



# Learning Community Charter School

## Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

### Thursday, January 15, 2026 – 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)			LA-6:38 PM
Gillian Stynes	Parent Member (04/2028)			LA-6:40 PM
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. Faculty Fall 25 Survey-Colin, Tatiana, Angel
2. Facilities Committee Presentation-Gaspar Cabrera

**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 December 11, 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		X				Ilea Kozak		X			
Paula Mahayosnand					X	Gustavo Abreu		X			
Jaclyn Moore	1	X				Tristan Fine	2	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 December 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 December 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 December 12, 2025, to January 15, 2026.
- c. Payroll: To approve the following payrolls:
  - I. December 15, 2025      \$354,453.72
  - II. December 23, 2025      \$336,387.47
- d. FY25 ACFR and AMR: To accept the FY25 ACFR and AMR with no findings or recommendations and ratify the submission to the NJDOE.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Marisa Gerke		X				Gaspar Cabrera	2	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/ratify Xena Cruces as a per diem substitute teacher at the daily rate of \$125.00 for the period of 12/15/25-1/15/26.
- b. To approve home instruction effective 1/17/2026 – TBD, rate \$50.00/hour
  - 4 hours – English Language Arts -Tracy Paparella
  - 4 hours – Math-Lily Aycox
  - 3 hours – Science-Joan Buonafide
  - 3 hours – Social Studies-Justin Jablonsky
  - 1 hour – Counseling (two 30-minute sessions)-Ve'Dora Wright

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Colin Dunn					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 School Year 2026-2027 Preschool Enrollment numbers as follows: 39 PreK4 and 6 PreK3 students.

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Marisa Gerke	1	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		X			
Neil Abadie					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						
K	66			65	66	66	66	66						
1	66			65	66	66	66	65						
2	66			65	65	66	66	66						

3	66			66	66	66	66	66						
4	66			66	66	66	66	66						
5	66			66	66	66	66	66						
6	66			66	68	69	69	69						
7	66			65	65	66	66	66						
8	66			63	63	63	63	63						
<b>Total</b>	<b>639</b>			<b>632</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>638</b>						

**X. Board Agenda**

1. Committee Reports:

Committee	Notes/Summary
Human Resources	Met with the head of school last Friday. Next meeting is Feb – organizational structures.
Finance	K-8 state aid increased by \$150,756. Total special revenue increased by \$91,210, reflecting updated allocations across the following grant sources: PreK, IDEA, ESEA, and Emergent Capital Grant. As a result of these adjustments, the amended revenue increased by \$241,966 over our originally projected revenue for FY26. FY26 amended budget for your review and Board approval on the February Board Agenda The ACFR and AMR were received yesterday. No findings and no recommendations.
Policy	Nothing new to report - policies are posted on the website for review and will be approved at the next meeting.
Technology	PowerSchool update and strategic plan – work with administration to identify new technologies that can support the strategic plan. 350 parent accounts – 42 tech inquiries, 37 resolved.
Facilities	Meeting with the finance committee. Presented to the board.
Strategic Planning	Waiting to hear from the consultant – meeting on the 26 <sup>th</sup> .
PTO Liaison	30th is the next meeting.
Board Elections	Reports during the election season, February through May.

2. Next Board Meeting: **February 5, 2026**

**XI. Public Comment: None**

**XII. New Business**

1. To approve Lindsey Minansis at Step 1, effective January 5, 2026.

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	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									

**XIII. Adjourn Regular Session: 7:38 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	1	X				Tristan Fine		X			
Neil Abadie					X	Gillian Stynes	2	X			

Patrick Sprinkle		X								
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