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# Washington Latin

## Minutes

WLPCS Board of Governors Fall Retreat - October 2024

2nd St Campus

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### Date and Time

Wednesday October 16, 2024 at 12:00 PM

### Location

2nd St Campus

5200 2nd St NW

Washington DC 20011

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### Directors Present

A. Graham, B. Caldwell, B. Williams-Kief, C. McFadgion, E. Paisner, G. Kautt, K. Merritt, L. Ballenger, L. Rucker, M. Yeager

### Directors Absent

A. Jesseman, A. Zachariah, F. Perera, J. Osgood, P. Jayachandran

### Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

A. Graham, E. Paisner, L. Ballenger

### Guests Present

Anaka Osborne, C. Gifford, G. Izurieta, J. Kelly, L. Chia, P. Anderson

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## I. OPTIONAL : Soaking In The Latin Way At 2nd St

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### **Lunch (and seminars/walk-through)**

Several board members interacted with faculty and upper school students during lunch.

Barry Caldwell  
Glenn Kautt  
Carl McFadgion  
Ken Merritt  
Lisa Rucker  
Brendan Williams-Kief  
Margie Yeager

Tiffany Austin  
Caroline Coleman  
Geovanna Izurieta  
James Kelly  
Treshia Pettiford  
Alexander Porcelli  
Will Rumford  
Bryan Whitchurch

(student) Abigail Fitzpatrick  
(student) Aaron Gill  
(student) Folasade Jackson  
(student) Mia Jancachagua Espinoza  
(student) Brooke Oliver  
(student) Sebastian Risso  
(student) Capri Romney  
(student) Rina Saxon  
(student) Lydia Tiersky

Board members had two options after lunch:

- . observe two seminars in two different classes with Peter Anderson
- . a walk-through of several classes with (2nd St Principal) James Kelly

A. Graham arrived.

## **II. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

K. Merritt called a meeting of the board of directors of Washington Latin to order on Wednesday Oct 16, 2024 at 1:45 PM.

### C. Approve Minutes

G. Kautt made a motion to approve the minutes from WLPCS Board of Governors Special Meeting - September 2024 on 09-30-24.

B. Williams-Kief seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

K. Merritt	Aye
J. Osgood	Absent
A. Jesseman	Absent
A. Graham	Aye
F. Perera	Absent
B. Williams-Kief	Aye
A. Zachariah	Absent
L. Rucker	Aye
P. Jayachandran	Absent
B. Caldwell	Aye
M. Yeager	Aye
E. Paisner	Absent
L. Ballenger	Absent
G. Kautt	Aye
C. McFadgion	Aye

### D. Approve Minutes

G. Kautt made a motion to approve the minutes from Annual WLPCS Board of Governors Meeting - June 2024 on 06-13-24.

B. Williams-Kief seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

E. Paisner	Absent
A. Graham	Aye
P. Jayachandran	Absent
B. Caldwell	Aye
L. Ballenger	Absent
J. Osgood	Absent
A. Zachariah	Absent
A. Jesseman	Absent
B. Williams-Kief	Aye
K. Merritt	Aye
L. Rucker	Aye
F. Perera	Absent
C. McFadgion	Aye
G. Kautt	Aye
M. Yeager	Aye

### **III. WLPCS Board Of Governors Fall Retreat At 2nd St**

#### **A. Welcome And Framing**

Ken Merritt welcomed everybody to the WLPCS fall retreat at 2nd St. Brendan Williams-Kief was the time keeper and Carl McFadgion was the norms monitor.

All board members who were present during the optional portion (lunch/seminars/walk-through) of the fall retreat shared their "The Latin Way" experiences. The board members observed that the WLPCS community is diverse and inclusive and caring. The self confidence of the students (during lunch, during the seminars, during the walk-through) was highlighted. Faculty classroom management and student time management were also praised.

#### **B. Consent Agenda**

Peter Anderson (re)introduced and explained the Consent Agenda which will be used for all future board meetings. When financial information is part of the Consent Agenda, it might be useful to include a "financial" one pager.

E. Paisner arrived.

#### **C. Deep Dive Topic - Schools Program And Performance**

Caroline Gifford gave an update on the academics of the two campuses. One of the (adjusted) academic goals is to focus on both ends of the learning spectrum - students below grade level and students above grade level. A priority is to challenge all students, with an emphasis on the following:

- . vertical alignment in English
- . define/codify best practices re DBQ and socratic seminar

Year 1 of the strategic plan - goal setting process

Year 2 of the strategic plan - implementation phase (current)

James Kelly highlighted the success of the AP program at 2nd St.

Anaka Osborne talked about the academic data for AJC.

NOTE: The Oct 17 Thu Academic Committee meeting is cancelled.

L. Ballenger arrived.

#### **D. BREAK**

#### **E.**

## Governance Committee Update

Lisa Rucker shared the following:

- . additional feedback from board members about the proposed board engagement model
- . the (DRAFT) board calendar for the rest of SY24/25

The board members discussed whether to have one or two retreats. The second retreat (in Apr at AJC campus) is TBD. Instead of a(nother) 5 hour long combined engagement and meeting retreat, there was a suggestion to separate engagement from meeting to hopefully allow more participation from board members. Board members were asked to fill out a survey re a second board retreat.

## F. Executive (Closed) Session

L. Ballenger made a motion to enter into executive (closed) session to discuss an emergent issue - about personnel matters.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### Roll Call

F. Perera	Absent
P. Jayachandran	Absent
L. Ballenger	Aye
C. McFadgion	Aye
A. Jesseman	Absent
B. Williams-Kief	Aye
K. Merritt	Aye
B. Caldwell	Aye
J. Osgood	Absent
M. Yeager	Aye
G. Kautt	Aye
L. Rucker	Aye
A. Graham	Aye
E. Paisner	Aye
A. Zachariah	Absent

An emergent issue - about personnel matters - was discussed during the executive (closed) session.

L. Ballenger made a motion to exit the executive (closed) session.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### Roll Call

J. Osgood	Absent
B. Caldwell	Aye
A. Jesseman	Absent
P. Jayachandran	Absent
B. Williams-Kief	Aye

**Roll Call**

E. Paisner	Aye
F. Perera	Absent
A. Zachariah	Absent
L. Ballenger	Aye
A. Graham	Aye
C. McFadgion	Aye
G. Kautt	Aye
M. Yeager	Aye
K. Merritt	Aye
L. Rucker	Aye

**G. Open Space**

Oct 19 Sat : Fall Fest at 2nd St from 4pm to 8pm

Oct 19 Sat : start of Latin Pride (the annual campaign to raise needed funds for the school)

The Capital Campaign task force will be (re)activated shortly. There was a request for monthly financials to be made available to board members.

Peter Anderson identified four areas of work re the status of alum engagement.

- . alum connection
- . alum in need of support
- . alum as "giving" prospects
- . alum (and current students) who might potentially return to WLPCS to work

The following two items need follow up in future meetings.

- . the (leadership) thinking behind school policies
- . school growth (in particular, AJC)

**IV. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

B. Caldwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

L. Ballenger seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

A. Graham	Aye
B. Williams-Kief	Aye
F. Perera	Absent
A. Jesseman	Absent
M. Yeager	Aye
L. Ballenger	Aye

**Roll Call**

K. Merritt	Aye
L. Rucker	Aye
A. Zachariah	Absent
C. McFadgion	Aye
B. Caldwell	Aye
E. Paisner	Aye
P. Jayachandran	Absent
J. Osgood	Absent
G. Kautt	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
L. Chia

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