



MINUTES

1. OPENING ITEMS

- .01 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – 4:30pm
- .02 Roll Call - LCER Board Members Present: Amber Hom (remotely), Dr. Steve Levin (remotely), Marisol Sanchez, Pat Schlosser, and Lucy Tello. LCER Board Members Absent: Yolanda Carlos, Michael Razo
- .03 Adoption of the Agenda – Adopted as presented

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- .01 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held March 16, 2026 - On a motion by Patrick Schlosser, seconded by Dr. Steven Levin, vote 5-0, 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, Haylee Berg, and Elena Acuna updated the Board on recent sports, fundraisers, prom, and upcoming events. Ambassador's updates included a trip to Sacramento, Legislative Power Lunch with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and Ignite with the Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce. ROTC participated in Leadership Camp at Barstow Logistics Base and have done selections for next year's positions. Other events included senior events, Key Club's staff vs student basketball game, and STEM participated in an ARISS contact with the International Space Station. NSLA Student Ambassadors David Ruiz and Leobardo Morales updated the Board on ASB events, Ambassadors, iReady celebrations, ELPAC testing completion, Poetry Out Loud, and Changemaker Hub with World Savvy. Additional updates on sports including baseball, softball, and Esports. Leobardo was accepted into a KVCR internship program where he is working on a documentary over the span of ten weeks.
- .02 Destination Imagination Presentation – Mike Schneider, Olivia Schneider, and Caysin Gonzales updated the Board on the Destination Imagination program and benefits learned from it. Students shared their experiences and skills gained. Certificates of recognition were awarded to the participants and their team managers.
- .03 AAE SRLA Presentation – Jennifer Cortez (coach) and Kiara Riley (team captain) presented to the Board on the SRLA program history with AAE students and their accomplishments. She discussed all of the sponsorships and scholarships that the program provides to students across Los Angeles and surrounding communities. Ms. Riley shared her own experience and support that she had received from her family and friends. Photos were displayed showing an upside down "AAE" and the story behind the tradition was shared.
- .04 AAE Principal's School Update – Principal Richards updated the Board with data on enrollment, attendance, behavior, interventions, and PLC training. State testing will begin and good conversations are taking place with students to help prepare them. AP testing and AP research are taking place this week. NHS students spent the weekend beautifying the campus and gained community service hours. Staffing needs and interviews are taking place, along with other end of the year activities.
- .05 NSLA Principal's School Update – Principal Agosto updated the Board on finishing the year strong. Attendance, behavior, enrollment, and academic data was reported. Attendance recovery opportunities continue. A continued partnership with Loma Linda will allow staff to speak to students about the dangers of vaping. LCAP data is being awaited. iReady scores and growth data was shared. State testing will begin. Mrs. Agosto praised the TK team for their expertise and planning.

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – One community member addressed the Board regarding agenda item 6.02, NSLA's 5th grade promotion.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

- .01 Approve AAE and NSLA Calendar for 2027-2028 School Year

On a motion by Patrick Schlosser, seconded by Dr. Steven Levin, vote 5-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved the consent agenda.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- .01 Lewis Center Foundation Board Update – Marisol Sanchez, Foundation Board Chairman, announced the upcoming gala will be held on September 12, 2026, with a Casino Royale theme, at the Mitten Building in Redlands. Nominations for Distinguished Service Awards are now being accepted. Donations for scholarships are being accepted, and the committee will meet the first week of May to make their selections.
- .02 NSLA 5th Grade Promotion Process; Stakeholders Involvement and Parent Engagement – Principal Agosto shared a summary regarding the consideration to revise the fifth-grade promotion process, driven by a decline in academic, attendance, and behavioral data at the elementary level. She explained that she sought to mirror the successful secondary grade model where stricter guidelines were implemented, resulting in increased positive behavior and attendance. It was discussed to move that model slowly into elementary. Principal Agosto noted that the promotion rollout plan was not yet finalized when a parent inquired at a Cafecito meeting. This accelerated the timeline, contributing to misinformation. Administration met with the 5th grade team, who expressed the same concerns surrounding attendance and behavioral concerns. Principal Agosto emphasized that parent concerns raised at the previous board meeting were being taken into serious consideration. Board members provided discussion on process and engagement. Dr. Levin highlighted the importance of separating the process from the content. He noted that effective communication must be two-way, timely, and involve all stakeholders. He observed that while the administration appeared to have a plan to meet these criteria, the timing was compromised, leading to the perception that a final decision had been made without parent input. Communicating forward, having a plan with future meeting dates including clear opportunities for input is necessary. Mr. Schlosser acknowledged the goals but emphasized the necessity of providing advance communication of changes and targets, ideally from the first day of school, so students and families have clear expectations. Principal Agosto reiterated that attendance expectations were communicated early on. Informing parents vs parent involvement was discussed. Mrs. Tello shared that she sought clarity at March's Cafecito but left feeling dismissed, stating that families did not feel valued or meaningfully heard. Frustration continued around clarity and timely communication and that the proposed changes felt rushed and punitive given the late timing. Clarification and next steps were discussed and included a meeting scheduled within the week to include the fifth-grade teachers and parent representatives. A future agenda item to review the final plan and discuss how parent input specifically influenced the outcome.
- .03 NSLA Current Bonds Status and Potential Phase 3 Construction – Mr. Gruber shared construction needs, bond information, and draft level proposals. At NSLA, existing spaces are currently being occupied, and additional space is needed for student programs. At AAE, new science labs are desired, but current budget does not allow for completion. Special Education classrooms and an additional restroom are needed. Desired outcomes were shared for both sites. Mr. Schlosser followed up on the current debt terms. John Pham shared his presentation and reviewed existing bonds, financing options, general terms, pros and cons. Clarification was asked on the investment grade for AAE. Mr. Pham explained how it acts as a credit score for investments, and that it is at the highest rating that a charter school can receive. The team will work closely with Mr. Pham when considering these upcoming projects and their feasibility. The Executive team will be mindful and not overextend themselves. Next steps included communication at the upcoming All Staff Meeting and bringing all stakeholders into the conversation.
- .04 Discussion and Update on Student Governing Board and Foundation Board Member Positions – Dr. Lamb expanded on conversations including student board members. Input was collected from other student leadership groups. Next steps include planning a meeting to speak with ASB about the opportunity. A draft Basic Application form was shared with the Board to gather input. Process suggestions discussed. Student leadership perspective was shared. Governing Board student role was discussed further along with their responsibilities. The board commented that the questions presented on the Basic Application were very thoughtful.
- .05 Bud Biggs Legacy Scholarship – Donations are being accepted from the Board, and they are encouraged to raise enough funds to donate an additional scholarship to an NSLA student. Mitsubishi Cement has historically donated to sustain this scholarship. The history of Bud Biggs and information on his legacy scholarship was shared.

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 Approval of Revision to Board Policy BP 6183 Home and Hospital Instruction – Revisions were reviewed. Additional clarifications are needed and will be brought back in May for approval.
- .02 Discussion of Adoption of Board Policy BP 5141.8 Students; Behavior Health Referrals – Newly drafted policy included suggestions provided by the district’s attorneys. It needs additional language and will be brought back in May for approval.
- .03 Discussion and Approval of Revision to Board Policy BP 5144 Discipline; Suspension/Expulsion – Revisions were reviewed.

On a motion by Patrick Schlosser, seconded by Amber Hom, vote 5-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved the first read of Board Policies/Administrative Regulations Agenda items 8.01-8.03 and will be brought back at the next meeting for a second read and final approval.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- .01 Clear plan for future processes and discussions when parent input can influence changes, including stakeholder engagements and concepts of moving targets.

10. BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS – Dr. Lamb commented on the Budget Planning Workshop is scheduled for May 28, 2026. Three board members are unavailable to attend and will need to confirm attendance to determine to move forward with a quorum. Senior Awards Ceremonies will be on May 31st for AAE and June 9th for NSLA. AAE’s Senior Commencement will be on June 12th, and NSLA’s on June 11th. All Staff meetings will be held on May 20th at NSLA and June 3rd for AAE. A DoodlePoll for CKH training dates in September will be sent to the Board. Dr. Lamb participated in a listening session with the State Board of Education around differentiated assistance and felt honored to be part of that group.

11. ADJOURN – Vice Chairman Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.