



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

**Regular Board Meeting Agenda**

**12/15/2025 - 04:30 PM**

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

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

Additional Locations: 1936 De Anza Dr. Colton, CA; 4110 Berryman Ave. Los Angeles, CA;

737 W. Citrus St., Colton, CA

# MINUTES

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## 1. OPENING ITEMS

- .01 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Chairman Carlos called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.
- .02 Roll Call - LCER Board Members Present: Chairman Yolanda Carlos, Michael Razo, Jessica Rodriguez, Marisol Sanchez, Pat Schlosser, Lucy Tello. LCER Board Members Absent: Dr. Steven Levin.
- .03 Adoption of the Agenda - A motion to adopt the agenda as presented was made by Pat Schlosser, seconded by Marisol Sanchez. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 6-0.

## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- .01 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held November 3, 2025 - On a motion by Jessica Rodriguez, seconded by Pat Schlosser, 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 – NSLA Student Ambassador Tiffany Good, Fernanda Hernandez, and Max Goodly updated the board on events including the participation in Redlands and YMCA parades. Other events included ASB prep rally, free dress week, and FASFA workshops. Elementary Winter performances took place and Mouse O'Grams are on sale. Military recruiters came to provide information on their programs. Pizza for Poetry and Poetry Out Loud took place. Christmas Break begins December 19. AAE Student Ambassadors Ellianna De La Rosa and Elena Acuna updated the board on student activities including soccer games held last week again NSLA. Other events included Mock Trial, Student/Staff Bake Off and participation in the Victorville Holiday Parade. ROTC had their yearly unit evaluation conducted by MSgt Toledo and received a 100% score, and Dining-In took place. Multiple music performances were held. Student Ward Halwani received a full scholarship to Duke University and was celebrated. Chairman Carlos thanked them for the update.
- .02 World Savvy Workforce in the Age of AI Conference Highlights and Outcomes – Ambassadors Max Goodly, Tiffany Good, Sahara Dawson, Landon Applegate, Lilyan Fundell provided to the Board an overview of their experience at the conference and how student voices made an impact to leaders who participated in the conversation. Outcomes from the conference and desired results were shared. Critical conversations are being implemented into more schools and they are looking for more involvement to implement and share their knowledge. Chairman Carlos was refreshed to hear that students are on the cutting edge of humanizing AI and commended all of the students with the knowledge that they are gaining.
- .03 Secondary Math Course Pathway Updates – Mrs. Goulet, Mr. Klopping, and Mr. Richards from AAE presented to the board their presentation that included reevaluating the current integrated math pathway. A pros and cons summary was provided along with CAASPP/SAT performance data. A recommendation for LCER to transition was explained. When looking at math in PLC groups, math teachers were asking questions about the pathway that needed to be explored. The goal is that teachers from both schools working collaboratively and it is research based. Mrs. Sanchez asked for clarification which grade levels it will impact. Mr. Richards responded and explained how it impacts high school, 11<sup>th</sup> grade CAASPP, and other testing. Pat Schlosser provided comments and concerns. Mr. Richards further explained the benefits. Mr. Klopping explained the challenges with the current curriculum. Mrs. Rodriguez commented that she was happy to hear this conversation came from various meetings, and team collaboration. Chairman Carlos agreed. Mrs. Agosto added information that students were scoring better on CAASPP when students were using the traditional model.
- .04 NSLA 2025-26 Williams First Quarterly Reports – Mrs. Agosto updated the Board on the Williams reports and its findings. Chairman Carlos congratulated NSLA.
- .05 NSLA Principal's School Update – Mrs. Agosto provided information to the board on attendance data and performance data. They are taking the data back and discussing next steps. They are taking professional

development training on a three year commitment to Riverside Office of Education on how to focus on fata and honor it. Staff feedback was to look at the mission statement and know that it is relevant and being met. Chairman Carlos thanked Mrs. Agosto.

.06 AAE Principal's School Update – Mr. Richards discussed the PLC process and how it is guiding them to work together collaboratively. They have also looked at their mission statement which doesn't include elementary perspective. He would like it to speak to all grade levels, parents, and students. Data was shared on attendance and academics. Family Voices brought a lot of positive feedback as well as challenges and concerns that the team is looking to improve. Mr. Richards reported on student activities the ROTC's Unit Evaluation. Finals week is taking place and students are dismissed at 12:30 Tuesday through Thursday. Attendance Recovery continued to be a focus. Chairman Carlos thanked Mr. Richards.

.07 Board Recognition: Appreciation for Outgoing Board Member Jessica Rodriguez Completing Her Term – Dr. Lamb presented Mrs. Rodriguez with flowers and a Certificate of Appreciation. The Board and Executive Team shared their appreciation and sentiments. They thanked Mrs. Rodriguez for her leadership, wisdom, and dedication. Mrs. Rodriguez responded with appreciation.

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.**

#### **5. CONSENT ITEMS**

.01 Approve Senior Class 2026 Disneyland Grad Nite Field Trip – On a motion by Marisol Sanchez, seconded by Jessica Rodriguez, vote 6-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved the consent agenda.

#### **6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

.01 Lewis Center Foundation Board Update – Marisol Sanchez, Foundation Board Chairman

- LCER Social at Escape Craft Brewery in Redlands on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 5pm-7pm

Mrs. Sanchez provided additional updates on the Golf Tournament planning Foundation Board and Committee recruitment

.02 Discuss and Approve Nominating Committee Recommendation of Amber Hom as a Member of the LCER Board of Directors – The Board shared that Mrs. Nom is highly qualified, an Apple Valley resident, and would make a great addition to the Board. Dr. Lamb she has experience with Mitsubishi Cement and St. Mary's. The HR Director was included in the interview process. Mitsubishi Cement has been a committed community member and has been invested when serving for the board in the past. Mitsubishi Cement has been the largest donor in Lewis Center history.

On a motion by Pat Schlosser, seconded by Jessica Rodriguez, vote 6-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved action item 6.02.

.03 Discuss and Approve Nominating Committee Recommendation of Slate of LCER Board Officers for 2026

- Yolanda Carlos, Chairman
- Marisol Sanchez, Vice Chairman
- Dr. Steve Levin, Secretary
- Michael Razo, Treasurer

On a motion by Jessica Rodriguez, seconded by Pat Schlosser, vote 6-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved action item 6.03.

.04 Discuss and Approve Private Security Service Agreement with Norton Science and Language Academy and District and Charter Patrol Private Security – Mr. Gruber provided context for the need of additional resources and San Bernardino City Unified School District services that are no longer provided. The Executive Team toured other campuses that utilized DCPatrol and observed. Zee McKnight from DCPatrol was present and answered questions to his services and training his staff obtains. Mr. Razo asked for comparables on equitable services through San Bernardino County versus DCPatrol. Mr. Gruber answered that services will be onsite, which far exceeds what the city was previously providing since they were an on-call service. Mr. Gruber explained the budget details and contract effective date of January 12, 2026 if approved. Mrs. Tello included perspective as an NSLA parent and her concerns. Mrs. Agosto added that in her observations, she saw the personality given and relationship building they had with students. They are not to be an oppositional figure. Mr. Gruber stated that all current CSOs will remain on campus, this will be an add on service and the training resource will bring site support to the next level. Mrs. Sanchez asked for clarification if the COI requires a

change when armed security is provided. Mr. Gruber answered that it is the same amount of coverage and provided more detail. Privacy implications through Ed Code or School Policies on use of body cams, body cam footage and usage, and student records including ownership of footage were discussed. Introduction of services to the community was discussed. The Board suggested postponing action until student records access and process is clear. The Board asked to omit use of body cam usage at this time and motion to approve the contract with that omission.

On a motion by Pat Schlosser, seconded by Jessica Rodriguez, vote 6-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved Action Item 6.04.

.05 Discuss Updated Strategic Plan – Dr. Lamb shared proposed updates to the LCER Strategic Plan. The strategic goal of the Board and Executive Team is to ensure student success by serving the whole student through effective academic, behavioral, and social-emotional programs. Each objective shared serve to support student achievement. Three Objectives and their strategies were reviewed. The Board appreciated the information and thanked Dr. Lamb. She will update the board report with the new information, and it will be available for the next meeting. The Executive Team will be meeting on January 9.

## **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 AAE and NSLA Quarterly Financial Reports (Phan 12/31)
- .05 LCER Board Attendance Log
- .06 LCER Board/Lewis Center Foundation Give & Get

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

- .01 Approval of Revision to Board Policy BP 4400 – Personnel, Hiring Practices
- .02 Approval of Revision to Administrative Regulation AR 4400 – Personnel, Hiring Practices
- .03 Approval of Revision to Board Policy BP 6163.4 – Instruction, Student Use of Technology
- .04 Approval to Retire Administrative Regulation AR 6163.4 – Instruction, Student Use of Technology

On a motion by Pat Schlosser, seconded by Marisol Sanchez, vote 6-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved Board Policies/Administrative Regulations Agenda Items 8.01-8.04.

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- AB1230 – Changes in Pupil Discipline on Expulsions
- Student Board Members – They are not required at this time, but the Board would like to discuss. Dr. Lamb will share a presentation and the board would be interested to learn more.

## **10. BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS –**

Mr. Schlosser thanked the team for answering all of his questions and their patience. Mrs. Rodriguez gave one last thanks and shared her appreciation. Dr. Lamb thanked the Lewis Center Foundation for the staff appreciation socks. All staff reflection and comments were shared. At NSLA, things shared were belonging, inclusion, affirmation and positive impacts on culture. Foundational skills are growing. CKH had positive feedback. At AAE, Academic rigor and student approach to studies was strong including high level of instruction.

## **11. CLOSED SESSION**

- .01 Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation: Parents on Behalf of Student v. Academy for Academic Excellence. OAH Case Number 2025081142

Government Code § 54956.9(a)

The Board convened into closed session at 7:01 p.m.

## **12. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

The Board reconvened into open session at 7:22 p.m. Chairman Carlos reported that the board unanimously approved the settlement agreement regarding item 12.01. A copy of the redacted settlement agreement regarding OAH Case Number 2025081142 is available for review upon request.

## **13. ADJOURN**

Chairman Carlos adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.