

MEETING AGENDA & MINUTES

Present	Brooke Archenhold
	Jessica Blanton
	Sherrie Brookie
	Stephanie Estrada
	Cathy Griffith (remote)
	Lienne Medford
	Brian Morrison
	Laura Raby
	Corey Shick
	Neil Tabor
	David Wooten
Absent	Gina Turcotte

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. Roll call was taken to confirm attendance, and a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 2025 LCMS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Brooke Archenhold made a motion to approve the September 2025 meeting minutes as presented.
- The motion was seconded by Jessica Blanton.
- All were in favor, and the minutes were approved.

REPORTS

- David Wooten, Principal's Report
 - Mr. Wooten noted that since the last board meeting, approximately 180 people had attended school tours and informational meetings ahead of the school's annual lottery.
 - A total of 456 student applications for the 2026-2027 school year were received, with 207 girls and 185 boys applying for enrollment as 6th graders. School administration are planning on enrollment of 3 sections of 22 boys and 3 sections of 23 girls. Interest in enrollment at the school remains strong, consistent with previous years (i.e., 453 applications were received for the 2025-2026 year, and 435 for the prior year).
 - Mr. Wooten noted that since the COVID-19, the school has not required families to attend an informational meeting or tour prior to applying for enrollment, but is now receiving a greater

volume of questions from families about the school after students have been selected in the lottery. The board briefly discussed the possibility of reinstating a meeting attendance requirement prior to future lotteries or implementing other measures to ensure families are aware of important school values or policies prior to applying.

- Mr. Wooten shared that school report cards were released and Langston received a score of 64, which categorizes the school as Excellent. He shared additional information about the criteria used for evaluation, noting that Growth was the criterion where Langston had opportunities for improvement, although realizing improvements in that area is challenging for high-achieving schools.
- Mr. Wooten noted that Dr. David Case will receive an award from the Charter Institute at Erskine (“Erskine”) for supporting growth among math students at the school.
- Langston will be recognized for innovation and academic excellence at the 25th annual conference of the Public Charter School Alliance of South Carolina in December. David Wooten and Rob Venable will be attending the conference.
- Dr. Wooten summarized his recent trip to New Orleans as part of an Erskine leadership initiative. During the visit in the city, the group on the trip visited four charter schools and learned how they had made intentional changes—especially, though not exclusively, to their curriculum—that had fostered student growth.
- The school’s annual Halloween Bash was held recently, which went well.
- Participating students are currently going through the Live Free sex education unit.
- The second round of Measuring Academic Progress (“MAP”) testing will be administered to all students between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.
- Mr. Wooten noted that the school’s leadership teachers have been reaching out to South Carolina legislators in an effort to coordinate visits with students. State Representative Bobby Cox, who has a child at Langston, will visit with students this week.
- Dr. Rob Venable will be meeting with vendor representatives later this week to discuss the setup of recently procured Chromebooks, and will also be scheduling the processing and configuration of the devices for a separate date in the future.
- David Wooten, Langston Foundation
 - Mr. Wooten summarized the content of a Langston Foundation Fundraising Summary handout that was included in the meeting packet. He noted that a blood drive is scheduled in November, and two more would be scheduled for later in the school year. The school is continuing to sell coupon books at the front desk.
 - The board briefly revisited the idea of the Foundation raising funds to defray the school’s expenses from purchasing new Chromebooks. Mr. Wooten indicated he would share information with Alison Thompson for further investigation.
- Lienne Medford, Academic Affairs
 - Lienne Medford shared that she and Alyssa Fennell will present at the Public Charter School Alliance of South Carolina Conference (December 3–5), focusing on school climate and characteristics of successful award-winning charter middle schools.
- Brooke Archenhold, Governance
 - No report.
- Facilities
 - No report.
- Stephanie Estrada, Treasurer

- Mrs. Estrada noted that the school's auditor has substantial experience with charter schools. A presentation of the school's audit is scheduled to take place at the board's December meeting.
- Mrs. Estrada drew board members' attention to the school's Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss statements included in the meeting packet and summarized their content. Regarding the Balance Sheet, Mrs. Estrada noted an increase in cash and that the Balance Sheet is strong. She further noted that the Balance Sheet will likely be changed pursuant to some anticipated reclassifications and audit-related guidance.
- Corey Shick, Chairman
 - No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Internet Infrastructure Upgrade Discussion
 - Last year, the board authorized the school to work with a consultant to pursue E-Rate funding. Working with a grant writer, the school secured discounted ISP pricing, resulting in increased data at a reduced cost.
 - The school's network has experienced performance issues and requires improvement to support instructional technology needs.
 - As a required part of the procurement process, the school issued a request for proposals ("RFP") to update the school's network.
 - Mr. Wooten drew board members' attention to a proposal from Surazal Systems, the respondent to the RFP whose proposal was being recommended by school administration, and summarized its content.
 - The funding structure for the infrastructure upgrade project would be 80% E-Rate funding and 20% funding from the school's operating budget.
 - Following discussion, Lienne Medford moved that the board approve the selection of Surazal Systems as the vendor for its internet infrastructure upgrade and the expenditure of necessary funds from the school's operating budget.
 - The motion was seconded by Laura Raby.
 - All were in favor, and the motion carried.
- Policy on Livestream Access to Board Meetings
 - Mr. Wooten shared information about a new state requirement mandating that schools adopt a policy ensuring livestream access to board meetings.
 - The board reviewed the Livestreaming Board Meeting Policy adopted by the Charter Institute at Erskine, which was included in the meeting packet. Mr. Wooten noted that the policy was drafted with input from Erskine's legal counsel.
 - Following brief discussion among the board, it was determined that Brooke Archenhold would review the Erskine policy and the board will plan to take action at its December 2025 meeting.
 - The board briefly discussed the potential formation of one or more committees in the future, including a possible budget or finance committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comments were received.

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ADJOURN

- Brooke Archenhold made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- The motion was seconded by Neil Tabor.
- All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

NEXT MEETING

December 9, 2025 at 6:00 pm