High Desert "Partnership in Academic Excellence" Foundation, Inc. dba
LEWIS CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH
Regular Board Meeting Agenda
06/08/2026 - 04:30 PM

MINUTES

1. OPENING ITEMS

.01 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Chairman Carlos called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

.02 Roll Call – LCER Board Members Present: Chairman Yolanda Carlos, Amber Hom, Dr. Steven Levin (remote), Michael Razo (remote), Marisol Sanchez, Patrick Schlosser, and Lucy Tello.

.03 Adoption of the Agenda – A motion to adopt the agenda as presented was made by Michael Razo, seconded by Dr. Steven Levin. 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 May 18, 2026 – On a motion by Patrick Schlosser, seconded by Dr. Steven Levin, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved agenda item 2.01.

.02 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting Held May 28, 2026 – On a motion by Marisol Sanchez, seconded by Michael Razo, vote 4-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved agenda item 2.02. Dr. Steve Levin, Patrick Schlosser, and Amber Nom were not present for the Special Meeting and abstained from voting.

3. RECOGNITIONS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

.01 LCER Ambassador's Student Update – AAE Student Ambassadors Ellianna De La Rosa and Jessica Malek updated the Board on sports, athletics awards, Ambassadors activities, ROTC, Student Leadership Team (SLT) awards, scholarships awards, Grad Nite, and Senior Week. Graduation is on June 12th, and all are invited to attend. NSLA Student Ambassadors Katelyn Remigio and Leobardo Morales updated the Board on ASB activities, CA Cadet Corp, who will be presenting colors at Senior Awards and graduation. Other updates included introduction of new Ambassadors and their upcoming blood drive on July 21st, athletics, Senior Graduation, and other senior events. Dr. Lamb praised the outgoing Ambassador Presidents on all their accomplishments and is excited for the upcoming year with the new and returning Ambassadors.

.02 AAE Principal's School Update – Principal Richards updated the Board on data and indicators, and improvement of scores on the CAASPP testing. Promotions are taking place this week, including Kindergarten on the morning of June 9th. Staffing recruitment continues. Next year's focus includes PLC implementation and essential standards, teacher collaboration, improving attendance, and improved math scores with the new curriculum.

.03 NSLA Principal's School Update – Principal Agosto updated the Board on celebrations, encouraging incoming CAASPP scores, data, and addressing gaps for next school year. Attendance data, suspensions, and Alternative Learning Center (ALC) information was shared.

.04 Social Emotional Learning Update – Toni Preciado introduced the mental health department team and shared their presentation on LCER Mental Health Supports. Gratitude was expressed for the support that the team provides, especially since May being Mental Health Awareness Month. Topics discussed were challenges students face, LCER mental health supports available, summary of current cases, Navigate 360 Behavior Intervention and SEL Curriculum at NSLA, and Close Gap pilot program at NSLA. Upcoming plans include implementing Navigate 360 and Close Gap at AAE and increasing the number of providers to scale the program. Mr. Schlosser inquired on CYBHI and asked if LCER can apply to be direct providers. In response, Mrs. Preciado explained the current MOU in place with DMCC and will revisit that billing in the future. Dr. Levin asked about end of year temperature check in current cases and if data shows improvement or management. In response, SEL counseling has shown more cases of prevention than intervention. Seniors have shown improvement through systems and structure, allowing them to be more prepared upon graduation. Mrs. Sanchez asked how, through communication, the community and families can be made aware of all the services offered. Mrs. Preciado explained current processes and practices of informing staff and families.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

5. CONSENT ITEMS

.01 Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between Lewis Center for Education Research and Think Together

.02 Approve Service Agreement with Think Together Between Norton Science and Language Academy and Think Together

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.05 Approve Resolution 2026-01 Regarding AAE Education Protection Account (EPA)

.06 Approve Resolution 2026-02 Regarding NSLA Education Protection Account (EPA)

.07 Approve Revision to 2026-27 LCER Board Meeting Dates

On a motion by Dr. Steven Levin, seconded by Patrick Schlosser, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved consent agenda items 5.01-5.07.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

.01 Lewis Center Foundation Board Update – Marisol Sanchez, Foundation Board Chairman, announced the Distinguished Service Awards will be announced this week, the Gala is taking place on September 12, 2026 in Redlands at the Mitten Building, scholarships were awarded totaling $22,500, and the Golf Committee is hoping to hold the annual golf tournament on June 14, 2027. Those interested in becoming a Foundation Board member are encouraged to reach out for more information.

.02 Approve AAE Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Budget Overview for Parents, 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) – Heather Muir discussed changes made to the current LCAP and updates. Items on the Planned Expenditures were discussed and reviewed.

On a motion by Patrick Schlosser, seconded by Marisol Sanchez, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved agenda item 6.02.

.03 Approve AAE 2026 Annual Update and Local Indicators – Heather Muir presented on the annual update and highlights of the local indicators.

On a motion by Patrick Schlosser, seconded by Amber Hom, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved agenda item 6.03.

.04 Approve NSLA Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Budget Overview for Parents, 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

On a motion by Patrick Schlosser, seconded by Dr. Steven Levin, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved agenda item 6.04.

.05 Approve NSLA 2026 Annual Update and Local Indicators – Heather Muir presented on the annual update and highlights of the local indicator.

On a motion by Michael Razo, seconded by Dr. Steven Levin, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved agenda item 6.05.

.06 Approve LCER Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27 – David Gruber reviewed the continued budget implications. He mentioned that staff will return a day earlier to complete training videos so that student academic time is not impacted. Mrs. Sanchez inquired about lobbying for SB740 due to the impact that it will have on NSLA. The district is working with CSDC and letters of support are being asked to be submitted to the local legislature. Mr. Schlosser asked for additional details on the one time block grant.

- AAE Budget Detail
- NSLA Budget Detail

On a motion by Michael Razo, seconded by Dr. Steven Levin, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved agenda item 6.06.

.07 Approve Amendments to LCER Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation – Dr. Lamb explained the purpose for the amendments and the guidance given from CSDC. Attorneys from Young, Minney and Corr reviewed the current Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation and provided their recommendations for updates. Steps to complete the process were shared with the Board, which included agenda item 6.09 to be signed and submitted if approved.

On a motion by Patrick Schlosser, seconded by Marisol Sanchez, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved agenda item 6.07.

.08 Discuss LCER Acceptable Use Agreement – Ryan Dorcey shared that the agreement was submitted to legal for updating and it was returned that no changes were needed at this time.

.09 Authorize CEO to Complete CalSTRS Form 0765 on Behalf of the Lewis Center Board of Directors

On a motion by Dr. Steven Levin, seconded by Lucy Tello, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved agenda item 6.09.

7. INFORMATION INCLUDED IN PACKET

.01 Grant Tracking Report

.02 LCER Financial Reports

- Checks Over $10K
- Budget Comparisons
- Lewis Center Foundation Financial Reports

.03 LCER Board Attendance Log

.04 LCER Board/Lewis Center Foundation Give & Get

.05 AAE and NSLA 03/31/2026 Campanile Quarterly Financial Reports

.06 AAE and NSLA Consolidated Application and Reporting System (CARS) Semi Annual Reports

.07 AAE and NSLA Instructional Minutes for 2027-2028 School Year

.08 Information of the School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (SMAA) and Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) Agreement No. 26/27-0193 with the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools

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8. BOARD POLICIES / ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

.01 Approval of Revision to Board Policy BP 3550 Food Service Child Nutrition Program

.02 Approval of Revision to Board Policy BP 3551 Food Service Operations Cafeteria Fund

.03 Approval of Revision to Board Policy BP 3553 Free and Reduced Meals Program

.04 Approval of Revision to Board Policy BP 3554 Other Food Sales

David Gruber explained that the policies were outdated and in need of updating. Revisions were made to align with current practices. Mr. Gruber explained the purpose of each policy and revision. The Board agreed to vote on agenda items 8.01-8.04 as a group. Clarification was made that there is no fiscal implication and does not affect the general operating budget.

On a motion by Dr. Steven Levin, seconded by Michael Razo, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved agenda items 8.01-8.04.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None

10. BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS - None

11. ADJOURN – Chairman Carlos adjourned the meeting at 6:27 pm.