



## Appendix Items:

### LFNO Governance Committee

*Appendix items for Agenda for June 9, 2022 Governance Committee meeting*

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### Prospective Board Candidates Bios for Open Board Seats:

**Franklin Enrique Garcia**, AIA, NCARB, CQMC, OSHA30, Cal OES SAP is an architect, construction manager, designer, artist and real estate investor. He was selected in 2022 for charter school board training through the Louisiana Association of Public and Charter schools through its CBLA fellows program. He has worked as a principal, project manager and chief technical officer for several architectural and construction management firms. He holds certifications in construction quality, OSHA and served as a vice president for the National Organization of Minority Architects – Louisiana, chapter. He is a bilingual speaker.

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Article IV, Section 7 of the LFNO Bylaws reads:  
Meetings of the Board.

**Section 7: Director Obligations.** Each Director, upon accepting a position on the Board of Directors, will be obligated to:

1. Be present at **eight (8)** regular meetings of the Board of Directors during each **calendar year**.

### Proposed revision:

**Section 7: Director Obligations.** Each Director, upon accepting a position on the Board of Directors, will be obligated to:

1. Be present at **four (4)** regular meetings of the Board of Directors during each **board calendar year (July 1 to June 30)**

### Bylaw update rationale:

*At the May 12, 2022 Governance Committee meeting the governance committee voted unanimously to recommend a change of 10 regular board meetings to 6. This proposal will update attendance and define the calendar year. See additional rationale to regular board meetings change. Also note that the board calendar year is consistent with language in Article IV, Section 5, indicating that terms end on June 30<sup>th</sup>.*

- We conducted a survey of peer institution boards. On average peer charter boards have required meetings in the bylaws ranging from 3 to 7. We are on the high end of annual meetings. Additionally, peer-institutions have 1 or quarterly committee meetings. We hold monthly meetings. That totals 20 meetings a year per board member and 60 meetings for over a 3-year term. Our analysis of board attrition rate is connected to this factor.
- Our analysis of effective board coordinating and committee coordinating connects directly to our meeting structure. General meetings have a short window for preparation, leading to a shorter time for public notice, coordinating among committees and providing committees with the time and space to do committee work first. This spacing of general regular board meetings will allow for committee and general board meetings to be better coordinated and provide more time for committees to meet and do committee work.
- Three of the meetings this year for the regular meetings had no motions and were informational, and committees had not had the time to meet between these meetings. This will correct for that.
- The board can still call additional meetings as needed under **Article VII, Section 4. Special Meetings**, which reads: “Special meetings of the Board of Directors for any purpose may be called at any time by the Chairman ...” The other boards we surveyed had meetings scheduled more than required in their bylaws and this allowed them to dedicate months for special meetings of their board.