

MEETING AGENDA & MINUTES

Present	Jessica Blanton
	Kimberly Cassella
	Ryan Deter
	Stephanie Estrada
	Lienne Medford
	Laura Raby
	Michelle Robertson
	Corey Shick
	Neil Tabor
	Alison Thompson
	Rob Venable
	David Wooten
Absent	Jim Atwater, Charter Institute at Erskine
	Brooke Archenhold
	Cathy Griffith

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2026 LCMS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Tabor made a motion to approve the May 2026 meeting minutes as presented.
- The motion was seconded by Raby.
- All were in favor, and the minutes were approved.

REPORTS

- David Wooten, Principal's Report
 - Mr. Wooten reported that the school's new theme for the year, reinforcing the idea that middle school students can lead at their age. He displayed the new agenda.
 - Mr. Wooten discussed the importance of safety at Langston. He submitted a security grant to Erskine and was awarded funds to replace the door handles. The new door handles lock automatically. He also would like to evaluate how to replace the internal and external cameras to enhance the surveillance of the campus.
 - The school recently hired new staff due to fill the vacancies. He introduced Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. McLeod for Science, Mrs. Goodbar for Spanish and Ms. Cannon for one class of ELA due to the needs of the school. Ms. Cannon will be a one-year stint.
 - Mr. Wooten reported that Mrs. Ceneviva, brought in from the substitute list, took over the new Math class. This position is temporary and Mr. Wooten plans on interviewing others in the future to take the position permanently. Dr. Nicks will be teaching more Algebra, and Mr. Jackson will be teaching all the sixth-grade math students.
 - Mr. Wooten shared information about the new lunch ordering system. This was due to complications with the old ordering system. The school shopped around and replaced the ordering system with MyMealOrder.
 - Mr. Wooten shared information on the Parent Workday that took place before school started. 26 parent volunteers helped spackle/paint some of the walls. Mr. Wooten stated that a professional, comprehensive painting plan would also be good to consider for the next budget cycle to help freshen up the walls and cover the years of patchwork since the last total painting. Schick asked if we publicized, and Wooten confirmed that we did through the campus bulletin.
 - Mr. Wooten asked the board to review the board contact information for accuracy.
 - Mr. Wooten explained why we had two laptops. Langston is required to provide public access to every board meeting. The other is for the Board should they need to be included remotely.
 - Mr. Wooten also shared the Board Meeting Suggested Dates form for the Board to review.
 - Mr. Wooten shared that the English teachers are requesting vocabulary software called Sadlier Vocabulary. The staff put together a presentation for the Board to review. The estimated cost of the software is \$6,251.40. Dr. Medford stated that the software would be a good investment for Langston students. Estrada found a miscalculation based on the slide provided by the English teachers. It is cheaper. Blanton also encouraged the purchase of the software as well. Shick stated that there would need to be an amendment to the agenda to vote in this meeting. Dr. Medford made a motion to allow the purchase. Tabor stated that it would cost over \$6,000 a year moving forward, and is the only software presented. Robertson agreed that it would be a good investment if funds are available. Estrada stated that the school could incorporate the cost into the budget for next year. Shick stated that it was unclear whether there was any other curriculum reviewed and would like another month to consider it. Deter agreed and felt that the lack of attention to detail was concerning. It was recommended that the English department should investigate more curriculum and share with Board. Dr. Medford withdrew her motion.
- Alison Thompson, Langston Foundation
 - Mrs. Thompson reported that the faculty bathroom was renovated over the summer. Hurricane Helene damaged trees on the side of the school property. The trees were replaced with 13 new trees

- Mrs. Thompson reported that the new directories created an addition of funds through selling advertisements and sponsorship.
- Mrs. Thompson reported that she sent information to current parents containing information on how the Langston Foundation funds have been spent to enhance the school. She stated that the school has already received over \$9,000 in donations since she sent the letter home to parents.
- Mrs. Thompson reported there are 4 Blood drives scheduled with goal of 80 participants each.
- Mrs. Thompson mentioned that she is attempting to reconnect with Langston Alumni based on the Board's previous recommendations. She is sending the Langston Impact.
- Mrs. Thompson has scheduled Coupon book fundraiser. Langston has a good relationship with the Coupon book vendors.
- Brooke Archenhold, Governance
 - Wooten highlighted new laws that will impact the school moving forward. One major point shared is Board training. First 9 months of new members must attend training or retraining. Wooten highlighted many changes. The changes are intended to add more transparency for the public.
 - Jim Atwater offered to answer questions concerning the new laws. Tabor asked for clarification on, Summary of Section 59-40-50(B)(6). Estrada asked when laws will go into effect, and Atwater shared that it has been signed into law already by the Governor. Mr. Wooten shared Langston was already doing many of the changes, such as having an AED, before it was a legal requirement. Raby asked if we needed to review our bylaws, and Wooten confirmed that it would be a good idea. Shick asked about the Board Liaison Support section, and Atwater confirmed that he was responsible for helping Langston with those requirements. Statement of economic interests must be filed by each board member. Atwater reviewed some of the specifics as well as deadlines in place.
- Lienne Medford, Academic Affairs
 - Dr. Medford shared that the Covid slump is over, and there has been an increase in the amount of students entering education. Middle grades specifically are seeing an increase. Langston might be able to help with student teachers.
- David Wooten, Facilities
 - Mr. Wooten reported that the air conditioning units have been struggling.
- Stephanie Estrada, Treasurer
 - Mrs. Estrada informed the board that she will try to get the new format moving forward.
 - Mrs. Estrada reported that in July income came in over budget by 21,000. Expenses were \$51,000 less than budgeted.
 - Mr. Wooten explained that July did not include the new teacher's salaries. The first pay period of this school year will be August 14.
 - Balance sheet
 - Over \$2,000,000 plus.
- Chairman
 - No report

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Langston Board Meeting Date Review and Approval

- Mr. Shick asked the Board to review the Meeting Dates. Estrada proposed to move the Tuesday, September 8. After discussion, no change was made. Raby made a motion to approve; Tabor seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the Board Dates.
- Langston Executive Board Election and Approval
 - Mr. Shick began the discussion of new Board roles. When discussing the secretarial role, it was suggested that Al take notes from Estrada, and Atwater stated that it would not be a problem if it was reviewed by Secretary for accuracy. Estrada volunteered to be Treasurer, Tabor volunteered for Vice Chair, Corey Shick volunteered to remain Board Chairman. Robertson volunteered to be Secretary.
 - Secretary
 - Blanton made the motion for Michelle Robertson to serve as Secretary for the 2026-27 school year.
 - The motion was seconded by Tabor.
 - All were in favor, and the motion carried.
 - Treasurer
 - Dr. Medford made the motion for Stephanie Estrada to serve as Treasurer for the 2026-27 school year.
 - The motion was seconded by Tabor
 - All were in favor and the motion carried.
 - Vice Chairman
 - Estrada made the motion for Neil Tabor to serve as Vice Chair for the 2026-27 school year.
 - The motion was seconded by Deter.
 - All were in favor and the motion carried.
 - Chairman
 - Tabor made the motion for Corey Shick to serve as Chairman for the 2026-27 school year.
 - The motion was seconded by Blanton.
 - All were in favor and the motion carried.
 - Governance
 - Brooke Archenhold was appointed to serve as Governance for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - Facilities
 - Ryan Deter was appointed to serve as Facilities for the 2026-27 school year.
 - Academic Affairs
 - Dr. Lienne Medford was appointed to serve as Academic Affairs for the 2026-27 school year.
- Establishing Committees
 - Mr. Shick proposed the development of 4 committees with three members each. Members are not required to be active board members.
 - Principal evaluation committee – Medford to Chair, Shick, and Cassella

- Finance Committee – Estrada to Chair, Tabor, and Ashlyn Tutman
- Fundraising Committee – Alison Thompson to Chair, Archenhold, and possibly Gina Turcotte
- Strategic Planning Committee –Tabor to Chair, Blanton, and possibly Sam Sims
- Establish a Board Portal - Intranet
 - Mr. Shick proposed the Establishment of a digital Board Portal
 - Update notes and have information concerning the committees. Shick asked if new technology coordinator could help, Wooten stated that he would ask to be sure. Estrada asked if Erskine might have discounted rate for application. Atwater stated that he would check with Eriskine.
- Executive Session
 - Mr. Shick proposed the Board to enter Executive Session to discuss employee information.
 - Estrada made the motion to enter Executive session and to ask all non-board members to leave.
 - The motion was seconded by Raby
 - All were in favor and the motion carried.
 - The board voted to leave executive session
 - Shick made the motion to leave executive session
 - The motion was seconded by Estrada
 - All were in favor and the motion carried.
 - No actions were taken during executive session
- Principal Evaluation Tool
 - Mrs. Estrada made the motion to use the Principal Evaluation Tool discussed during executive session for the Principal Evaluation this school year.
 - The motion was seconded by Tabor
 - All were in favor and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No pulic Comments were submitted

ADJOURNMENT

- Dr. Medford made a motion to adjourn
- The motion was seconded by Deter
- All were in favor

NEXT MEETING - SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.