

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS COUNCIL REPORT

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Welcome & Introduction

- The meeting opened with introductions, noting that there are many new members joining the council.

Council Business

- Note Taker Assignment - AI possible - agreed upon by council
- [Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes - AI Summary](#) - minutes approved
- Bylaw update
 - reviewed and updated changes - revisions not yet approved - waiting on state ACSA approval

Council President Report - *Don English, Council President*

- The council discussed the importance of continuing Stanford University representation, noting the value of staying connected to current, research-based best practices in alternative education. To support this, members created a Google Form to gather input on the types of information and focus areas they would like the Stanford representative to provide. The council agreed that maintaining this connection would be a best practice to ensure ongoing access to up-to-date research and insights.

Governmental Relations Update- *Serette Kaminski, Legislative Advocate, Legislative Advocate* - ACSA Legislative Update

- The council reviewed recently signed legislation, including AB 49 and SB 98, and noted that the governor has until October 13th to sign or veto remaining bills. A slide deck was provided to guide discussion on the key bills currently awaiting action.

Board Update - *Scott O. Nanik, Board Liaison*

- Absent

Region Reports

- Regional share-outs highlighted both progress and challenges across Educational Options programs. While many regions have not yet met, common themes included CCAP/dual enrollment efforts, expanding CTE opportunities, and addressing high staff turnover. Regions also discussed creative scheduling, improving instructional practices, and transportation needs for expelled students. Additional priorities included supporting staff wellness to combat burnout, strengthening social-emotional learning, reducing overreliance on computers, managing cell phone use, and providing post-incarceration support for students.

Council Goals for 2025-26 - *Don English, Council President*

- The council agreed to align its goals with ACSA's Strategic Plan and emphasized the importance of organizing and sharing regional contact information so staff are aware of their representatives and resources.

Resource Guild Update- *Don English, Council President*

- Review [Resource Guide](#)
- The council reviewed the resource guide and determined no edits or changes were needed at this time, with an agreement to revisit and update it as appropriate in the future.

Actions & Takeaways - *Don English, Council President*

- Discussed future agenda items
 - Collecting school structures
 - Key topics of discussion included credit recovery, instructional strategies, competency-based grading, scheduling, classroom instruction, and independent study.
 - Key takeaways from the meeting included the importance of continuing to fight and advocate for alternative education, navigating sensitive instructional topics, and drawing inspiration from cohorts and leadership groups. Members valued the legislative updates, appreciated shared resources, learned from regional highlights, and emphasized the growing role of CTE in supporting students.