



Learning Community Charter School

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 15, 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		
Paula Mahayosnand	Parent Member (5/2026)	X		
Marisa Gerke	President, Parent Member (6/2026)	X		
Neil Abadie	Community Member (4/2026)		X	
Gaspar Cabrera	Parent Member (4/2026)	X		
Kate Gratto	V.P., Parent Member (4/2028)	X		
Jaclyn Moore	Parent Member (4/2026)	X		
ILea Kozak	Parent Member (6/2027)	X		
Suleyni Abreu	Parent Member (6/2027)	X		ED 7:11 – LA 7:40
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. LCCS National History Day Junior Documentary Winner-"Three Mile Island Two Sides to a Story"- Pavit Thakkar, Isaac Abreu, Colin Patnaik, and Justin Jablonsky, LCCS 7th/8th Grade Social Studies Teacher
2. 8th Grade Student Presentation Justin Jablonsky 7th/8th Grade Social Studies, Ivan Abreu, August Passafiume, Luke Meagher, Chiara Araya-Monzzone, Mason Chin, Nathaniel Okpokwasili

VI. Oath of Office:

1. Tristan Fine - term three years
2. Gillian Stynes - term three years
3. Patrick Sprinkle - term three years

VII. Board Discussion Topics

1. Afterschool P&L – (P&L in Dropbox)

VIII. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

Motion for Learning Community Charter School, Board of Trustees to accept the April 10, 2025, meeting minutes.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Marisa Gerke		X				Gaspar Cabrera				X	
Colin Dunn	1	X				Suleyni Abreu		X			
Kate Gratto		X				Ilea Kozak		X			
Paula Mahayosnand		X				Gustavo Abreu	2	X			
Jaclyn Moore		X				Tristan Fine				X	
Neil Abadie					X	Gillian Stynes				X	
Patrick Sprinkle				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 April 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 April 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 April 11, 2025, to May 15, 2025.
- c. Payroll: To approve the following payrolls:
 - I. April 15, 2025 \$318,479.23
 - II. April 30, 2025 \$299,954.12

- d. Safety Grant: Motion to approve the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group Safety Grant allotment of \$2,000.00.
- e. Food Service Management Contract Renewal: BE IT RESOLVED: that the Learning Community Charter School Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the School Director, hereby approves the renewal contract to Maschio’s Food Services, Inc. as the Food Services Management Company for the 2025-2026 school year. The contract will commence on July 1, 2025 and end on June 30, 2026. The management flat fee for this contract will be in the amount of \$20,700.00. There is no guarantee return of this contract. The estimated total cost of the contract is \$202,540.18.
- f. Agreement: To approve the agreement with Johnston Law Firm LLC for the 2025-2026 school year at the following hourly rates: Principal Attorney \$295, Other Attorney \$265.00, Paralegal \$118.00.
- g. Agreement: To approve an agreement with SBO Management LLC to provide School Business Services at the monthly rate of \$12,758.00.

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Marisa Gerke		X				Gaspar Cabrera		X			
Colin Dunn		X				Suleyni Abreu					X
Kate Gratto		X				Ilea Kozak		X			
Paula Mahayosnand	1	X				Gustavo Abreu		X			
Jaclyn Moore	2	X				Tristan Fine		X			
Neil Abadie					X	Gillian Stynes		X			
Patrick Sprinkle		X									

2. Buildings & Grounds: None

3. Personnel

- a. To approve the following employees for the summer program:
 - I. Charlotte Carr: \$5,200.00
 - II. Mike Lee: \$3,200.00
 - III. Michelle Mulholland: \$2,700.00
 - IV. Elijah Plant: \$2,400.00
 - V. Lorena Sonsona: \$1,920.00
- b. To approve the following teachers for home instruction at \$50/hour, dates Wednesday, May 7th – Monday, June 24th:
 - I. Tracy Paparella: 4 hours a week (3 hours of ELA + 1 hr. planning)
 - II. Charlotte Carr: 4 hours a week (3 hours of math + 1 hr. planning)
 - III. Joan Buonafide: 3 hours a week (2 hours of science + 1 hr. planning)
 - IV. Irisis Larsen: 3 hours a week (2 hours of science + 1 hr. planning)
 - V. Ve'Dora Wright: 1 hour a week
- c. To approve the following Stipends:
 - I. K-5 Art Curriculum Alignment: \$3,000.00 – Nina Bell
 - II. K-4 Music & Movement Curriculum Alignment: \$2,500.00 – Alex Yumiguano
- d. To approve the following Chaperones for Camp Bernie on June 6th at a rate of \$125 per employee:
 - I. Marie Van Der Horn
 - II. Mark August
 - III. Triniti Brodi
 - IV. Mike Brown
 - V. Michelle Smith
 - VI. Julissa Almonte

VII. Alexa Garcia

e. To approve the rehiring of the following staff for the 2025-2026 school year:

First Name	Last Name	Position	Step	Salary
Kacie	Anderson	School Social Worker	MA-22	TBD
Evelina	Andres	2nd Grade Teacher	BA-18	TBD
Mila	Andric	1st Grade Teacher	BA-18	TBD
Katherine	Andujar	Classroom Aide	N/A	TBD
Mark	August	5th Grade Teacher	MA-17	TBD
Lily	Aycox	MS Math Teacher	BA-11	TBD
Clare	Barrett	1st Grade Teacher	MA-21	TBD
Madeleine	Bell	Arts Coordinator	BA-7	TBD
Nina	Bell	Elementary Art Teacher	BA-7	TBD
Daniela	Betancourt	MS Spanish Teacher	BA-7	TBD
Triniti	Brodi	5th Grade Teacher	MA-14	TBD
Michael	Brown	Instrumental Teacher	BA-13	TBD
Coraline	Budhoo	Assistant Teacher	N/A	TBD
Joan	Buonafide	MS Science Teacher	MA-33	TBD
Antoinette	Cameron	PK Teacher	BA-14	TBD
Charlotte	Carr	MS Math Teacher	BA-13	TBD
Juan	Carrillo	School Nurse	MA-30	TBD
Meenu	Chaturvedi	Assistant Teacher	N/A	TBD
Mariela	Chiluisa	Assistant Teacher	N/A	TBD
Amy	Conover	Kindergarten Teacher	MA-7	TBD
Grace	Dabulas	Kindergarten Teacher	BA-6	TBD
Shantivadra	Das	Assistant Teacher	N/A	TBD
Justin	Deutsch	MS Science Teacher	BA-13	TBD
Alexa	Garcia	Assistant Teacher	N/A	TBD
Tomas	Garcia	Head Custodian	N/A	TBD
George	Gawargi	MS Math Intervention Teacher	BA-5	TBD
Tianna	Gourdine	Assistant Teacher	N/A	TBD
Dana	Guzman	Math Coach	BA-30	TBD
Nicole	Hittner	Reading Intervention Teacher	MA-16	TBD
Justin	Jablonsky	MS Social Studies Teacher	BA-11	TBD
Dylan	Jurado	Assistant Teacher	N/A	TBD
Lauryn	Landron	Kindergarten Teacher	BA-9	TBD
Michael	Lee	3rd Grade Teacher	BA-24	TBD
Robby	Lefkowitz	Gifted & Talented Teacher	MA-21	TBD
Rebekah	Lowe	4th Grade Teacher	BA-14	TBD
Antoinette	Lucas	Lower School Counselor	MA-16	TBD
Katherine	McConnell	Elementary School SPED Teacher	MA-25	TBD
Erin	McGinty	Kindergarten Teacher	BA-20	TBD
Lindsay	Mineses	Assistant Teacher	N/A	TBD
Nikki	Mitchell	3rd Grade Teacher	BA-11	TBD

Poopak	Mohajer	2nd Grade Teacher	MA-8	TBD
Irisis	Morales Larsen	MS Social Studies Teacher	BA-8	TBD
Lourdes	Moss	Elementary Math SPED Teacher	BA-4	TBD
Michelle	Mulholland	Assistant Teacher	N/A	TBD
Melanie	Oliva	2nd Grade Teacher	BA-11	TBD
Nicole	Ortolano	Assistant Teacher	N/A	TBD
Lydia	Pagan	4th Grade Teacher	BA-12	TBD
Tracy	Paparella	MS ELA Teacher	MA-20	TBD
Crystal	Pijuan	PK Teacher	BA-4	TBD
Elijah	Plant	Assistant Teacher	N/A	TBD
Stephanie	Pompilus	MS ELA Intervention Teacher	BA-11	TBD
Jessica	Porter	K/1st Grade SPED Teacher	BA-18	TBD
Vidisha	Purohit	Assistant Teacher	N/A	TBD
Diego	Reyes	MS Math SPED Teacher	BA-4	TBD
Edwin	Rivera	Custodian	N/A	TBD
Francine	Russo	1st Grade Teacher	BA-12	TBD
Robert	Sardison	MS Math Teacher	MA-27	TBD
Scott	Silva	Elementary PE Teacher	BA-23	TBD
Stephanie	Silver	MS ELA Teacher	MA-16	TBD
Anuradha	Singh	Assistant Teacher	N/A	TBD
Michelle	Smith	3rd Grade Teacher	BA-7	TBD
Lorena	Sonsona	Assistant Teacher	N/A	TBD
Kaitlin	Thomas	MS SPED ELA Teacher	BA-8	TBD
Khady	Toure	Elementary SPED Math Teacher	MA-6	TBD
Marie	Van Der Horn	5th Grade Teacher	BA-25	TBD
Nicole	Washington	PK Teacher	MA-25	TBD
Sarah	Westley	Structured Literacy Teacher	MA-24	TBD
Vedora	Wright	MS School Counselor	MA-19	TBD
Kerrie	Young	Assistant Teacher	N/A	TBD
Alejandro	Yumiguano	Music Teacher	BA-11	TBD

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Marisa Gerke		X				Gaspar Cabrera		X			
Colin Dunn		X				Suleyni Abreu					X
Kate Gratto		X				Ilea Kozak	1	X			
Paula Mahayosnand		X				Gustavo Abreu		X			
Jaclyn Moore		X				Tristan Fine		X			
Neil Abadie					X	Gillian Stynes		X			
Patrick Sprinkle	2	X									

4. Curriculum/Special Education: None

5. Policy/Miscellaneous/Contracts

- a. To approve the Open Space Trust Fund Application and to authorize Colin Hogan, Head of School to complete and sign the application documents on behalf of Learning Community Charter School.
- b. To approve the second and final reading of policy2365 Acceptable Use of Generative Intelligence (AI).

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Kate Gratto		X				Ilea Kozak		X			
Paula Mahayosnand		X				Gustavo Abreu	2	X			
Jaclyn Moore		X				Tristan Fine		X			
Neil Abadie					X	Gillian Stynes		X			
Patrick Sprinkle		X									

X. Enrollment Report

Grade	2025	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
		2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	
Pre K	45			45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45		
K	66			64	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66		
1	66			65	65	66	66	66	66	66	66	66		
2	66			67	67	66	66	66	66	66	66	66		
3	66			65	65	66	66	66	66	66	66	66		
4	66			65	64	65	66	66	66	66	66	66		
5	66			66	66	66	65	66	66	66	66	66		
6	66			63	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66		
7	66			65	64	65	65	65	65	65	65	65		
8	66			67	67	67	67	67	67	67	67	67		
Total	639			632	635	638	638	639	639	639	639	639		

XI. Board Agenda

1. Committee Reports

- a. Finance and Budget – Colin Dunn
 - i. Monthly financial reports, budget to actual.
- b. Human Resources – Marisa Gerke
- c. Facilities/Green/Sustainability - Gaspar Cabrera
 - i. Electrical work is underway to accommodate the new air conditioning units.
 - ii. The bathroom in the basement is going to be renovated in the summer.
 - iii. Discussed summer facility projects.
 - iv. Waste management vendor discussion.
- d. Policy –Ilea Kozak
 - i. No updates currently
- e. Technology –
 - i. Meeting with PowerSchool and building the SIS system. The school would like to consult with the tech committee to assist. – Inquire how much it would cost to have PowerSchool complete the implementation.
- f. Negotiations – Paula Mahayosnand
 - i. Progressing – Good meeting.

2. Next Board Meeting: 2025: 6/12

XII. Adjourn Regular Session and Enter Executive Session: 7:42 PM

-Personnel Matters

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Marisa Gerke		X				Gaspar Cabrera		X			
Colin Dunn		X				Suleyni Abreu					X
Kate Gratto	1	X				Ilea Kozak		X			
Paula Mahayosnand		X				Gustavo Abreu		X			
Jaclyn Moore	2	X				Tristan Fine		X			
Neil Abadie					X	Gillian Stynes		X			
Patrick Sprinkle		X									

XIII. Adjourn Executive Session: 8:12 PM

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Marisa Gerke		X				Gaspar Cabrera		X			
Colin Dunn		X				Suleyni Abreu		X			
Kate Gratto		X				Ilea Kozak		X			
Paula Mahayosnand		X				Gustavo Abreu		X			
Jaclyn Moore	2	X				Tristan Fine		X			
Neil Abadie					X	Gillian Stynes		X			
Patrick Sprinkle	1	X									

XIV. New Business

1. To approve the Architectural & Engineering Services Proposal for a Masonry Restoration Project at the Learning Community Charter School as attached.
 - i. Professional Fees: Lump Sum Portion: \$98,540.00
 - ii. McCabe’s Allowance: Based upon actual costs expended, not to exceed \$24,440.00
 - iii. Hourly Portion: Will be provided on an hourly basis, in addition to the fixed fees indicated above (in accordance with the rate schedule attached)
 - iv. Probable Construction Costs: The project budget established under the previous Masonry Restoration Study reflected a Probable Construction Cost of approximately \$1,475,000.00
2. Motion to reappoint Colin Hogan as Executive Director for SY 25-26.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Marisa Gerke		X				Gaspar Cabrera		X			
Colin Dunn		X				Suleyni Abreu		X			
Kate Gratto		X				Ilea Kozak		X			
Paula Mahayosnand		X				Gustavo Abreu	1	X			
Jaclyn Moore	2	X				Tristan Fine		X			
Neil Abadie					X	Gillian Stynes				X	
Patrick Sprinkle		X									

XV. Public Comment: None

XVI. Adjourn Regular Session: 8:19 PM

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Marisa Gerke		X				Gaspar Cabrera		X			
Colin Dunn		X				Suleyni Abreu		X			
Kate Gratto	2	X				Ilea Kozak		X			
Paula Mahayosnand		X				Gustavo Abreu		X			
Jaclyn Moore		X				Tristan Fine	1	X			
Neil Abadie					X	Gillian Stynes		X			
Patrick Sprinkle		X									