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Minutes

WLPCS Board of Governors Meeting - March 2025

via ZOOM webinar

Date and Time
Thursday March 13, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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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), J. Osgood (remote), K. Merritt (remote), L. Ballenger (remote), L. Rucker (remote), M. Yeager (remote)

Directors Absent
G. Kautt, P. Jayachandran

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned
A. Graham

Guests Present
D. Smith (remote), G. Izurieta (remote), L. Chia (remote), P. Anderson (remote), T. Porter (remote)

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 Mar 13, 2025 at 5:50 PM.
For this meeting, the timekeeper is Fabiana Perera and the norms monitor is Anna Jesseman.

II. "The Latin Way Moment"

A. Reflecting on "The Latin Way"

A board member highlighted the success of the Multicultural Night event in Feb. Diana Smith shared about senior recitations - a tradition that takes place every year in Mar. Peter Anderson and Diana Smith were at a conference (theme: Human Flourishing) in Memphis TN recently to talk about the The Latin Way.

III. Deep-Dive Discussion

A. Current budget assumptions, risks and considerations

The DC fiscal year is from Oct to Sep. The WLPCS fiscal year is from Jul to Jun. The Senate will be voting on a CR (Continuing Resolution) on Mar 14 Fri that could result in a substantial cut to the DC budget for the next 6 months. If approved, the CR would likely impact the next iteration of the WLPCS budget.

There will be a special board meeting on Mar 18 Tue @ 6pm to discuss the situation. The agenda will include the following:

- communication plan
- advocacy strategy
- contingency planning
- how the board can help

Three budget scenarios (optimistic / most likely / pessimistic) will be presented in detail at that meeting.

B. Salary Line Of 25-26 Budget

The salary line item will be discussed at the next meeting on Mar 18 Tue. At that meeting, the board will vote to approve the salary line for SY25/26.

Early board approval helps to ensure employee retention.

IV. Executive Report

A. LEA update

The implication of the budget situation on the HAREWOOD (aka KIROV) construction project needs to be studied.

Peter Anderson reported that 2 seniors were awarded full scholarships to GWU.

Immigration and the downsizing of the federal government are 2 current issues that could affect the WLPCS community.

A. Graham left.

B. Approve Minutes

L. Ballenger made a motion to approve the minutes from WLPCS Board of Governors Meeting - January 2025 on 01-30-25.
B. Caldwell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Conflicts of interest

Peter Anderson reminded board members that they must disclose any conflict of interest. Currently, there is one board member who has a conflict of interest.

D. Risks

The current status of "FACILITIES" has improved from "red" to "yellow".

WLPCS is looking at various options to solve the potential parking/traffic concerns at HAREWOOD.

V. Governance

A. Succession planning and recruiting board candidates

Lisa Rucker highlighted that a few board members from the SCHOOLS PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE committee and the FINANCE AND OPERATIONS committee are leaving at the end of SY24/25. A board candidate will be present at the June board meeting.

A board assessment/survey will be sent to board members when ready.

VI. Capital Campaign

A. Quick Updates

Peter Anderson gave a brief update about the COCKTAILS AND CONVERSATION event that took place in Feb.

B. Naming opportunities

There was a discussion about "Naming Opportunities and Donor Recognition" prior to the start of the board meeting today. At this board meeting, the board voted to approve the principles and the procedures of the "Naming Opportunities and Donor Recognition" process at WLPCS.

B. Caldwell made a motion to to approve the principles and the procedures of the "Naming Opportunities and Donor Recognition" process at WLPCS.
J. Osgood seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
G. Kautt	Absent
A. Jesseman	Aye

Roll Call

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

VII. Open Space

A. Various Topics

Tom Porter said that the HAREWOOD project is on time and on budget.

The board discussed the possible cut in federal funding for education as a result of presidential orders and congressional actions that affect education.

Elizabeth Paisner shared that an athletics task force has been set up to discuss the future of athletics at both campuses.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

B. Caldwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
J. Osgood seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

E. Paisner	Aye
C. McFadgion	Aye
M. Yeager	Aye
A. Jesseman	Aye
J. Osgood	Aye
B. Caldwell	Aye
F. Perera	Aye
A. Zachariah	Aye
L. Ballenger	Aye
A. Graham	Absent

Roll Call

P. Jayachandran	Absent
G. Kautt	Absent
B. Williams-Kief	Aye
K. Merritt	Aye
L. Rucker	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Chia

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