



Learning Community Charter School

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 12, 2026 – 6:30 PM

I. Call to Order by Board Secretary – 6:36 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

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.

Jenn Shesten Thanked the Board of Trustees for participation and support with the Gala.

V. Presentations:

1. LCCS Presentation-Summer Program 26-Tatiana Antczak
2. Follow up-Circle Space and Attendance on half days-Colin Hogan

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 5, 2026, 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	2	X			
Kate Gratto		X				Ilea Kozak		X			
Paula Mahayosnand		X				Gustavo Abreu		X			
Jaclyn Moore		X		X		Tristan Fine					X
Neil Abadie	1	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 February 2026, 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 February 2026, 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 February 6, 2026, to March 12, 2026.
- c. Payroll: To approve the following payrolls:
 - I. February 13, 2026 \$357,956.10
 - II. February 27, 2026 \$331,609.96
- d. SEMI Waiver:

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a charter school may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the school’s participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2026-2027 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Learning Community Charter School Board of Trustees desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students in the 2026-2027 school year, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Learning Community Charter School Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the School Leader to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Hudson an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2026-2027 school year.

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		X				Ilea Kozak		X			
Paula Mahayosnand		X				Gustavo Abreu		X			
Jaclyn Moore		X				Tristan Fine					X
Neil Abadie		X				Gillian Stynes	1	X			
Patrick Sprinkle		X									

2. Buildings & Grounds - None

3. Personnel

- a. To approve John Pullos as a PAW teacher at the rate of \$360.00 per session and a pro-rated hourly fee of \$90.00 for Professional Development.
- b. To approve Melissa Megaro for the Spirit Squad stipend in the amount of \$1500.00.
- c. To approve/ratify Anushka Tamasar as a Circle Space employee at the rate of \$25/hour. Effective date 3/4/26.
- d. To approve Kimberley Smith as a Circle Space employee at the amended rate of \$30/hour. Effective date 1/14/26.

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Marisa Gerke		X				Gaspar Cabrera		X			
Colin Dunn	1	X				Suleyni Abreu		X			
Kate Gratto	2	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

- a. To approve the revised 25-26 calendar as attached.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Marisa Gerke		X				Gaspar Cabrera					
Colin Dunn		X				Suleyni Abreu					
Kate Gratto		X				Ilea Kozak	2				

Paula Mahayosnand		X				Gustavo Abreu		X				
Jaclyn Moore		X				Tristan Fine						X
Neil Abadie	1	X				Gillian Stynes		X				
Patrick Sprinkle		X										

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	202	2026	
Pre K	45			45	45	45	45	45	45					
K	66			65	66	66	66	66	65					
1	66			65	66	66	66	65	67					
2	66			65	65	66	66	66	66					
3	66			66	66	66	66	66	66					
4	66			66	66	66	66	66	66					
5	66			66	66	66	66	66	66					
6	66			66	68	69	69	69	69					
7	66			65	65	66	66	66	66					
8	66			63	63	63	63	63	63					
Total	639			632	636	639	639	638	639					

X. Board Agenda

1. Committee Reports:

Committee	Notes/Summary
Human Resources	Met last week to continue work on the Governance and Leadership SMART Goals. The team will reconvene in the next couple of weeks.
Finance	Reviewed the Budget-to-Actual report. The significant increase in fund balance is due to capital projects scheduled for completion over the summer.
Policy	No updates at this time.
Technology	Met to discuss the PowerSchool rollout and continued development of SMART Goals.
Facilities	Meeting on a bi-weekly basis. Ongoing challenges with the heating system continue. Additional facility projects are underway, with continued collaboration with the finance team. SMART Goals work is ongoing.
Strategic Planning	Discussed the winding down of the Strategic Planning Committee and preparations for the May 30th retreat.
PTO Liaison	A task force has been formed to address ICE-related issues and support families. The next meeting is scheduled in two weeks.
Board Elections	Reports during the election season, February through May – No updates to report at this time.

2. Next Board Meeting: **April 16, 2026**

3. 2026 Gala - March 27, 2026

XI. Public Comment – None

XII. Adjourn Regular Session and Enter Executive Session: 7:23 PM

1. Strategic Planning Goals

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	1	X				Tristan Fine					X
Neil Abadie		X				Gillian Stynes	2	X			
Patrick Sprinkle		X									

XIII. Adjourn Executive Session: 8:03 PM

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Marisa Gerke	1	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		X									

XIV. New Business – None

XV. Adjourn Regular Session: 8:04 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	1	X				Tristan Fine					X
Neil Abadie		X				Gillian Stynes		X			
Patrick Sprinkle		X									