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## Washington Latin

### Minutes

#### WLPCS Board of Governors Meeting - January 2025

via ZOOM webinar

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##### Date and Time

Thursday January 30, 2025 at 6:00 PM

##### Location

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##### Directors Present

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

##### Directors Absent

*None*

##### Guests Present

C. Gifford (remote), D. Smith (remote), G. Izurieta (remote), L. Chia (remote), Lauren Massey (attendee) (remote), P. Anderson (remote), T. Porter (remote)

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#### I. 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 Thursday Jan 30, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

### **C. Opening Remarks**

For this meeting

- Carl McFadgion is the time keeper
- Margie Yeager is the norms monitor

Ken Merritt encouraged all board members to experience "The Latin Way" in person at the various WLPCS events.

## **II. The Latin Way Moment**

### **A. Share a story, quote, or recent experience that brought "The Latin Way" to life for you.**

Board members shared positive feedback about the SPED program at WLPCS, particularly at AJC. Members noted the lasting impact of The Latin Way on alumni relationships. Diana Smith shared alumni feedback highlighting the value of difficult conversations at WLPCS. A 5th grade pilot program was reported as progressing well.

## **III. Consent Agenda**

### **A. Approve Minutes**

G. Kautt made a motion to approve the minutes from WLPCS Board of Governors Meeting - November 2024 on 11-15-24.

L. Ballenger seconded the motion.

The board agreed to approve the following items from the Consent Agenda.

- LEA Executive Report for January 2025
- Admissions Snapshot

The board agreed to omit the following items from the Consent Agenda.

- Risk Management Update
- November 2024 Financials

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

### **Roll Call**

L. Rucker            Aye

**Roll Call**

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

**B. Approve Consent Agenda Items**

A. Graham made a motion to approve the following items from the Consent Agenda - LEA Executive Report For January 2025 - Admissions Snapshot.

G. Kautt seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**C. LEA Executive Report**

The board approved this Consent Agenda item, but there are questions about staffing that need to be addressed.

**D. Latest risk monitoring dashboard**

To allow for further discussion, the board agreed to omit this item from the Consent Agenda.

#### **E. November Financials**

To allow for further discussion, the board agreed to omit this item from the Consent Agenda.

#### **F. Snapshot of Applications for Admission**

The board approved this Consent Agenda item.

### **IV. Deep Dive Topic: Development and Community Affairs**

#### **A. Updates and recent dashboards**

The Board received an update on fundraising activities related to Strategic Plan Priority 4 - sustainability. Two dashboards were presented, indicating that we are 70% toward our campaign goal.

The Board was informed that the new development director will start in July 2025.

#### **B. Discussion**

Peter Anderson presented the possibility of naming opportunities for physical spaces and/or programs.

Board members were invited to a special event at the Metropolitan Club on Feb 18 Tue to introduce WLPCS to potential investors.

Peter Anderson elaborated about prospective foundation grants. The public phase of the campaign would include "Friends And Family" outreach.

In addition to making a meaningful personal contribution, each board member is asked to help with any/all of the following.

- leverage personal and professional networks
- host or sponsor an event
- participate in donor outreach/stewardship
- secure corporate/foundation sponsorships
- offer in-kind resources and/or expertise
- serve as a public champion and advocate
- motivate other board members
- share testimonials

- volunteer time

There was a brief discussion about the Faculty Fund.

The possibility of a special board meeting to review criteria for naming opportunities was discussed.

B. Caldwell made a motion to #1 - approve the prospect of a mini campaign recognizing Hunter Rawlings #2 - proceed with offering engraved building pavers to donors.

A. Graham seconded the motion.

All board members agreed to both #1 and #2.

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

#### **Roll Call**

P. Jayachandran Aye

K. Merritt Aye

J. Osgood Aye

B. Williams-Kief Aye

A. Zachariah Aye

A. Graham Aye

M. Yeager Aye

F. Perera Aye

G. Kautt Aye

A. Jesseman Aye

C. McFadgion Aye

L. Ballenger Aye

B. Caldwell Aye

E. Paisner Aye

L. Rucker Aye

The Board unanimously approved the following -

1) a mini campaign recognizing Hunter Rawlings

2) offering engraved building pavers to donors

## **V. Open Space**

### **A. Various topics**

The attendee left the meeting.

Tom Porter reported the construction project is currently on time and on budget.

There was some brief discussion about the financials.

Lisa Rucker noted several board members will be leaving at the end of SY24/25, creating vacancies that will need to be filled.

**VI. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

G. Kautt made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
A. Jesseman seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
L. Chia

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