



Learning Community Charter School

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 10, 2025 – 6:30 PM

- I. **Call to Order by Board Secretary – 6:32 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 Star Ledger 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
Colin Dunn	Treasurer, Community Member (4/2026)	X		
Bertram Okpokwasili	Parent Member (4/2025)		X	
Paula Mahayosnand	Parent Member (5/2026)	X		
Marisa Gerke	President, Parent Member (6/2026)		X	
Neil Abadie	Community Member (4/2026)	X		
Cathy Agle	Community Member (4/2025)		X	
Gaspar Cabrera	Parent Member (4/2025)	X		
Kate Gratto	V.P., Parent Member (4/2025)	X		
Jaclyn Moore	Parent Member (4/2025)		X	
ILea Kozak	Parent Member (6/2027)	X		
Suleyni Abreu	Parent Member (6/2027)	X		
Gustavo Abreu	Parent Member (10/2027)		X	

Non-Voting Members	Role	Present	Absent	LA/ED
Michelle Smith	Staff Member	X		

Also, Present

Non-Voting	Role	Present	Absent	LA/ED
Colin Hogan	Head of School	X		
Tatiana Antczak	Assistant Head of School	X		
Brian Falkowski	SBA/Board Secretary		X	
Kristina Edgar	SBO Representative	X		
Angel Melendez	Assistant Head of School	X		

IV. **Public Comment: None**

Members of the public wishing to address the Board of Trustees must state their name and are requested to limit their comments to three (3) minutes. Please be aware that all Charter School employees retain the right of privacy and shall retain all rights against defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey. The Board shall not be held liable for comments made by members of the public. Each member of the public will be given one opportunity to address the Board.

V. Presentations

1. Arts and Athletics Presentation-Colin Hogan, Angel Melendez, Maddy Bell
2. Summer Program 25 Update-Tatiana Antczak
3. 3rd Marking Period Attendance Update- Colin Hogan and Tatiana Antczak

VI. Board Discussion Topics

1. Afterschool P&L – (P&L in Dropbox)

VII. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

Motion for Learning Community Charter School, Board of Trustees to accept the February 6, 2025, meeting minutes.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Marisa Gerke					X	Neil Abadie	2	X			
Colin Dunn				X		Cathy Agle					X
Kate Gratto		X				Gaspar Cabrera	1	X			
Bertram Okpokwasili					X	Suleyni Abreu		X			
Paula Mahayosnand		X				Ilea Kozak		X			
Jaclyn Moore					X	Gustavo Abreu					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 March 2025, 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 March 2025, 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 March 14, 2025, to April 10, 2025.
- c. Payroll: To approve the following payrolls:
 - i. March 13, 2025 \$309,365.55
 - ii. March 28, 2025 \$307,877.46

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Marisa Gerke					X	Neil Abadie		X			
Colin Dunn	2	X				Cathy Agle					X
Kate Gratto		X				Gaspar Cabrera		X			
Bertram Okpokwasili					X	Suleyni Abreu		X			
Paula Mahayosnand	1	X				Ilea Kozak		X			
Jaclyn Moore					X	Gustavo Abreu					X

2. Buildings & Grounds: None

3. Personnel

- a. To approve/ratify George Gawargi Middle School Math Teacher, step BA-4 at the annual rate of 54,363.00, effective March 24, 2025
- b. To approve the \$625.00 Stipend for the following chaperones for the Civil Rights field trip:
 - i. Mark August
 - ii. Lily Aycox
 - iii. Michell Smith
 - iv. Mike Brown
 - v. Justin Jablonsky
 - vi. Diego Reyes
 - vii. Daniela Bentancourt
 - viii. Katie Thomas
 - ix. Triniti Brodi
 - x. Ve'Dora Wright
 - xi. Juan Carrillo
 - xii. Colin Hogan
- c. To approve Samantha Sonsona for Circle Space \$20/hour effective 4/10/2025-6/24/2025.

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Marisa Gerke					X	Neil Abadie		X			
Colin Dunn		X				Cathy Agle					X
Kate Gratto	1	X				Gaspar Cabrera		X			
Bertram Okpokwasili					X	Suleyni Abreu	2	X			
Paula Mahayosnand		X				Ilea Kozak		X			
Jaclyn Moore					X	Gustavo Abreu					X

4. Curriculum/Special Education: None

5. Policy/Miscellaneous/Contracts

- a. To approve the Proposal for Professional Development: In-District, Science Education Consulting for June 6, 2025, as attached, total cost: \$3,800.00.
- b. To approve the Consulting Agreement between Learning Community Charter School and the Aubrey Group, LLC to perform certain consulting and advisory services for the Client as attached, in the area of State grant consulting, research, strategy, application compliance, narrative and budget program development, project partner management, and written content production for an application for the New Jersey Historic Trust Capital Preservation Grant. Estimated minimum of \$2,880 for 18 hours – not to exceed 41 hours maximum cost of \$6,560.
- c. To adopt the following policies:
 - i. R 9320 – Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies (M) (Revised)
 - ii. R 7441 – Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and On School Grounds (M) (Revised)
 - iii. R 5533 – Student Smoking (Revised)
 - iv. R 5516 – Use of Electronic Communication Devices (New)
 - v. R 9320 – Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies (M) (Revised)
 - vi. P 9163 – Spectator Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Events (M) (New)
 - vii. P 8500 – Food Services (M) (Revised)
 - viii. P 7441 – Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and On School Grounds (M) (Revised)

- ix. P 5710 – Student Grievance (Revised)
- x. P 5701 – Academic Integrity (Revised)
- xi. P 5533 – Student Smoking (M) (Revised)
- xii. P 5516 – Use of Electronic Communication Devices (Revised)
- xiii. P 5512 – Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying (M) (Revised)
- d. To approve the NJ Historic Trust Preserve New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund Resolution to authorize Colin Hogan, Head of School to complete and sign the application documents on behalf of Learning Community Charter School.

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Marisa Gerke					X	Neil Abadie		X			
Colin Dunn		X				Cathy Agle					X
Kate Gratto		X				Gaspar Cabrera		X			
Bertram Okpokwasili					X	Suleyni Abreu		X			
Paula Mahayosnand	2	X				Ilea Kozak	1	X			
Jaclyn Moore					X	Gustavo Abreu					X

IX. Enrollment Report

Grade	2025 ENR	Jul 15, 2024	Aug 15, 2024	Sep 15, 2024	Oct 15, 2024	Nov 15, 2024	Dec 15, 2024	Jan 15, 2025	Feb 15, 2025	Mar 15, 2025	Apr 15, 2025	May 15, 2025	Jun 15, 2025	Wait List
Pre K	45			45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45			
K	66			64	66	66	66	66	66	66	66			
1	66			65	65	66	66	66	66	66	66			
2	66			67	67	66	66	66	66	66	66			
3	66			65	65	66	66	66	66	66	66			
4	66			65	64	65	66	66	66	66	66			
5	66			66	66	66	65	66	66	66	66			
6	66			63	66	66	66	66	66	66	66			
7	66			65	64	65	65	65	65	65	65			
8	66			67	67	67	67	67	67	67	67			
Total	639			632	635	638	638	639	639	639	639			

X. Board Agenda

1. Committee Reports

- a. Finance and Budget – Did not meet.
- b. Human Resources – Kate Gratto
 - i. Working on performance rubric will have an update in May.
- c. Facilities/Green/Sustainability - Gaspar Cabrera
 - i. Waiting on a quote for summer projects.
 - ii. How did the call go on Friday with the Grants?
 - 1. It is a competitive grant – working with the Aubrey on the grant writing.
 - 2. Integrating the historic aspect of the building into the curriculum.
- d. Policy – Ilea Kozak
 - i. No updates
- e. Technology – Neil Abadie
 - i. SIS system update – contract was approved.
- f. Negotiations – Paula Mahayosnand
 - i. Two additional meetings scheduled in the coming weeks.

2. Next Board Meeting: 2025: 5/15 In-person, 6/12

XI. Board of Trustee Re-appointment

1. To reappoint Gaspar Cabrera for a one-year term, Kate Gratto for a three-year term, and Jaclyn Moore for a one-year term.

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Marisa Gerke					X	Neil Abadie	1	X			
Colin Dunn		X				Cathy Agle					X
Kate Gratto		X				Gaspar Cabrera		X			
Bertram Okpokwasili					X	Suleyni Abreu		X			
Paula Mahayosnand	2	X				Ilea Kozak		X			
Jaclyn Moore					X	Gustavo Abreu					X

XII. Adjourn Regular Session and Enter Executive Session: 7:38 PM

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Marisa Gerke					X	Neil Abadie		X			
Colin Dunn		X				Cathy Agle					X
Kate Gratto	1	X				Gaspar Cabrera		X			
Bertram Okpokwasili					X	Suleyni Abreu		X			
Paula Mahayosnand		X				Ilea Kozak	2	X			
Jaclyn Moore					X	Gustavo Abreu					X

XIII. Adjourn Executive Session: 7:55 PM

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Marisa Gerke					X	Neil Abadie	1	X			
Colin Dunn		X				Cathy Agle					X
Kate Gratto	2	X				Gaspar Cabrera		X			
Bertram Okpokwasili					X	Suleyni Abreu		X			
Paula Mahayosnand		X				Ilea Kozak		X			
Jaclyn Moore					X	Gustavo Abreu					X

XIV. New Business: None

XV. Public Comment: None

XVI. Adjourn Regular Session: 7:56 PM

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Marisa Gerke					X	Neil Abadie		X			
Colin Dunn	1	X				Cathy Agle					X
Kate Gratto	2	X				Gaspar Cabrera		X			
Bertram Okpokwasili					X	Suleyni Abreu		X			
Paula Mahayosnand		X				Ilea Kozak		X			
Jaclyn Moore					X	Gustavo Abreu					X