



Learning Community Charter School

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 19, 2023 – 6:30 PM

I. Call to Order by Board Secretary – 6:38 PM

II. Public Notice of Meeting/NJ Sunshine Law

The New Jersey Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right to the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon in accordance with N.J.S.A 10:4-6 et seq.

On the rules of this act, Learning Community Charter School has caused notice of this meeting by publicizing the date, time and place, of the regularly scheduled meeting in the Public Notice Section of the Jersey Journal and distributed to Jersey City Public School District, Municipal Clerk and to the Public and posted at the Learning Community Charter School located at 2495 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City, NJ 07304. Formal action will take place at this meeting.

III. Roll Call

Voting Members	Role (Term Expires)	Present	Absent	LA/ED
Angela Bennett-Glock	President, Parent Member (4/2024)	X		
Colin Dunn	Treasurer, Community Member (4/2023)	X		
Bertram Okpokwasili	Parent Member (4/2024)	X		
Elizabeth Cain	Community Member (4/2025)	X		ED – 8:04 PM
Paula Mahayosnand	Parent Member (5/2023)	X		
Nikhil Puri	Parent Member (6/2023)		X	
Marisa Gerke	Parent Member (6/2023)	X		
Neil Abadie	Community Member (4/2023)	X		
Cathy Agle	Parent Member (4/2025)	X		
Gaspar Cabrera	Parent Member (4/2025)	X		
Kate Gratto	Parent Member (4/2025)	X		
Jaclyn Moore	Parent Member (4/2025)	X		

Non-Voting Members	Role	Present	Absent	LA/ED
Mr. Brown	Staff Member		X	

Also Present

Non-Voting	Role	Present	Absent	LA/ED
Colin Hogan	Head of School	X		
Maureen Rexer	Vice Principal	X		
Brian Falkowski	SBA/Board Secretary	X		
Angel Melendez	Dean of Students/Assistant Head of School	X		

IV. Public Comment - none

V. Presentations

1. Presentation

- i. NJ Start Strong 22 Fall Data Presentation (Presenter: Maureen Rexer)

ii. Launch of LCCS Student Mentoring Program 2023 (Presenter: Angel Melendez)

VI. Board Discussion Topics

1. Afterschool P&L – (P&L in Dropbox)
2. Retention Report

Retention Type	Board Meeting												Total
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	
Open Positions	-												-
Resignations	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Terminations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonrenewals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hires	-	4	4	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	10
Interim Hires	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

VII. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

Motion for Learning Community Charter School, Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from the **November 17, 2022** meeting.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Colin Dunn		X				Marisa Gerke		X			
Angela Bennett-Glock	1	X				Neil Abadie		X			
Bertram Okpokwasili		X				Cathy Agle		X			
Elizabeth Cain	2	X				Gaspar Cabrera		X			
Paula Mahayosnand		X				Kate Gratto		X			
Nikhil Puri					X	Jaclyn Moore		X			

VIII. Motions for Approval

1. Finance

- a. Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Report: To approve the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports for November & December 2022, as per the attached. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:232.11(a), the Learning Community Charter School Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the secretary’s certification, and after review of the monthly financial report (appropriations section) certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, as of November & December 2022, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:232.11(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the school’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- b. Bills List: To approve the Bills/Check List from November 18, 2022 to January 19, 2023.
- c. Payroll: To approve the following payrolls:

November 30, 2022	\$ 273,578.22
December 15, 2022	\$ 281,156.74
December 16, 2022	\$ 3,716.52
December 22, 2022	\$ 266,034.70
January 13, 2023	\$ 277,875.86

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Colin Dunn		X				Marisa Gerke		X			
Angela Bennett-Glock		X				Neil Abadie		X			

Bertram Okpokwasili		X				Cathy Agle		X			
Elizabeth Cain		X				Gaspar Cabrera	2	X			
Paula Mahayosnand	1	X				Kate Gratto		X			
Nikhil Puri					X	Jaclyn Moore		X			

2. Buildings & Grounds

- a. To approve a resolution binding the Learning Community Charter School to purchase electric generation services through the Alliance for Competitive Energy services (“ACES”) bid cooperative pricing system ID#E8801-ACESCPS.
- b. To approve a resolution binding the Learning Community Charter School to purchase natural gas services through the Alliance for Competitive Energy services (“ACES”) bid cooperative pricing system ID#E8801-ACESCPS.
- c. To authorize USA Architects to amend the bid specifications for “HVAC Upgrades” and solicit bids.

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Angela Bennett-Glock		X				Neil Abadie		X			
Bertram Okpokwasili		X				Cathy Agle		X			
Elizabeth Cain	2	X				Gaspar Cabrera		X			
Paula Mahayosnand		X				Kate Gratto		X			
Nikhil Puri					X	Jaclyn Moore		X			

3. Personnel

- a. To approve home instruction staff at \$50/hour
 1. Tracy Paparella
 2. Stephanie Silver
 3. Robert Sardison
 4. Marie Van Der Horn
 5. Joan Buonafide
 6. Justin Deutsch
 7. Amanda Errico
 8. Irisis Larsen
 9. Kathryn Goral
- b. To approve new hire Kerrie Young, Teacher's Assistant, annual salary \$43,478, start date 1/9/2023.
- c. To approve the following Circle Space staff at \$20/hour
 1. Selena Vazquez
 2. Nikki Mitchell
 3. Alexa Garcia
 4. Romona Indar
- d. To approve the following Jag Support Staff at \$60/hour:
 1. Judith Rojas-Oliviera
 2. Regina Howell
 3. Adriana Solis
 4. Elizabeth Stover
- e. Approve NJCU Interns for CP1 and 2 for the spring semester 2023.
 1. Justin Jablonsky
 2. Chris Pereira

3. Melanie Oliva
 4. Christina Torres
 5. Shainnae Mohammed
 6. Nikki Mitchell
 7. Ixsel Rodriguez
 8. Ryan Caley
 9. Candice Robertson
 10. Selena Vasquez
 11. Keith Lawrence
 12. Alexa Garcia
 13. Adrianna Solis
 14. Nardeen Farag
 15. Danique Robinson
 16. Lily Aycox
- f. To approve Justyna Bondaruk as Girls Basketball Head Coach at \$2,000.
- ~~g. To approve Tabatha Gonzalez to receive an 8th Grade Mathematics Curriculum Writing Stipend in the amount of \$3,000.~~
- h. To approve Michelle Smith to receive an 3rd Grade Unit Vocabulary Stipend in the amount of \$600.
- i. To approve the following student teacher assignments:
1. Lily Aycox - NJCU-Cooperating Teacher - Robert Sardison
 2. Selena Vazquez - NJCU-Cooperating Teacher - Robby Lefkowitz
 3. Melanie Oliva - NJCU-Cooperating Teacher - Mike Lee
 4. Ixsel Rofriguez - NJCU-Cooperating Teacher - Erin McGinty
 5. Nikki Mitchell - NJCU-Cooperating Teacher - Tatiana Antczak
 6. Chris Pereria - NJCU-Cooperating Teacher - Nina Bell
 7. Justin Jablonsky - NJCU-Cooperating Teacher - Amanda Errico
 8. Candice Robertson - NJCU-Cooperating Teacher - Tracy Paparella

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Angela Bennett-Glock		X				Neil Abadie		X			
Bertram Okpokwasili	2	X				Cathy Agle		X			
Elizabeth Cain		X				Gaspar Cabrera		X			
Paula Mahayosnand		X				Kate Gratto	1	X			
Nikhil Puri					X	Jaelyn Moore		X			

4. Curriculum/Special Education - none

5. Policy/Miscellaneous - none

IX. Enrollment Report

Grade	2022	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Wait
	ENR	15,	15,	15,	15,	15,	15,	15,	15,	15,	15,	15,	15,	List
		2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	
Pre K	45			45	45	45		45						
K	66			65	66	66		66						
1	66			64	66	66		66						
2	66			66	66	66		66						
3	66			66	66	66		66						
4	66			65	66	66		66						

5	66			65	66	66		66					
6	66			63	64	64		65					
7	66			66	67	67		66					
8	66			68	67	67		67					
Total	639			632	638	638		639					

X. Board Agenda

1. Committee Reports

- a. Finance and Budget – BvA, Audit, and FY2024 Budget was discussed.
- b. Evaluation – Rubric being evaluated for Head of School and a school board stealth evaluation being looked at.
- c. Facilities – HVAC project was discussed and bid adjustment needed due to lower construction costs.
- d. Policy - none
- e. Green/Sustainability - Recycling program needs updating to today's standards, documenting it and
- f. Afterschool - none

2. Next Board Meeting: 2023: 2/16, 3/16, 4/20, 5/11, 6/15

XI. New Business - none

XII. Public Comment - none

XIII. Adjourn Regular Session and Enter Executive Session – 8:00 PM

1. HIB Updates
2. Long Term Suspension Hearing
3. Administrative Personnel

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Colin Dunn		X				Marisa Gerke	2	X			
Angela Bennett-Glock		X				Neil Abadie		X			
Bertram Okpokwasili		X				Cathy Agle		X			
Elizabeth Cain	1	X				Gaspar Cabrera		X			
Paula Mahayosnand		X				Kate Gratto		X			
Nikhil Puri					X	Jaclyn Moore		X			

1. One HIB (Founded) was discussed.
2. Student altercation was discussed.
3. Administrative resignation was presented.

XIV. Adjourn Executive Session and Regular Session – 8:37 PM

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Colin Dunn		X				Marisa Gerke	1	X			
Angela Bennett-Glock		X				Neil Abadie	2	X			
Bertram Okpokwasili		X				Cathy Agle		X			
Elizabeth Cain					X	Gaspar Cabrera		X			
Paula Mahayosnand		X				Kate Gratto		X			
Nikhil Puri					X	Jaclyn Moore		X			