

Ascension Board Retreat Agenda September 2025

Outcomes. By the end of this retreat, you will have:

1. Shared understanding of the Strategic Directions process and outcomes.
2. Increased understanding of the emerging strategic directions.
3. Ideas and insights from the Board about the opportunities and risks to consider.
4. Ongoing relationship building among Board and staff.
5. Shared agreement about how to transition from planning to doing.

Agenda: 3.5 hours (8am-11:30am)

- **Welcome, Agenda.** 5 minutes (8:00-8:05)
- **Update.** 10 minutes (8:05-8:15)
 - Start of the school year
- **Business Items.** 15 minutes (8:15-8:30)
 - Overview of Ascensions Emergency Operations Process
 - Board Chair
 - Background checks for Board Members
- **Prayer & Deeper Reflection on Mission.** 20 minutes (8:30-8:50)
 - Father Dale
- **Planning Process Overview.** 15 minutes (8:50-9:05)
 - TL, Board Members, SLT members share reflections about how they experienced the process including any insights & learning.
- **Share Emerging Directions & Contingencies.** 55 minutes (9:05-10:00)
 - Emerging directions are reported out by board members or SLT of each committee (3-5 minutes per group)
 - Reflection on Sticky Notes During the Presentation:
 - What are you excited about?
 - What opportunities do you see for the Academy?
 - What risks might we need to consider?
 - Discussion
- **Break.** 15 minutes (10:00-10:15)

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- **Shift from Planning to Doing - Proposed Board Committees.** 45 minutes (10:15-11:00)
 - Overview from Patty
 - Discussion
- **Closing.** 30 minutes (11:00-11:30)
 - Closing reflections - Head, Heart, Feet
 - Next actions:
 - Email about upcoming Board Committee Meetings, who is on each committee currently, and an invitation to join ad hoc committees.
 - GHR proposal timing