

MEETING AGENDA & MINUTES

Present	Brooke Archenhold
	Jessica Blanton
	Sherrie Brookie
	Stephanie Estrada
	Cathy Griffith
	Lienne Medford
	Brian Morrison
	Laura Raby
	Corey Shick
	Neil Tabor
	Alison Thompson
	Gina Turcotte
	Rob Venable
	David Wooten
	Jim Atwater, Charter Institute at Erskine (remote)
Absent	None

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 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 Gina Turcotte.
- All were in favor, and the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 2026 LCMS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Stephanie Estrada made a motion to approve the March 2026 meeting minutes as presented.
- The motion was seconded by Brooke Archenhold.
- All were in favor, and the minutes were approved.

REPORTS

- David Wooten, Principal's Report
 - Mr. Wooten reported that the school's third quarter concluded just prior to spring break. Letters were sent home to parents of students at risk of failing, including information regarding summer school and alternative options.

- Mr. Wooten recently attended a leadership summit in Columbia for charter school administrators, where sessions focused on branding and marketing, teacher training and retention, and charter school advocacy with legislators regarding continued funding.
- The school recently hired a new Technology Coordinator. The addition of this position will allow Assistant Principal Rob Venable to focus more fully on school operations while also improving technology support and IT security.
- The school is currently administering Measuring Academic Progress (MAP) testing, with girls' testing having been recently completed and boys' testing in progress. The school will also begin administering SC READY testing in the next few weeks. The school's new Technology Coordinator is ensuring that the school's Chromebook devices are prepared for the testing environment.
- Mr. Wooten reported that approximately 20 parents attended a recent parent workday, resulting in significant cost savings through repairs and maintenance projects, such as repairs made to student chairs.
- Mr. Wooten shared information about several upcoming events, including a Charter Institute at Erskine ("Erskine") end-of-year banquet on May 20 at 5:00 p.m. in Columbia as well as a Langston board and faculty end-of-year dinner on May 21.
- Alison Thompson, Langston Foundation
 - Mrs. Thompson reported a successful blood drive was held in the Langston gymnasium on Saturday, April 11, with approximately 70 donors, including several new school parents.
 - The Langston Foundation's 11th annual golf tournament will take place on Friday, April 17 at River Falls Plantation in Duncan. Several long-time teams are returning, and teacher teams will participate through sponsor support.
 - Board members were directed to the Monthly Fundraising Summary included in the board packet. April and May reports are expected to reflect net proceeds from the annual golf tournament. Approximately \$20,000 in CD interest income will also appear in April figures.
- Lienne Medford, Academic Affairs
 - Dr. Alyssa Fennell recently defended her dissertation and will graduate in May 2026.
- Brooke Archenhold, Governance
 - No report.
- David Wooten, Facilities
 - No report.
 - It was noted that the Langston Foundation will meet the week of April 20 to discuss potential capital improvements.
- Stephanie Estrada, Treasurer
 - The board briefly discussed making the option to purchase volunteer hours more visible and accessible to parents. It was noted that proceeds from volunteer hours benefit the school rather than the Langston Foundation. Additional discussion included the possibility of sending parents notifications regarding accumulated volunteer hours and exploring year-to-year tracking comparisons for volunteer hours.
 - Mrs. Estrada reviewed the monthly financial statements and discussed efforts to create more consistent reporting formats with the bookkeeper.
 - When reviewing the Profit & Loss Summary included in board members' meeting packet, the following was noted:

- The school's income is approximately \$182,000 over budget, primarily due to local funds not originally budgeted.
 - Instructional expenses are approximately \$173,000 under budget.
 - Approximately two-thirds of capital outlay expenses will eventually move to the balance sheet.
 - Net income is approximately \$442,000.
- When reviewing the Balance Sheet included in board members' meeting packet, the following was noted:
 - Total assets increased by approximately \$200,000 compared to the prior year, primarily in cash reserves.
 - The balance sheet remains in strong condition.
- Discussion of Investment Options
 - Discussion was held regarding conservative investment opportunities for school funds. A recent call with Erskine explored the topic of investment policies and potential broker recommendations for charter schools. It was noted that current bylaws prohibit investments that could risk principal loss, but discussions are continuing regarding responsible stewardship and growth of school resources.
- Chairman
 - Principal Evaluation Model
 - Mr. Shick reported on discussions with Erskine regarding principal evaluation models. Erskine connected him with Brashier Middle College ("Brashier"), which utilizes the Marzano Evaluation Model. The following elements of the model were discussed: six evaluation domains with multiple performance elements; a self-assessment by the principal followed by board evaluation; establishment of annual expectations and key performance indicators; and an end-of-year evaluation based on agreed-upon domains.
 - The board also reviewed the PADEPP handout included in the board packet. A tentative plan was discussed to adopt the Marzano model rather than PADEPP.
 - Mr. Shick noted that a follow-up meeting with Erskine and Brashier is scheduled in the coming weeks and anticipates board action to adopt an evaluation model at the May 2026 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- 2026-2027 Budget
 - Mrs. Estrada reviewed the proposed 2026–2027 budget included in the board packet, noting that February 2026 actual financials were used as the basis for projections.
 - The board discussed changes to various revenue and expense accounts, plans to reinvest future net income into the school, and clarification regarding net income projections and inclusion of staff bonuses within the proposed budget.
 - Brooke Archenhold made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 budget as presented.
 - The motion was seconded by Neil Tabor.
 - All were in favor, and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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- No public comments were submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

- Lienne Medford made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- The motion was seconded by Gina Turcotte.
- All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

May 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.