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Washington Latin

Minutes

Washington Latin board meeting - Aug 2025

via ZOOM webinar

Date and Time
Thursday August 28, 2025 at 4:30 PM

Location
via ZOOM webinar
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UNLzHeY8T96H3tLUrO8mgw

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Directors Present
A. Zachariah (remote), B. Williams-Kief (remote), C. McFadgion (remote), E. Paisner (remote), F. Perera (remote), K. Merritt (remote), L. Rucker (remote), M. Yeager (remote), P. Jayachandran (remote), S. Angus (remote)

Directors Absent
None

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned
A. Zachariah, S. Angus

Guests Present
C. Gifford (remote), D. Smith (remote), E. Moussa (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 Aug 28, 2025 at 4:30 PM.

C. Welcome/Introductions (Including Our New Director Of Development)

The board welcomed Ewing Moussa (new WLPCS Director of Development) and Sasha-Gaye Angus (new board member).

Ken Merritt highlighted the board priorities for SY25/26.
- to support LEA efforts
- to get back to 15 board members
- to improve fundraising

D. "The Latin Way" Moment

From a parent perspective, the joy and the excitement of the new school year was a very positive experience.

During the summer, the topic of athletics was discussed in more detail. The collaboration and commitment of all involved was commendable.

E. Approval of Minutes

B. Williams-Kief made a motion to approve the minutes from WLPCS Board of Governors Annual Meeting - June 2025 on 06-12-25.
A. Zachariah seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

E. Paisner	Aye
B. Williams-Kief	Aye
C. McFadgion	Aye
A. Zachariah	Aye
F. Perera	Abstain
L. Rucker	Aye
K. Merritt	Aye
S. Angus	Aye
M. Yeager	Aye
P. Jayachandran	Aye

II. Governance

A.

Bylaw Revisions

Aswathi Zachariah spoke briefly about revisions to the bylaws.

The Executive Committee and the Audit Committee are clearly stated in the bylaws.

The next iteration of the bylaws should clearly reference the Anna Julia Cooper Campus and the Governance Committee. In addition, the bylaws should note the Secretary of the board as the ex-officio chair of the Governance Committee.

B. BOY Paperwork

BOY paperwork is due (via DOCUSIGN) by the next board meeting in Oct.

The BOY paperwork includes the following documents.
- updated position description
- annual ethics disclosure

C. Board Member Candidates

Peter Anderson informed the board about a few possible board member candidates.

In order to streamline the board member candidate process, the Governance Committee is considering to replace the board member candidate application form with the board member candidate evaluation form.

These are currently the 2 main ways for sourcing potential board member candidates.
- referrals
- BELLWETHER

III. Leadership Report

A. Where We Are At The Beginning Of The Year - Q&A With Tom Porter

The Anna Julia Cooper (AJC) Campus at 4301 Harewood Road NE WDC 20017 is open on time for SY25/26.

At the AJC Campus, the Health suite is pending inspection and there is a punch list to complete.

B. Executive Overview

WLPCS is celebrating its 20th year. Peter Anderson elaborated on the celebrations and the challenges at the beginning of this school year.

WLPCS was selected to work with NSVF (New Schools Venture Fund) and TRANSCEND.

There is a new logo (and motto) and a new website.

At AJC Campus, traffic is a concern.

At 2nd St Campus, the search for a permanent Director of College Counseling is a priority.

A. Zachariah left.

C. College Counseling

There is currently an interim Director of College Counseling. A search for a permanent Director of College Counseling is ongoing. A new College Counselor will start next week.

D. Student Safety Issues

Peter Anderson discussed student safety issues. WLPCS has responded in various ways.

IV. Committee Chair Planning

A. Chairs

chair of Development and Community Affairs Committee
Margie Yeager (faculty liaison : Ewing Moussa)

chair of Executive Committee
Ken Merritt (faculty liaison : Peter Anderson)

chair of Finance and Operations Committee
Elizabeth Paisner (faculty liaison : Geovanna Izurieta)

chair of Governance Committee
Aswathi Zachariah (faculty liaison : Peter Anderson)

chair of Schools Program and Performance (SPP) Committee
Lisa Rucker (faculty liaison : Caroline Gifford)

B. Membership

Development and Community Affairs Committee
Margie Yeager (faculty liaison : Ewing Moussa)
Brendan Williams-Kief
Fabiana Perera
Sasha-Gaye Angus

Executive Committee
Ken Merritt (faculty liaison : Peter Anderson)
Aswathi Zachariah
Brendan Williams-Kief
Elizabeth Paisner

Finance and Operations Committee
Elizabeth Paisner (faculty liaison : Geovanna Izurieta)
Carl McFadgion
Ken Merritt
Priya Jayachandran
Sasha-Gaye Angus

Governance Committee
Aswathi Zachariah (faculty liaison : Peter Anderson)
Ken Merritt
Lisa Rucker
Priya Jayachandran

Schools Program and Performance (SPP) Committee
Lisa Rucker (faculty liaison : Caroline Gifford)
Brendan Williams-Kief
Fabiana Perera
* Diana Smith

S. Angus left.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

E. Paisner made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
B. Williams-Kief seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Yeager	Aye

Roll Call

A. Zachariah	Absent
S. Angus	Absent
B. Williams-Kief	Aye
E. Paisner	Aye
K. Merritt	Aye
C. McFadgion	Aye
L. Rucker	Aye
F. Perera	Aye
P. Jayachandran	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Chia