



Learning Community Charter School

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 16, 2025 – 6:30 PM

I. Call to Order by Board Secretary – 6:35 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		
Gustavo Abreu	Parent Member (10/2027)	X		
Tristan Fine	Parent Member (04/2028)	X		
Gillian Stynes	Parent Member (04/2028)		X	
Patrick Sprinkle	Parent Member (04/2028)	X		

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

Also, Present

Non-Voting	Role	Present	Absent	LA/ED
Dr. 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. NJSLA Results – Colin Hogan, Tatiana Antczak, LCCS Team Curricular Leaders, Michelle Smith, Charlotte Carr, Sarah Westley, Nicole Hittner, Justin Deutsch

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 September 18, 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		X				Suleyni Abreu		X			
Kate Gratto	1	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									

VIII. Motions for Approval

1. Finance

- a. Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Report: To approve the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports for September 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 September 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 September 19, 2025, to October 16, 2025.
- c. Payroll: To approve the following payrolls:
 - I. September 15, 2025 \$335,403.78
 - II. September 30, 2025 \$346,153.83

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Marisa Gerke		X				Gaspar Cabrera		X			
Colin Dunn		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	1	X				Gillian Stynes					X

Patrick Sprinkle		X											
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2. Buildings & Grounds: None

3. Personnel

- a. To approve Juan Carrillo to cover athletic events at the rate of \$50.00/hour.
- b. To approve Raphael Torn for the 2025-2026 PAW program at \$160/session, \$160/performance, and \$90/hour for professional development.
- c. To approve the following Enrichment Program employees at the rate of \$30/hour:
 - I. Lily Aycox
 - II. Stephanie Pompilus
 - III. Claudia Miranda Gomez
 - IV. Emily Pelle
 - V. Diego Reyes
 - VI. Elijah Plant
 - VII. Anuradha Singh
- d. ~~To approve the following as Circle Space employees at the rate of \$25/hour: (Approved 9/18/2025)~~
 - ~~I. Mark August~~
 - ~~II. Lorena Sonsona~~
 - ~~III. Elijah Plant~~
 - ~~IV. Emily Pelle~~
 - ~~V. Stephanie Silver~~
 - ~~VI. Michelle Mulholland~~
 - ~~VII. Stephanie Pompilus~~
 - ~~VIII. Xena Cruces~~
 - ~~IX. Diego Reyes~~
 - ~~X. Mila Andrie~~
 - ~~XI. Coraline Budhoo~~
 - ~~XII. Samantha Sonsona~~
 - ~~XIII. Claudia Miranda~~
 - ~~XIV. Gabriella Martinez~~

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Marisa Gerke	2	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		X				Tristan Fine		X			
Neil Abadie		X				Gillian Stynes					X
Patrick Sprinkle		X									

4. Curriculum/Special Education: None

5. Policy/Miscellaneous/Contracts: None

IX. Enrollment Report

Grade	2026	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

		2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2026	2026	2026	2026	2026	2026	2026
Pre K	45			45	45									
K	66			65	66									
1	66			65	66									
2	66			65	65									
3	66			66	66									
4	66			66	66									
5	66			66	66									
6	66			66	68									
7	66			65	65									
8	66			63	63									
Total	639			632	636									

X. Board Agenda

1. Committee Reports:

Committee	Notes/Summary
Human Resources	Met with Colin at the end of September for a goal-setting meeting— discussed succession planning.
Finance	Reviewed the budget to actual, projecting to add to our year-end fund balance. The monthly dashboard will be included in the board packet for the November meeting. Discussed the SEHBP projected increase that will roll out on January 1 st and how it will impact the school's budget. Audit is due in the first week of December.
Policy	Results of the Audit are still underway. Close to completion. – (Would like summary SBO reach out to Ilea)
Technology	Revised plan for PowerSchool implementation – November 15 th . Integrating into strategic plans and how to incorporate it into goals. PowerSchool Training implementation plan for teachers.
Facilities	Electrical equipment was delayed – still on track for the November deadline. Masonry study and water intrusion. Preparing for the winter season. Look into a facility management platform.
Strategic Planning	Reviewed goals: Student performance, financial sustainability, Governance, Operations and Technology, Facilities, Cultural and inclusion – goal is 5 categories. Waiting for a summary from the consultant.
PTO Liaison	
Board Elections	Reports during the election season, February through May

2. Next Board Meeting: **November 13, 2025**

XI. Adjourn Regular Session and Enter Executive Session: 8:02 PM

1. Board self-eval presentation

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			
Jaelyn Moore		X				Tristan Fine		X			
Neil Abadie		X				Gillian Stynes					X
Patrick Sprinkle		X									

XII. New Business:

1. Part one of Charter Renewal was 10/14, state visit was 10/15 – feedback was how much the mission of the school was apparent in the instructional practices of the school. It was evident why the school was academically successful. November 24th is the next interview.

XIII. Public Comment:

1. Parent addressed concerns with Shelter in place that took place – a response was provided from Mr. Melendes
2. Jags den to Jags stars – Dr. Hogan responded. The program was changed because it was not successful. Increased student performance in math. It is now circle space. It is no longer a free program. We were not seeing student performance increase. Cyn Grace Sylvie

XIV. Adjourn Executive Session: 8:49 PM

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

XV. New Business:

1. Part one of Charter Renewal was 10/14, state visit was 10/15.

XVI. Public Comment:

1. Cyn Grace Sylvie - parent addressed concerns with shelter in place – a response was provided from Mr. Melendez.
Second concern that was addressed: why was Jags Den changed to Jags Stars? Dr. Hogan provided a response.

XVII. Adjourn Regular Session: 8:50 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	1	X			
Paula Mahayosnand		X				Gustavo Abreu		X			
Jaclyn Moore		X				Tristan Fine		X			
Neil Abadie		X				Gillian Stynes					X
Patrick Sprinkle		X									