



# Learning Community Charter School

## Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

### Thursday, May 14, 2026 – 6:30 PM

**I. Call to Order by Board Secretary – 6:38 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 (4/2027)	X		
Paula Mahayosnand	Parent Member (5/2026)	X		
Marisa Gerke	President, Parent Member (6/2026)		X	
Neil Abadie	Community Member (4/2027)			LA – 6:45PM
Gaspar Cabrera	Parent Member (4/2027)	X		
Kate Gratto	V.P., Parent Member (4/2028)	X		
Jaclyn Moore	Parent Member (4/2027)	X		
ILea Kozak	Parent Member (6/2027)	X		
Suleyni Abreu	Parent Member (6/2027)	X		ED - 7:23 PM; returned 8:19PM
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.

Tracy Paparella – Spoke about Mr. Melendez and how she recalls meeting him 5years ago. She was introduced to him as the future dean of students – shared her experience when she met him and when she joined the staff. She enjoys working with Angel, stated during a chaotic day he always brings calm to every situation. She shared how Angel works with the students in his restorative role. He gets on the student’s level and really makes the students feel very comfortable. She sees the impact he has on the students.

**V. Presentations:**

1. LCCS Student Qualifiers for Nationals for New Jersey History Day - Presenter Justin Jablonsky
  - i. Junior Group Documentary Film - Abigail Donath, Hannah Long, Isaac Abreu, Colin Patnaik, Camila Suarez
  - ii. Individual Junior Documentary - Pavit Thakkar
2. LCCS Social Emotional Learning Initiatives, Athletics, and the Arts -Ve'Dora Wright, Colin Hogan, Nicole Hittner, and Madeline Bell
3. Attendance Data, MP.3 – Colin Hogan and Tatiana Antczak

**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 April 16, 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				X	
Kate Gratto		X				Ilea Kozak	2	X			
Paula Mahayosnand		X				Gustavo Abreu				X	
Jaclyn Moore		X				Tristan Fine					X
Neil Abadie		X				Gillian Stynes	1	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 April 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 April 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 April 17, 2026, to May 14, 2026.
- c. Payroll: To approve the following payrolls:
  - I. April 15, 2026 \$343,365.64
  - II. April 30, 2026 \$358,561.26

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Colin Dunn	1	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									

**2. Buildings & Grounds – nothing to report**

**3. Personnel**

- a. To approve/ratify the \$1,400 per month teaching stipend for Nicole Ortolano for the period of 3/17-6/30.
- b. To approve Joan Buonafide as a praxis tutor, at a rate of \$50.00 per hour.
- c. To approve the Hispanic Heritage Club Advisor stipend for Irisis Morales Larsen in the amount of \$1,100.00.
- d. To accept the resignation of Angel Melendez as the Assistant Head of School, effective 6/26/26.

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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									

**4. Curriculum/Special Education – nothing to report**

**5. Policy/Miscellaneous/Contracts**

- a. ~~To approve the **Realtime RTI** Renewal contract for FY 2026–2027 for Special Education and 504 Management as attached. Total Cost **\$10,568.82.**~~
- b. To approve the FY 2026–2027 proposal with **HMH Education Company** and Learning Community Charter School for **Read 180 (ED)** as attached. Total cost: **\$6,597.00.**
- c. To approve the **Explore Learning A-Z** Renewal quote for **RAZ-Plus** as attached. Effective date: 7/8/2026-7/8/2027, total cost **\$4,092.00.**
- d. To approve the **LinkIt** (Advanced Assessment Systems, Inc) quote as attached. For the term July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a total cost of **\$22,451.40**

- e. To approve the **NWEA sales order for MAP Growth K–12 and MAP Growth Foundations Online Annual License** as attached. Effective date: 7/1/2026–6/30/2027. Total cost: **\$9,613.00**.
- f. To approve the FY 2026–2027 **Amplify mCLASS DIBELS 8th Grade Student License** quote as attached. Total cost: **\$2,640.00**.
- g. To approve the FY 2026–2027 contract renewal with **Computer Solutions, Inc. (CSI)** as attached. Total cost: **\$2,088.00**.
- h. To approve the FY 2026–2027 **Frontline Education** renewal quote for **Recruiting & Hiring Solutions** as attached. Total cost: **\$7,339.00**.
- i. To approve the FY 2026–2027 **LunchTime Software LLC** Cafeteria Data Management quote as attached. Total cost: **\$2,495.00**.
- j. To approve the FY 2026–2027 **NJPSA** membership renewal as attached. Total cost: **\$930.00**.
- k. To approve the FY 2026–2027 **National SAM Innovation Project** invoice for **TimeTrack**, training, and coaching support as attached. Total cost: **\$4,995.00**
- l. To approve the first reading of the **Revised Grievance Policy According to policy 131**.
- m. To approve the proposal with **Magic Touch Construction Co.** for **Room 27 demising wall**. Total cost: **\$43,520.00**.
- n. To approve the cost proposal with **Dual Building Restoration** to remove all stucco material from the brick masonry façade inside the courtyard/parking lot. Total cost: **\$43,000.00**.

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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									

**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	45	45	
K	66			65	66	66	66	66	65	65	65	65	65	
1	66			65	66	66	66	65	67	67	67	67	67	
2	66			65	65	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	
3	66			66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	
4	66			66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	
5	66			66	766	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	
6	66			66	68	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	
7	66			65	65	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	
8	66			63	63	63	63	63	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>	<b>639</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>639</b>	

**X. Board Agenda**

1. Committee Reports:

Committee	Notes/Summary
Human Resources	Board received the head of school eval.
Finance	Finance did not meet.

Policy	
Technology	PowerSchool Report cards – admin was able to upload them. Launch update – still working through some minor discrepancies. Focus on 2-year planning: how do we procure technology?
Facilities	Work is planned to start in the summer – phase 1 was approved for the stucco. Planning to decrease the construction for the kids. End of year preparation. Planning for new facility projects. Facility Dashboard that is updated in real time.
Strategic Planning	Waiting for the final guidance from IXE for retreat on May 30 <sup>th</sup> .
PTO Liaison	ICE task force met on April 27 <sup>th</sup> and May 21 <sup>st</sup> – compiled a database of members of the public that are willing to help in a case. 28 members so far.
Board Elections	Reports during the election season, February through May – no updates.

2. Next Board Meeting: **June 11, 2026**

**XI. Public Comment: None**

**XII. Adjourn Regular Session and Enter Executive Session: 8:32 PM**

1. HIB – 2 founded
2. Personnel

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Kate Gratto		X				Ilea Kozak		X			
Paula Mahayosnand		X				Gustavo Abreu	2	X			
Jaclyn Moore	1	X				Tristan Fine					X
Neil Abadie		X				Gillian Stynes		X			
Patrick Sprinkle		X									

**XIII. Adjourn Executive Session: 9:34 PM**

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

**XIV. New Business: None**

**XV. Adjourn Regular Session: 9:34 PM**

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