



High Desert “Partnership in Academic Excellence” Foundation, Inc. dba  
LEWIS CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

Regular Board Meeting Agenda

05/18/2026 - 04:30 PM

Meeting at: 17500 Mana Rd. Apple Valley, CA (Multipurpose Room);

230 S. Waterman Ave. San Bernardino, CA (Multipurpose Room)

Additional Locations: 737 W Citrus St. Colton, CA; 4110 Berryman Ave. Los Angeles, CA;

# MINUTES

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## 1. OPENING ITEMS

- .01 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – 4:31 pm
- .02 Roll Call – Yolanda Carlos, Amber Hom, Dr. Steve Levin (remote), Michael Razo, Marisol Sanchez, Pat Schlosser, Lucy Tello.
- .03 Adoption of the Agenda - A motion to adopt the agenda as presented was made by Marisol Sanchez, seconded by Patrick Schlosser. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 7-0.

## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- .01 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held April 20, 2026 - On a motion by Dr. Steven Levin, seconded by Amber Hom, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved agenda item 2.01 by roll call vote.

## 3. RECOGNITIONS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- .01 LCER Ambassador’s Student Update – AAE Student Ambassadors Ellianna De La Rosa and Landon Applegate updated the board on recent events including sports, Prom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual AAE’s Got Talent, and ROTC end of year wrap up. Upcoming events include Ambassador interviews for 26/27, Seniors’ week, and Senior Ditch Day. NSLA Student Ambassadors Drew Morrow and Fernanda Hernandez updated the board on their recent events, including Prom, the final Changemaker Hub Cohort, Ambassador interviews, PTO movie night, Multicultural Fair, Poetry Out Loud, and sports. In-house scholarships received 13 applications within a senior class of 26 students. AP Testing is concluding and Senior Grad Nite will be at Six Flags.
- .02 NSLA Principal’s School Update – Principal Agosto updated the Board on student reclassifications and celebratory banquet. CAASSP scores are coming back and look great. Seven of twenty-five graduating seniors are K-12 NSLA students. Post grad plans were shared. She is looking at the data and planning for bigger success for next school year.
- .03 AAE Principal’s School Update – Principal Richards updated the Board on data including attendance rates, and preliminary dashboard scores show better in ELA and Math with 5% gains in both. CAST scores for 11<sup>th</sup> grade show 63% have met or exceeded standards. Middle school began testing. Chronic Absenteeism, LPAC, and CCIs were discussed. Upcoming events include end of year concerts, lottery, promotions, senior graduation, and NHS recognition. K-12 graduating seniors make up 34.5% of this year’s population. Think Together will be the new provider for after-school activities. Staffing needs were discussed.

## 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

By written statement read by Dr. Steve Levin during agenda item 9.05, one community member addressed the Board regarding agenda items 9.05 through 9.08 on board policies related to surveillance and security.

## 5. PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Carlos opened the public hearing at 4:51 pm. No public comments were received. After item discussion of 5.01-5.04, Chairman Carlos closed the public hearing at 5:34 pm.

- .01 Public Hearing on AAE Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Budget Overview for Parents, 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), 2026 Annual Update and Local Indicators – Principal Richards and Ms. Muir provided a detailed report on the updated LCAP and shared a presentation. The Local Indicators were not presented at this meeting and will be brought before the Board at the June 2026 meeting as a separate item.
- .02 Public Hearing on NSLA Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Budget Overview for Parents, 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), 2026 Annual Update and Local Indicators – Principal Agosto provided a detailed report on the updated LCAP and shared a presentation. The Local Indicators were not presented at this meeting and will be brought before the Board at the June 2026 meeting as a separate item.

- .03 Public Hearing on AAE 2026-2027 CL-500: Declaration of Need – Ms. McCoy explained the purpose of the Declaration of Need and staffing that will need to be filled. Agenda item 5.03 goes along with agenda item 7.06 for approval.
- .04 Public Hearing on NSLA 2026-2027 CL-500 Declaration of Need - Ms. McCoy explained the purpose of the Declaration of Need and staffing that will need to be filled. Agenda item 5.04 goes along with agenda item 7.07 for approval.

## 6. CONSENT ITEMS

- .01 Approve 2026-27 LCER Board Meeting Dates
- .02 Approve Amended Memorandum of Understanding and College and Careers Access Pathways Partnership Agreement Between Victor Valley Community College District and the Lewis Center for Educational Research District (AAE) for the 2026/27 School Years
- .03 Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between the Lewis Center for Educational Research, Norton Science and Language Academy of San Bernardino, CA and San Bernardino Community College District for San Bernardino Valley College
- .04 Approve Overnight Fieldtrip to USA Varsity Drum Major Camp on July 31, 2026 – August 1, 2026 in Sacramento, CA

On a motion by Marisol Sanchez, seconded by Michael Razo, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved the consent agenda.

## 7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- .01 Lewis Center Foundation Board Update – Marisol Sanchez, Foundation Board Chairman, updated the Board on the upcoming golf tournament in 2027 and Gala in September 12, 2026, in Redlands. Distinguished Service Nominees will be discussed at the next meeting.
- .02 Discuss AAE Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Budget Overview for Parents, 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), 2026 Annual Update and Local Indicators
- .03 Discuss NSLA Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Budget Overview for Parents, 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), 2026 Annual Update and Local Indicators
- .04 Discuss Climate Survey Data Presentation – Dr. Lamb updated the Board that data will be shared at the upcoming meetings collected from staff, students, parents, and Capturing Kids Hearts surveys.
- .05 Discuss AAE and NSLA Senior Graduations – AAE is celebrating their 29<sup>th</sup> graduation commencement. Board members Michael Razo, Yolanda Carlos, and Lucy Tello will attend NSLA's. Board members Amber Hom, Yolanda Carlos, and Michael Razo will attend AAE's.
- .06 Approve AAE 2026-2027 CL-500: Declaration of Need
- .07 Approve NSLA 2026-2027 CL-500: Declaration of Need

On a motion by Patrick Schlosser, seconded by Lucy Tello, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved action items 7.06-7.07.

- .08 Discuss Special Meeting and LCER Budget Workshop on May 28, 2026 at NSLA – Board attendees are encouraged to wear their blue polos.
- .09 Discuss Clear Plan for NSLA 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion – Principal Agosto shared her presentation on communication and meetings held with parents and teachers on the 5<sup>th</sup> grade promotion ceremony. Ceremony details including time and location were shared. Completion certificates, academic awards, improvement awards, and character awards will be presented, increasing the number of awards students may receive. The collaborative team who participated in discussions was shared.
- .10 Discuss Future Processes and Discussions Involving Parent Input, Stakeholder Engagements, and Concepts of Moving Targets – Principal Agosto reported that the community liaison has personally reached out by phone and contacted parents to provide communication and collect input. Principal Agosto reflected on the process and growth. Future processes on concept of moving targets will be communicated early on and made clear throughout the year. Profile of a Graduate was created in partnership with World Savvy, along with input from students, parents, staff and different community partners. The Board commended Principal Agosto for her efforts and growth.
- .11 Discuss Pending Updates to LCER Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws – Dr. Lamb discussed changes within

STRs (State Teachers' Retirement System) and their impact on charters across the state. LCER's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws are being reviewed by attorneys and will be ready to submit by the deadline of June 30<sup>th</sup>. This will allow for a first and second read, then YM&C will help submit the Articles of Incorporation.

## **8. INFORMATION INCLUDED IN PACKET**

- .01 President/CEO Report
- .02 Grant Tracking Report
- .03 LCER Financial Reports
  - Checks Over \$10K
  - Budget Comparisons
  - Lewis Center Foundation Financial Reports
- .04 AAE and NSLA Federal Cash Management Data Submission
- .05 LCER Board Attendance Log
- .06 LCER Board/Lewis Center Foundation Give & Get
- .07 NSLA Williams Monitoring Process – Third Quarterly Report

## **9. BOARD POLICIES / ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS**

- .01 Approval of Revision to Board Policy BP 6183 Home and Hospital Instruction (Second Reading) – On a motion by Marisol Sanchez, seconded by Amber Hom, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved agenda item 9.01 by roll call vote.
- .02 Approval of Adoption of Board Policy BP 5141.8 Students; Behavior Health Referrals (Second Reading) – On a motion by Patrick Schlosser, seconded by Dr. Steven Levin, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved Board Policies/Administrative Regulations Agenda Item 9.02.
- .03 Approval to Revise Board Policy 5145.13 Students; Response to Immigration Enforcement - On a motion by Patrick Schlosser, seconded by Dr. Steven Levin, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved Board Policies/Administrative Regulations Agenda Item 9.03.
- .04 Approval to Retire Administrative Regulation AR 5145.13 Students; Response to Immigration Enforcement - On a motion by Patrick Schlosser, seconded by Amber Hom, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved Board Policies/Administrative Regulations Agenda Item 9.04.
- .05 Approval to Retire Board Policy BP 3515.7 Video Surveillance Security System – Public Comment read by Dr. Steve Levin as it related to agenda items 9.05-9.08. The Board did not see any drastic changes to the policies, but more of a consolidation. Dr. Lamb clarified that these items were originally discussed with the Board in December 2025 and is a continuation of the discussion with the direction of the Board. Use of Firearms is being included, and a sub section is included on surveillance systems. Items are being moved to the appropriate policy to be aligned. The Board agreed that they are intertwined and together, and they keep the policies unified. Clarification was given as it related to complaints and public comment, the board policies in place at the time of the incident remain in place. The Board recommends approving items 9.05-9.08 as a group.  
  
On a motion by Patrick Schlosser, seconded by Dr. Steven Levin, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved Board Policies/Administrative Regulations Agenda Items 9.05-9.08.
- .06 Approval of Adoption of Board Policy BP 3515 Business; Campus Security
- .07 Approval to Retire Board Policy BP 7515 Security
- .08 Approval to Retire Administrative Regulation AR 7515 Security Incidents and Key Control
- .09 Approval to Revise Administrative Regulation AR 3314.3 Credit Card Usage - On a motion by Marisol Sanchez, seconded by Michael Razo, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved Board Policies/Administrative Regulations Agenda Item 9.09.
- .10 Approval to Revise Board Policy BP 3400 Management of Organization Assets/Accounts - On a motion by Patrick Schlosser, seconded by Marisol Sanchez, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved Board Policies/Administrative Regulations Agenda Item 9.10.

## **10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation

**11. BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS** – Patrick Schlosser appreciates the board entertaining his questions on the LCAP. Dr. Lamb commends staff and teachers on excellent CASSPP testing and how much students are learning in the process. ROTC received instructors of the year, and Colonel Armstrong received Regional Instructor of the Year and Dr. Lamb is very proud. She wished Varteni Krikorian the best in her new role at another district. Interview candidates came with passion, long term commitment, and she is looking forward to the future. The leadership cohort is launching with more than 40 employees desiring growth and is excited to work with the next generation of leaders.

**12. ADJOURN** – Chairman Carlos adjourned the meeting at 6:41 pm.