



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting MINUTES/March 25, 2025

On March 25, 2025 Maureen Hulings (MH) called to order the Regular Meeting of the DLEACS Board of Directors via Electronic Zoom at 5:44 pm. She advised “In accordance with the New Jersey Sunshine Law-Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this Regular Board Meeting has been provided to the Offices of the City Clerk of Jersey & Hudson County Superintendent of Schools, Digital Edition of the Star Ledger, NJ.com & NJ Press Association’s website.

Roll Call

<i>TRUSTEES</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>KEITH DAVIS</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>JOSEPH DIFEO</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>PHYLLIS FASONE</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>JOHN SEAZHOLTZ</i>		<i>X</i>
<i>EUGENE SQUEO</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>SHARON SANTANA</i>		<i>X</i>
<i>SUZANNE MADISON</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>VALERIE SLACK</i>		<i>X</i>

ALSO PRESENT:

CHRISTOPHER GARLIN CEO
BRIAN FALKOWSKI, SBA/BOARDY SECY
JAMES BREWER PRINCIPAL
JEFFREY MOHR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
TANISHA MARCHAN ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
JODI HWLETT, ESQ. BOARD GENERAL COUNSEL
MAUREEN HULINGS RECORDING SECY

Pledge of Allegiance

MH called for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 6, 2025 Regular Meeting;
Vote 5-0

MH asked if there were any public speakers; she then called for a Motion to close Public Speaking; she then called for a vote

Vote: 5-0 3 absent

SBA Brian Falkowski discussed current finances; we are finishing the school year with a good fund balance; he advised he met with the finance committee and discussed the 2026 budget; he discussed finding another financial institute with a good interest rate Phyllis Fasone advised the Finance Committee was satisfied with Brian's report.

No questions on the school **monthly reports**;

Huntington Learning Center March 20, 2025 Report was discussed; their contract ends in April, students will be tested in May; Gene Squeo discussed a slight increase in 1st grade math but grades 5 to 7 dropped; He & Phyllis Fasone requested clarification from HLC as to why growth is not significant; PF said attendance is a huge issue; GS said he was disappointed in the parents not being on board with HLC & Teachers showing resistance ; Suzanne Madison asked if there was any incentive to get parents to attend; Principal will look into; Mr. Mohr advised IReady testing will take place in June; they will be doing smaller assessments to get ready for testing; Joe DFeo discussed a program in Florida (the Learning Alliance); PF & GS agreed; Chris will look into; Chris Garlin discussed the Empire Proposal; PF would like progress reports from them every three months; Chris said if we do not like what is happening we can terminate their contract; PF said we should start looking now at our options for a summer program; Asst Principal Marchan said committees are working on prep for testing May 5-16; Principal advised some students visited the State Senate Gallery; had photos taken they were all well dressed and had fun; Principal discussed open staff positions.

MH called for a Motion to Close Regular Session & go into Executive Session:

Vote: 5-0 3 absent

Board returned from Executive Session: MH advised student suspensions were discussed.

MH called for a Motion to approve Res. No. 3/25/1 Approve School Field Trips: she then called for a vote.

Vote: 5-0 3 absent

MH called for a Motion to approve Res. No. 3/25/2 Approve EMPIRE CHARTER CONSULTANTS PROPOSAL & MOU; she then called for a vote.

Vote: 5-0 3 absent

MH asked if there was any other new business to be discussed; she then asked for a Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting:

Vote: 5-0 3 absent

Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled *Tuesday April 29, 2025 @ 5:30pm via ZOOM

Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm

Th March 25, 2025 Minutes were approved at the April 29, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

VOTE: 5-0 3 ABSTAIN

Certified to be a true copy



SBA Brian Falkowski
Dated: April 29, 2025