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Washington Latin

Minutes

Washington Latin board meeting - Nov 2025

via ZOOM webinar

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

Location
via ZOOM webinar
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Directors Present
A. Huston (remote), A. Zachariah (remote), B. Williams-Kief (remote), C. McFadgion (remote), E. Paisner (remote), K. Merritt (remote), L. Rucker (remote), M. Yeager (remote), R. Brooks (remote)

Directors Absent
F. Perera, P. Jayachandran, S. Angus

Guests Present
G. Izurieta (remote), L. Chia (remote), P. Anderson (remote), Zoumana Berte (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 Nov 13, 2025 at 6:00 PM.
Ken Merritt reflected on the (Oct 30) WLPCS 20th Anniversary "Thank You" reception and dinner and the (Oct 31) AJC ribbon cutting event.

Ken Merritt welcomed Abby Huston and Rakim Brooks to their first WLPCS board meeting as board members. Zoumana Berte was present at the meeting as a potential board candidate.

norms keeper - Rakim Brooks
time keeper - Carl McFadgion

C. Approve Minutes

M. Yeager made a motion to approve the minutes from the Washington Latin board fall retreat @ Cooper Campus - Oct 2025 on 10-07-25.
A. Zachariah seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Consent Agenda

The only item on the consent agenda for this meeting is the LEA executive report.

B. Williams-Kief made a motion to accept the consent agenda.
A. Zachariah seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

E. Paisner	Aye
A. Zachariah	Aye
K. Merritt	Aye
B. Williams-Kief	Aye

Roll Call

P. Jayachandran	Absent
F. Perera	Absent
M. Yeager	Aye
A. Huston	Aye
S. Angus	Absent
L. Rucker	Aye
C. McFadgion	Aye
R. Brooks	Aye

II. The Latin Way Moment

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

Aswathi Zachariah enjoyed the in person fellowship during the "Thank You" event on Oct 30.

Elizabeth Paisner highlighted the 2nd St choral concert on Nov 06. There are currently over 150 students in the music program at 2nd St.

Brendan Williams-Kief complimented the excellent instruction embodying "The Latin Way" in real time as seen during the tour of AJC during the Oct 07 board fall retreat.

Lisa Rucker shared about the support a student (who was transitioning from 8th grade to 9th grade) received while making the decision whether to stay or to go elsewhere for high school. The student decided to stay at Washington Latin.

III. Reports

A. LEA Executive Report

Peter Anderson highlighted that the music concerts at 2nd St have a tradition of faculty performing with students. New this year at 2nd St - open to 7th graders and to 8th graders - is the Middle School Jazz Band. At AJC, the music program starts at 5th grade.

A board member asked if students provided their own musical instruments.

Peter Anderson presented some photos and a video of the following events.
- Oct 30 WLPCS 20th Anniversary "Thank You" reception and dinner
- Oct 31 AJC ribbon cutting event

The risk monitoring report was briefly discussed.

B.

Finance Committee Presentation

Geovanna Izurieta informed the board about the September 2025 financials. The projected revenue is higher than budget. The expenses are higher than budget. The forecasted cash position for the year end is above budget.

The Key Performance Indicators (KPI) were also shared with the board.

In addition to the FY25 Financial Audit, Washington Latin is also required to file a Single Audit (A-133) because more than $750,000 in federal funds was received last year.

There are 2 parts to the Single Audit.

- part one : Yellow Book Financial Audit (Dec 10 deadline - WLPCS to submit to DCPCSB)
- part two : A-133 Federal Compliance Audit (deadline TBD)

Nov 21 deadline - The board was asked to review and email their acknowledgement of the draft FY25 Financial Audit to Geovanna Izurieta and/or Peter Anderson by the deadline.

IV. Governance

A. Updates

Aswathi Zachariah gave a brief update about the current focus of the Governance Committee - to recruit suitable board candidates to get to the maximum of 15 board members.

DCPCSB is requiring board members to complete some board training. The details are not finalized yet.

Today was the last official day for Anna Jesseman as a board member.

B. Q&A with candidate

Aswathi Zachariah introduced Zoumana Berte to the board. This was followed by a Q&A session. Zoumana Berte left after the Q&A session was over.

C. Vote on candidate

A. Zachariah made a motion to approve Zoumana Berte to join the Washington Latin board of governors.
M. Yeager seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

V. Open Space

A. FUNDRAISING

LATIN PRIDE (the Washington Latin annual fundraiser campaign) is starting a bit later than usual this year, in part due to the federal government shutdown.

The "Thank You" event on Oct 30 raised some money for the Capital Campaign.

There was a parent organized fundraising gathering recently. Both 2nd St parents and AJC parents attended the event.

Board members are encouraged to donate if they have not already done so. Any referrals (people who might possibly be interested in supporting Washington Latin) are also welcome.

B. ATHLETICS

There was a suggestion to invite Bob Eleby-El (Director Of Athletics) to a board meeting to talk about athletics.

C. AJC TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

The AJC Temporary Certificate Of Occupancy expires soon. Washington Latin plans to get an extension.

D. COLLEGE COUNSELING OFFICE

Peter Anderson reported that families are giving positive feedback about the current College Counseling Office team.

VI. Closing Items

A. Preview upcoming meetings and school events

The Middle School Boys Soccer team and the Middle School Girls Soccer team are both playing their championship games on Nov 14 Fri.

ALMOST MAINE (2nd St fall play)

- Nov 13 Thu
- Nov 14 Fri
- Nov 15 Sat
- Nov 16 Sun

B. Adjourn Meeting

A. Zachariah made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
R. Brooks seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Chia

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