

MEETING AGENDA & NOTES

Present	Chasity Gonzalez
	Cathy Griffith
	Andrea Hyman
	Brian McKay
	Lienne Medford
	Brian Morrison
	Laura Raby
	Corey Shick
	Kyle Snipes
	Alison Thompson
	Gina Turcotte
	Rob Venable
	Stacey Wilson
Absent	David Wooten
	Brooke Archenhold
	Sherrie Brookie

MEETING NOTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

- Chasity Gonzalez made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
- The motion was seconded by Brian McKay.
- All were in favor, and the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 2025 LCMS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Laura Raby made a motion to approve the March 2025 meeting minutes as presented.
- The motion was seconded by Chasity Gonzalez.
- All were in favor, and the minutes were approved.

REPORTS

- David Wooten, Principal's Report
 - Mr. Wooten noted that the first of three makeup days for the 2024-25 school year, which the board previously approved following a multi-day school closure for Hurricane Helene, was completed in March 2025. He shared that there had been some dissatisfaction among some families at the school that all three makeup days were designated as eLearning days, and expressed interest in the possibility of making the third makeup day on May 10 a community service day.

- Mr. Wooten shared a summary of a recent trip to Sweden that he took with another Langston Charter Middle School ("LCMS") faculty member as part of a leadership cohort organized by the Charter Institute at Erskine ("Erskine"). During the trip, he had the opportunity to interact with personnel from various charter schools, and he shared observations from the trip regarding school funding, testing standards, and weekly student mentorship models with the board.
- Mr. Wooten noted that he and Dr. Aaron Temples recently composed an editorial about LCMS and the single-gender model of education that was featured in *The State* newspaper.
- Mr. Wooten shared that Erskine is able and willing to help LCMS market itself to the local community as needed. Gina Turcotte suggested creating a list of notable alumni and inquiring whether Erskine could assist with interviewing them and sharing their testimonials with the school for promotional purposes.
- Greer Middle College is starting a new school and they're interested in incorporating leadership into their school activities and curriculum in a manner similar to LCMS.
- Personnel from the South Carolina Department of Education whose work focuses on charter schools recently visited LCMS. On April 1, LCMS was one of three schools highlighted as a top-performing charter school during a presentation to the SC State Board of Education.
- Measuring Academic Progress ("MAP") testing is scheduled for next week. SC READY standardized testing, which now includes a new reading section, will be administered in approximately three weeks.
- Interviews are underway for the upcoming vacancy in the Science department due to a faculty retirement.
- June Deas is retiring as Director of Campus Affairs; interviews for the replacement are in progress. Mrs. Deas has offered to assist with athletics and transition support. Mr. Cameron Nelson will assume responsibility for athletics in addition to his teaching responsibilities.
- The recent Blue Ribbon student celebration was successful. The upcoming celebration for teachers is scheduled for Friday, April 11. Seven of nine retirees who were invited are planning on attending. School founder Lisa Stevens is also expected to attend.
- An LCMS faculty and board appreciation dinner is scheduled for May 22 at City Range. Invitations are forthcoming.
- An Erskine awards banquet will be hosted on May 15 at the Pastides Alumni Center in Columbia. Various schools, school personnel, and students will be honored at the event.
- The LCMS annual meeting is tentatively planned to take place prior to the next board meeting.
- Langston Foundation
 - Mrs. Alison Thompson noted that sixty-five personalized brick pavers were sold to families. It was necessary for the Foundation to identify a new vendor from Dillon, SC to provide the pavers. Paver sales generated \$5,500 in revenue in February.
 - The Foundation's annual golf tournament in March netted over \$15,000 in revenue.
 - Parent donations are down somewhat from the last school year; new strategies will be developed to encourage giving in the final months of the school year.
 - The Foundation's final blood drive of the year will be held on Saturday, April 12.
 - Efforts are being made to engage incoming 6th-grade families in giving.
 - Erskine and the SC Public Charter School Alliance are working to help all charter schools establish their own foundations. LCMS Foundation efforts have been recognized by the SC Public Charter School Alliance and the statewide charter school community.
- Lienne Medford, Academic Affairs

- No report
- Governance
 - No report
- Kyle Snipes, Facilities
 - Mechanical maintenance contract proposals for HVAC units are being reviewed. Up to 4–5 units may need replacement by 2030. A proposal for a maintenance agreement may be presented for consideration at the May 2025 board meeting.
 - The school is exploring contractors to supplement the Greenville Woodworkers Guild's efforts to build outdoor furniture and games for students.
 - The school is addressing water intrusion that occurred near recently repaired windows. Prior repair work that was done on the windows in question may have been insufficient.
- Andrea Hyman, Treasurer
 - Mrs. Hyman drew board members' attention to LCMS Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss handouts, which were included in the meeting packet, and provided a brief summary.
 - Laura Raby asked about the planned purchase of teacher computers that was discussed at a prior board meeting. Dr. Rob Venable reported that the vendor was unable to honor previously provided pricing, current prices are increasing, and inventory issues are ongoing. Gina Turcotte offered to introduce school personnel to a potential vendor and Chasity Gonzalez offered to assist with identification of potential suppliers if administration can share equipment needs with her.
- Corey Shick, Chairman
 - No report

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- 2025–2026 Budget
 - A copy of the proposed 2025-2026 school year budget was distributed to board members.
 - Revenue projections based on conservative estimates from Erskine.
 - It was noted that a proposed increase in technology expenditures is for replacement of student and staff devices.
 - Chasity Gonzalez inquired about why the budget for facilities was not raised and if projected copying funding would be sufficient for the next year. Mr. Wooten clarified that the school is responsible for maintaining the facilities, but that the LCMS Foundation is the facility owner and would be responsible for covering certain expenses.
 - Mrs. Gonzalez requested that future profit & loss statements be distributed ahead of meetings if possible.
 - Motion to Approve 2025-2026 Budget
 - Lienne Medford made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 LCMS budget as presented.
 - The motion was seconded by Gina Turcotte.
 - All were in favor, and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

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ADJOURN

- Laura Raby made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- The motion was seconded by Gina Turcotte.
- All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

NEXT MEETING

May 13, 2025 at 6:00 pm