

Addenbrooke Classical Academy

Board Meeting Agenda

April 12, 2022 at 5:30 & 6:00 PM

The board will meet in workshop session at 5:30 PM (no votes taken) and then move to a regular business meeting (votes taken) at 6 PM.

Location: 3605 S Teller St., Lakewood; 3rd floor of new high school campus (in-person and Zoom)

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85345273450>

I. Call to Order

- a. Welcome guests
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Mission Statement
- d. Roll call
- e. Public comments – 3 minutes per person
- f. Board announcements
- g. Approval of agenda

II. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of March 5, 2022 meeting
- b. Approval of Board Policy Packet 5

III. Recognition

IV. Reports (in writing only, unless there are questions)

- a. Executive Director
- b. Principals
- c. Finance Committee

V. Board Discussion Items

- a. Financial Session – Presentation by Executive Director & Evelyn Fiadonu

b. Math Curriculum for SY22-23

VI. Board of Director Action Items

VII. Adjournment

The Biden administration has proposed changes to the federal Charter School Program (CSP) grant that would severely gut the program. The public comment period is open until Wednesday. Please take a few minutes to provide your public comment using [this](#) link (green box).

Under the Proposed Priorities there are mechanisms to allow local school districts or other charter school authorizers to prevent charter schools from being approved.

The federal CSP grant is the startup funds schools need to buy one-time expenditures such as desks, computers, curriculum, assessments, and hire new teachers. Grants are awarded over a three-year period, beginning before the school even opens (year zero). There are two segments within those three years: Planning and Implementation.

Proposed Priority 1: Requiring new charter schools to be community-centered allows local communities that are opposed to the concept of public charter schools the ammunition for denying a charter school application. Don't want a charter school in your neighborhood? Tell them you won't work with them and they won't get approved. Another way to look at this, is district's controlled by teacher's unions would have the ammunition to prevent a new charter school.

Proposed Priority 2: Prioritizing applications that have a district collaboration is unrealistic. It's hard enough to get a charter school approved in an anti-charter school community, much less getting them to collaborate on anything meaningful. From my own experiences, districts would use this to eat up the limited time and efforts parents have while also trying to start a new school. Our district once had numerous meetings to define "choice" and it resulted in a definition the district, not parents, wanted. They also proposed a new high school through a series of public meetings, during a time we were proposing a new charter high school. Neither school ever opened.

It won't take you long to make a public comment. I can't say for sure it'll make a difference. But it's all we have available to us right now.

[National Alliance of Public Charter Schools](#)

[The National Review](#)

[Washington Post](#)