



# Learning Community Charter School

## Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

### Thursday, September 15, 2022 – 6:30 PM

**I. Call to Order by Board Secretary – 6:31 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	
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	
Joe George	Parent Member (12/2024)		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. Governance**

- To approve the resignation of Joe George as Board of Trustee Member effective 8/31/2022.

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					X	Gaspar Cabrera		X				
Joseph George					X	Kate Gratto		X				
Paula Mahayosnand		X				Jaclyn Moore		X				
Nikhil Puri	2	X										

**V. Public Comment - none**

**VI. Presentations**

1. Presentation
  - i. New Programs and Plans for 22-23 - Colin Hogan and Angel Melendez

**VII. 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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Interim Hires	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**VIII. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes**

Motion for Learning Community Charter School, Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from the **July 28, 2022** meeting.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Colin Dunn	2	X				Marisa Gerke	1	X			
Angela Bennett-Glock		X				Neil Abadie					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			

**IX. Motions for Approval**

**1. Finance**

- a. Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Report: To approve the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports for June & July 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 June & July 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 July 29, 2022 to September 15, 2022.
- c. Payroll: To approve the following payrolls:

July 29, 2022	\$ 70,294.25
August 15, 2022	\$ 121,480.98
August 30, 2022	\$ 82,586.89
September 15, 2022	\$268,521.97

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

**2. Buildings & Grounds - none**

**3. Personnel**

- a. To approve the following cooperating teachers and the corresponding student teachers for CP1/II 22-23:

Nikki Mitchell - New Jersey City University - Tatiana Antczak  
 Ixsel Rodriguez - New Jersey City University - Erin McGinty  
 Selena Vazquez - New Jersey City University - Robby Lefkowitz  
 Melanie Oliva - New Jersey City University - Michael Lee

- b. To approve the following resignations:

Jennifer Hughes, 9/1/22  
 Alexandria Jones, 6/30/22  
 Hannah Stimac, 8/15/22

- c. To approve new hire Zev Fogelman, Director of Development and Communications, effective 9/6/22, annual salary \$75,000.

- d. To approve the following teachers for the PAW program at \$160.00 per session:

Sylvana Opris  
 Kent Jackman  
 Sean Kiely  
 Renato Toms  
 Corinne Lee  
 Madeleine Bell

- e. To approve/ratify the following new hires as of 9/1/22:

Meenu Chaturvedi, Teacher's Assistant, \$43,478  
 George Gawargi, Teacher's Assistant, \$43,478  
 Mina Samaan, Teacher's Assistant, \$43,478  
 Stephanie Pompilus, 4th grade teacher, BA-8, \$57,388

f. To approve a change in step and salary for the following staff:

Nina Bell, BA-4, \$53,138  
 Daniela Betancourt, BA-4, \$53,138  
 Amanda Errico, MA-6, \$59,138  
 Marc Mulholland, MA-7, \$60,238

g. To approve the following Jags Den Teachers at \$50.00/hour:

Justyna Bondaruk  
 Robert Sardison  
 Charlotte Carr  
 Ryan Lane  
 Scott Silva  
 Allyson Szecsi  
 Justin Deutsch  
 Marie Van Der Horn  
 Dana Guzman  
 Irisis Morales-Larsen  
 Triniti Brodi  
 Tabatha Gonzalez  
 Sarah Westley  
 Elizabeth Stover

h. To approve the following Nap Aides at \$17/hour, 25 hours per week:

Coralaine Budhoo  
 Ramona Indar  
 Andrea Josef

i. To approve the following home instruction staff at \$50.00/hour:

Katie Goral - 5 hours  
 Robby Lefkowitz - 1 hour

j. To approve the SY23 stipends as attached.

k. To approve the following parking stipends for after care employees, school tutors, club advisors and coaches after 4:00 PM due to new parking restrictions:

\$20 Resident Permits	\$200 Nonresident Permits
10	16
\$200	\$3,200

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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		X			
Paula Mahayosnand	2	X				Kate Gratto	1	X			
Nikhil Puri		X				Jaclyn Moore		X			

#### 4. Curriculum/Special Education

- a. To approve an agreement with Infinite Therapy Solutions to provide Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech and Language Services, commencing September 1, 2022 and concluding on June 30, 2023 at following rates:

Service	Treatments	Evaluations for IEP/504s	Meetings for IEP/504s
Physical/ Occupational/ Speech Therapist or CFY	\$110/hr	\$400 flat rate	\$110/hr
Physical/ Occupational Therapist Assistant	\$80/hr		\$80/hr

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

#### 5. Policy/Miscellaneous

- a. To approve the 2022-2023 Remote Instruction Plan.
- b. To approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the following policies:

2415.50 Title I School Parent and Family Engagement  
 2417 Student Intervention and Referral Services  
 2461 Special Education Receiving Schools  
 4161 Examination for Cause  
 5512 HIB Revised  
 5513 Care of School Property  
 5517 School District Issues Student Identification Cards  
 5722 Student Journalism  
 7410 Revised Maintenance and Repair  
 8420 EMERGENCY AND CRISIS SITUATIONS  
 9320 Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies  
 0163 Quorum  
 1511 Website Accessibility  
 1648.15 Recordkeeping in Healthcare Settings  
 2415 Every Student Succeeds Act

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Colin Dunn		X				Marisa Gerke		X			
Angela Bennett-Glock	2	X				Neil Abadie					X
Bertram Okpokwasili	1	X				Cathy Agle		X			

Elizabeth Cain					X	Gaspar Cabrera		X			
Paula Mahayosnand		X				Kate Gratto		X			
Nikhil Puri		X				Jaclyn Moore		X			

**X. 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										
K	66			65										
1	66			64										
2	66			66										
3	66			66										
4	66			65										
5	66			65										
6	66			63										
7	66			66										
8	66			68										
<b>Total</b>	<b>639</b>			<b>632</b>										

**XI. Board Agenda**

**1. Committee Reports**

- a. Finance and Budget – BvA was discussed as well as the roof project.
- b. Evaluation - none
- c. Facilities – Colin discussed the roof project and open items, the bathroom project completion, as well as the future HVA project.
- d. Policy – Discussed during the meeting.
- e. Green/Sustainability - none
- f. Afterschool - none
- g. Governance - none

- 2. Next Board Meeting:** **2022:** 10/20, 11/17, 12/15  
**2023:** 1/19, 2/16, 3/16, 4/20, 5/11, 6/15

**XII. New Business - none**

**XIII. Public Comment - none**

**XIV. Executive Session – HIB – 7:43 PM**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Colin Dunn	1	X				Marisa Gerke		X			
Angela Bennett-Glock	2	X				Neil Abadie					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			

Reported on an unfounded HIB case (from SY22).

**XV. Adjourn Executive Session and Regular Session – 7:56 PM**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Colin Dunn		X				Marisa Gerke		X			

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