



MINUTES

1. OPENING ITEMS

- .01 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Chairman Carlos called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- .02 Roll Call – LCER Board Members Present: Chairman Yolanda Carlos, Amber Hom, Dr. Steve Levin, Michael Razo, Marisol Sanchez, and Lucy Tello. LCER Board Members Absent: Patrick Schlosser.
- .03 Adoption of the Agenda – A motion to adopt the agenda as presented was made by Marisol Sanchez, seconded by Dr. Steven Levin. The motion passed by a roll call vote 6-0.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- .01 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held January 26, 2026 – On a motion by Michael Razo, seconded by Marisol Sanchez, vote 6-0, 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 Sahara Dawson updated the Board on highlights including sports, ASB, upcoming Prom that will be on the Queen Mary, Ambassador’s activities, ROTC fundraising, and ROTC camp at the Marine Corps Logistics Base. Senior Leadership Team is hosting a Squid Games themed tournament. Grad Nite fundraising continues. Destination Imagination was held last weekend and was a very successful STEM night with many teams placing and moving on to the state competition. ARISS contact is taking place in the week of March 16th. NSLA Student Ambassador Leobardo Morales updated the Board on the African American History Month Committee’s contests and celebrations. PTL fundraisers are happening. Upcoming events included SLC hosting a fundraiser for Prom and Ambassadors promoting Celestial Showdown. Leobardo also announced and congratulated soccer for their recent accomplishment.
- .02 AAE Mock Trial Presentation and Recognitions – Students shared their personal experiences and accomplishments within AAE’s Mock Trial Team. May Lam Boettcher was recognized for her 2nd place in journalism and looks forward to competing at the state level. The Board presented the students with certificates of recognition. Chairman Carlos congratulated the students for all their accomplishments.
- .03 NSLA 4th Annual Poetry Out Loud Presentation and Recognitions – Mr. Tellyer presented on behalf of Norton’s Poetry Out Loud and gave honorable mentions to students Maximillian Goodly and Luis Barajas. The students spoke on their own experiences, achievements, growth, and leadership, including being recognized by Superintendent Ted Alejandre. Mrs. Maldonado spoke to the opportunities the program offers. The Board presented the students with certificates of recognition.
- .04 NSLA Boys Varsity Soccer Team Presentation and Recognitions – Coach Victor Varela gave special recognition to Francisco Gomez, Raymon Valdez, and Alan Monreal for their contributions on leading the students to success. Students shared with the Board their efforts, challenges, and experiences, including their appreciation for their coach and one another. The Board presented the students with certificates of recognition.
- .05 NSLA Principal’s School Update – Erika Agosto updated the Board on LCAP testing and the organization of the students, actively showing what they are learning. Elementary and secondary grades show strong and consistent C6 language strategies being integrated. These strategies support EO learners. iReady data was reported, continuing to show gains. Norton continued to focus on math skills and math tutoring. More tutoring will be offered with OG strategies. Eleven of fifty-three schools in San Bernardino County have reported no red indicators, including NSLA being among the eleven.
- .06 AAE Principal’s School Update – Chet Richards updated the Board on attendance, suspensions, ARISS contact, Destination Imagination, Spring sports, and SRLA. Additional updates included facilities, potential science labs, and introduction of new staff members. Future electives and student opportunities included three new classes

being added. Staff evaluations and reviews are taking place and allow for supportive dialog. Math curriculum adoption is being narrowed down to begin implementing next year district wide. Chronic absenteeism was reported. Chairman Carlos thanked Mr. Richards for his update.

- .07 AAE and NSLA TK Presentation – Mr. Richards and Mrs. Agosto shared their TK presentation that opened up additional classes and allowing more students to enroll by creating a new schedule; AM and PM classes. The teacher, along with two paraprofessionals would be provided in each class. Proposed schedules were presented but have not been finalized. Chairman Carlos thanked the Principals for taking into consideration student learning and supports for acclimation. Dr. Levin asked for clarification if morning/afternoon students will interact with one other. Mr. Richards responded that they will not have recess or meals together, but they will think about opportunities for integration. Mrs. Tello asked for additional information on TK childcare while older siblings are still in school. The Principals responded with potential plans and are actively looking more into it.
- .08 AAE and NSLA Mid-Year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Updates – Heather Muir and David Gruber presented to the Board current information on AAE’s mid-year LCAP. Metrics and goals were highlighted and discussed. Mrs. Sanchez asked for clarification on the midyear measurement. Mrs. Muir gives an explanation and offered to provide information by grade level upon request. The reported scores provide an indicator for state testing. LCAP budgets and mid-year expenditures were reviewed and explained. Suspension rate, climate survey, and chronic absenteeism metrics were reviewed. NSLA’s LCAP metrics and mid-year outcome data were reviewed by item line along with goals and actions. Mrs. Hom asked if there was a correlation between chronic absenteeism and suspension rates. In response, that specific data has not been looked into for comparison, but elementary absenteeism is noted higher than secondary. Dr. Levin asked within the overall progress for the remaining school year, are the allocation of funds put towards each category being evaluated. Ms. Muir and Dr. Lamb responded that justification of expenses are constantly being looked in to and comparing the data.
- .09 Jeff Nigro, Nigro and Nigro, High Desert Partnership in Academic Excellence Foundation, Inc. Final Audit for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025 –Mr. Nigro reported to the board that there were no audit findings. The Board thanked Mr. Nigro for his work and expressed their gratitude.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

5. CONSENT ITEMS

- .01 Approve AAE Comprehensive School Safety Plan 2026-27
- .02 Approve NSLA Comprehensive School Safety Plan 2026-27
- .03 Approve LCER Ambassadors Overnight Field Trip to Sacramento, CA on March 30, 2026 - April 2, 2026
- .04 Approve AAE Whale Tail Overnight Field Trip to Newport Coast, CA on May 29, 2026 - May 31, 2026 (Contingent Upon Receipt of Grant Funding)
- .05 Approve AAE California Mock Trial Courtroom Journalist Contest Overnight Field Trip to Oakland, CA on March 20, 2026- March 22, 2026

On a motion by Marisol Sanchez, seconded by Michael Razo, vote 6-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved consent agenda items 5.01-5.05.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- .01 Lewis Center Foundation Board Update – Marisol Sanchez, Foundation Board Chairman – Mrs. Sanchez updated the Board that the Foundation is still working towards fundraising strategies and community engagement. Upcoming Foundation events include the 2027 Golf Tournament, Social in May, and Gala in San Bernardino themed Casino Royale. Operationally, the Foundation discussed increased participation, on-campus presence, student participation, and having a bigger impact on both campuses.
- .02 Discussion of AAE and NSLA School Calendar and Bell Schedule for 2027-28 School Year – Mr. Richards and Mrs. Agosto opted for feedback from teachers and staff, and changes included moving fall break a week in advance to align with AVUSD and utilized an extra day off by adding it to February. A calendar draft will be brought forward to the Board at a future meeting. It was noted that the 2026/27 school calendar had a clerical error giving Norton an additional minimum day in October. This will be corrected and removed.
- .03 Discussion of NSLA Williams Monitoring Process – Second Quarterly Report – Mrs. Agosto reported there were no findings and continue moving in a positive direction.

7. 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 LCER Board Attendance Log
- .05 LCER Board/Lewis Center Foundation Give & Get

8. BOARD POLICIES / ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

- .01 Status on LCER Board Policy Updates – Dr. Lamb updated the Board that there are several policies being reviewed by legal including Acceptable Use Agreement, Suspension and Expulsion, Student Behavioral Health Concerns, Campus Security and Firearms on Campus. Response to Immigration Enforcement related to AB49 is also being reviewed by YM&C to see if additional language was needed.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None

10. BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS

Dr. Lamb shared that she was asked to join CharterSafe's Board and is looking forward to the onboarding process. She will be attending the upcoming CharterSafe Summit along with Executive Team members. Dr. Lamb has joined VVC's President's Circle and will be attending their gala this weekend. The Changemaker Hub Cohort took place at NSLA last week and was a success. The Changemaker Hub Community Event takes place on March 10th at NSLA with notable panelists participating and all are invited to attend. The SciAct grant is actively being worked on and the proposal is progressing. Construction talks are in the preliminary stages for both sites and have been consulting with a construction manager.

11. CLOSED SESSION

- .01 Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation: Grandparent on Behalf of Student v. Academy for Academic Excellence; Government Code § 54956.9(a) – The Board convened into closed session at 7:11 p.m.

12. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

The Board reconvened into open session at 7:55 p.m. Chairman Carlos reported that the Board unanimously approved the settlement agreement regarding agenda item 11.01. A copy of the redacted settlement agreement is available for review upon request.

13. ADJOURN

Chairman Carlos adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.