



Learning Community Charter School

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 16, 2026 – 6:30 PM

I. Call to Order by Board Secretary – 6:33 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)			LA 6:37 PM
Gaspar Cabrera	Parent Member (4/2026)	X		
Kate Gratto	V.P., Parent Member (4/2028)	X		
Jaclyn Moore	Parent Member (4/2026)			LA 6:42 PM
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. Budget and Facility Project Presentation – Dr. Brian Falkowski, Gaspar Cabrera, and Dr. 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 March 12 and April 13, 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	1	X				Suleyni Abreu					X
Kate Gratto		X				Ilea Kozak		X		April 13 th	
Paula Mahayosnand		X				Gustavo Abreu					X
Jaclyn Moore		X				Tristan Fine	2	X		March 12	
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 March 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 March 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 March 13, 2026, to April 16, 2026.
- c. Payroll: To approve the following payrolls:
 - I. March 13, 2026 \$351,047.91
 - II. March 27, 2026 \$341,567.13
- d. FY27 Budget: To approve the FY27 Budget and its submission to the NJDOE.
- e. FY27 PreK Budget: To approve the FY27 PreK Budget and its submission to the NJDOE.

- f. 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 2026-2027 school year. The contract will commence on July 1, 2026 and end on June 30, 2027. The management flat fee for this contract will be in the amount of \$21,300.00. There is no guarantee return of this contract. The estimated total cost of the contract is \$191,706.04.

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

2. Buildings & Grounds – None

3. Personnel

- a. To approve the \$600 Civil Rights Field Trip stipend for the following staff:
- I. Ve”Dora Wright
 - II. Juan Carrillo
 - III. Michael Brown
 - IV. Justin Jablonsky
 - V. Mark August
 - VI. Diego Reyes
 - VII. Dylan Gerado
 - VIII. Lily Aycox
 - IX. Daniela Betancourt
 - X. Abigail Siegel
 - XI. Stephanie Pompilus
 - XII. ~~Colin Hogan~~
- b. To approve the following staff for the LCCS LS summer program: All Lower School staff to receive a \$4,000 stipend:
- I. Science - Mike Lee
 - II. Athletics – Scott Silva
 - III. Music and Movement- Michelle Smith
 - IV. Arts and Crafts - Michelle Mulholland
 - V. Foundational Geography Arts - Irisis Morales Larsen
 - VI. Plant and Gardening - Charlotte Carr
- c. To approve the following Teaching Assistants for the summer program: All TAs to receive a \$2,500 stipend:
- I. Elijah Plant
 - II. Lorena Sonsona
 - III. Chris Jackson
- d. To approve the following staff for the Blirstown MS Summer Program: each receiving a stipend of \$3,000:
- I. John Marc August

- II. Diego Reyes
- III. Joel Moya
- IV. Marcus Conde
- V. Nicole Hittner
- VI. Lily Aycox
- VII. Daniella Betancourt
- VIII. Abigail Siegel

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Colin Dunn	2	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

- a. To approve the USA Architects Fee Adjustment revision to include additional services needed to complete the inspection before the masonry project can begin. The total cost is \$10,250 for unanticipated work.

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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									

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

X. Board Agenda

1. Committee Reports:

Committee	Notes/Summary
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Human Resources	Meeting scheduled for next Friday to begin reviewing the rubric with Dr. Hogan.
Finance	The FY27 budget was discussed and reviewed.
Policy	No update at this time.
Technology	Strategic plan goals have been finalized, with an updated focus on inventorying the school's technology assets.
Facilities	The boiler and electrical projects are now complete. The generator is set for end-of-year events. Jaclyn has compiled documentation and tracking materials to monitor project progress.
Strategic Planning	All SMART Goals have been received and submitted to the IXE team. Feedback is pending. The retreat is scheduled for May 30th.
PTO Liaison	The ICE Task Force met on April 15, with the next meeting scheduled for April 27. The parent survey is now active. Administration is exploring whether the survey can be distributed through PowerSchool. It will also be available at upcoming events, and a related contest is underway.
Board Elections	Reporting period runs from February through May. No updates to report.

2. Board of Trustees Re-Appointment
 - i. To reappoint the following Board of Trustees Members:
 1. Colin Dun, one-year term
 2. Neil Abadie, one-year term
 3. Gaspar Cabrera for a one-year
 4. Jaclyn Moore for a one-year term.

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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		X			
Neil Abadie		X				Gillian Stynes	1	X			
Patrick Sprinkle		X									

3. Next Board Meeting: **May 14, 2026 - In-person Meeting**
 - i. All board meetings are held both virtually and in person.

XI. Public Comment – None

XII. Adjourn Regular Session and Enter Executive Session: 7:41 PM

1. Personnel

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

XIII. Adjourn Executive Session: 8:48 PM

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

XIV. New Business: The Diverse Charter School Coalition visited LCCS. Dr. Hogan and one of LCCS's students were on a podcast.

XV. Adjourn Regular Session: 8:51 PM

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