

MEETING AGENDA & MINUTES

Present	Brooke Archenhold
	Jessica Blanton
	Sherrie Brookie
	Cathy Griffith
	Lienne Medford
	Laura Raby
	Corey Shick
	Neil Tabor
	Alison Thompson
	Gina Turcotte
	Rob Venable
	David Wooten
	Jim Atwater, Charter Institute at Erskine
Absent	Stephanie Estrada
	Brian Morrison

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at **6:05 p.m.** Roll call was taken to confirm attendance, and a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

- Dr. Lienne Medford made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
- The motion was seconded by Laura Raby.
- All were in favor, and the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 2025 LCMS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Brooke Archenhold made a motion to approve the December 2025 meeting minutes as presented.
- The motion was seconded by Dr. Sherrie Brookie
- All were in favor, and the minutes were approved.

REPORTS

- David Wooten, Principal's Report
 - Mr. Wooten reported that he attended Erskine's 2025 Academic Showcase event along with Stephanie Nelson. Mr. Wooten explained the purpose of the showcase and reported that Langston won the Diamond School of Excellence Award due to being in the top 10% of South Carolina Schools in core subjects. Langston also won Silver in the Schools of Distinction award. Mr.

Wooten reported that three Langston students won Perfect Score awards. One of Langston's students was able to attend the meeting to accept the award. Mr. Wooten explained that Langston scored an excellent rating on the South Carolina School Report Card and was awarded \$15,000.

- Mr. Wooten discussed the Board Member Election Timeline. He explained who would be leaving the board, and how the board process works according to Langston's bylaws. He also provided details on the information meeting for prospective Board members, which is published on LCMS website. Mr. Wooten also confirmed that Langston did not fill all board positions this school year. He also reviewed the different board members' current positions, and possible needs moving forward. Turcotte suggested that we identify potential candidates based on enrollment paperwork, which gives job descriptions. He also confirmed that board members do not have to have a child attending Langston, and reiterated that being a board member doesn't guarantee placement for a child. Only founding board members were guaranteed spots for their children to attend Langston. He also stated that employees also get a Legacy bypass.
- Mr. Wooten reported that Langston will be hosting Intake Conference Meetings. He noted that the meetings will begin the week of January 19th. Mr. Wooten and Mrs. Nelson will be speaking to the students about student life at Langston, and Dr. Venable will be speaking with parents about Langston's focus on personal responsibility.
- Mr. Wooten noted that the accountant, Margaret Leonard, along with board member Mrs. Estrada, will update the accounts to align with our funding model, allowing for improved tracking of funds.
- Langston Foundation
 - Mrs. Thompson reported that we are trending 21,550 a month. She attributes this to having a lot of new parents who are new to the school and are willing to give. She also noted that the students sold a lot of coupon books.
 - Mrs. Thompson reported that \$26,000 was received in December, largely due to corporate matching checks from Milliken and GE.
 - Mrs. Thompson reported that the sun sails were installed over the holiday break.
 - Mrs. Thompson discussed how she wants parents to see that their donations are being put to good use through visible, tangible improvements that directly enhance the school. By highlighting the real impact of these contributions, she hopes to encourage continued and increased support from families. She invites those who have not yet participated to consider donating \$65 per month or \$800 per year, while emphasizing that no donation is too small and every contribution makes a difference.
 - Mrs. Thompson informed the board that Langston will be hosting a blood drive on Saturday, January 17. Her goal is to reach 60 or more participants.
 - Mrs. Thompson reviewed the Foundation Fundraising Sources for this school year, noting that Parent Donations make up most of the fundraising. She also reported that we have raised \$129,287 so far this year.
 - Mrs. Thompson reported that Langston's athletic department has experienced an increase in fees. She also reported that the Foundation Board agreed to help with the expense.
- Academic Affairs
 - No report.
- Governance
 - No report.
- Facilities
 - Mr. Wooten will be meeting with HVAC contractors to evaluate the current system.

LANGSTON CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL BOARD

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- Stephanie Estrada, Treasurer
 - Mr. Wooten drew the board members' attention to the school's Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss statements included in the meeting packet and summarized their content.
 - Mr. Wooten reviewed spending in various areas.
- Chairman
 - No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Wooten informed the Board that Langston must submit a proposal listing non-required courses to Erskine, who will then report it to the State. Leadership classes qualify under this requirement, with "Exploratory" serving as the official course name to meet state guidelines. Mr. Wooten will forward the necessary information to Erskine for approval, which must be completed by February.
- Mr. Wooten shared with the Board a checklist of what needs to be included in the calendar.
 - Dr. Brookie pointed out some formatting issues and a mistyped date in the legend.
Corrections will be sent to board members before the next meeting.
- Mr. Wooten explained why Langston needs to have makeup days, even though Greenville County calendar does not. Langston follows GCS schedule, but Langston will need the make-up days. All other days are the same.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comments were received.

ADJOURN

- Brooke Archenhold made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- The motion was seconded by Gina Turcotte
- All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at **6:58 pm**.

NEXT MEETING

February 10, 2026, at 6:00 pm