new board member during the Action Items.

Consent Agenda

Board President Updates

Allison reminded the Board that next week is teacher appreciation week. Traditionally, the Board has sponsored the Friday lunch from Little Miss Barbeque and she asked those members willing to contribute and continue the tradition. There was a very positive response.

Executive Director Report

David reminded the Board that there would be a strategic planning session at Helios Education Foundation the following day at Noon. He also pointed out that the ASBCS 5-year review report was available on the Board Portal and that in addition to the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Community Handbook, a revised version of the School Year 2026-2027 Student Fee schedule would also be up for approval during the Action Items to bring it into compliance.

Development & Marketing Director Report

Leslie asked the board to review the Development Dashboard and use the fundraising tools linked in her report.

Action Items

Lorisa Pombo left the meeting prior to the Action Items due to another ASA obligation.

Approval of the March 23, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Mike Medici moved to approve the March 23, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Michelle Davidson and passed unanimously without further discussion. [Otu, Davidson, Abraham, Stone, Brown, Medici, Quiñonez, and Shivers voting in favor.]

Approval of the Revised Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Community Handbook

Marcelino Quiñonez moved to approve the revised Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Community Handbook. The motion was seconded by Leola Abraham and passed unanimously without further discussion. [Otu, Davidson, Abraham, Stone, Brown, Medici, Quiñonez, and Shivers voting in favor.]

Approval of the Revised School Year 2026-2027 Student Fees

Scott Stone moved to approve the revised School Year 2026-2027 Student Fees. The motion was seconded by Michelle Davidson and passed unanimously without further discussion. [Otu, Davidson, Abraham, Stone, Brown, Medici, Quiñonez, and Shivers voting in favor.]

Approval of Jaime Dempsey as a Member of the Board of Directors as of June 1, 2026

Michelle Davidson moved to approve Jaime Dempsey as a Member of the Board of Directors as of June 1, 2026. The motion was seconded by Marcelino Quiñonez and passed unanimously without further discussion. [Otu, Davidson, Abraham, Stone, Brown, Medici, Quiñonez, and Shivers voting in favor.]

Adjournment

The agenda having been completed in its totality, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Minutes reviewed and accepted on: May 18, 2026

Signed by: _____, Board Member