APPROVED

Lake Oconee Academy

Minutes

Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday January 6, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Location
Lake Oconee Academy Building 800
Room 104

Notice of Regularly Scheduled
Public Meeting

For

Lake Oconee Academy, Inc.
Greensboro, Greene County, Georgia

Notice is hereby given that Lake Oconee Academy will hold its regular public meeting on Tuesday, January 6th, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Lake Oconee Academy High School, Building 800, Room 8104, 1021 Titan Circle, Greensboro, Georgia.

Meetings are open to the public, and all interested parties are invited to attend.

Directors Present
Ansley Vinson, Jennifer Vaughan, Ken Welch, Matt Waterfield, Michael Tompkins, Sarah Peacock

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
Ashley Jeffords, Brad Bowling

I. Opening Items

A. Attendance and Establish a Quorum

1. Board Members Michael Tompkins, Jennifer Vaughan, Ken Welch, Matt Waterfield, Sarah Peacock, and Ansley Vinson were present and a quorum was established. Executive Director, Brad Bowling, and Director of Communications, Ashley Jeffords, were also in attendance.

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Michael Tompkins called a meeting of the board of directors of Lake Oconee Academy to order on Tuesday Jan 6, 2026 at 5:30 PM.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Discussion and action regarding the appointment of a new Board Chairman

Michael Tompkins made a motion to elect Matt Waterfield as Chairman of the Board.
Ken Welch seconded the motion.
The Board thanked Michael Tompkins for his many years of exemplary leadership and service.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Approval of Minutes

Jennifer Vaughan made a motion to approve the minutes from Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors Meeting on 12-01-25.
Ken Welch seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Committee Reports

A.

Finance

Sarah Peacock presented the November Financials and clarified that the one variance for staff development training was because of the time the payment had to be made. The Board discussed looking into ways LOA can earn more interest on the money it has in the bank that are in line with requirements for handling public funds.
Jennifer Vaughan made a motion to approve the November Financials for information only.
Matt Waterfield seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Capital Projects

Jennifer Vaughan reported that she, Dr. Brad Bowling, and Ansley Vinson attended the closing on the 18 acres adjacent to LOA to the rear of the property, North Campus Drive, and the two corners of Knowledge Way that abut Carey Station Road. The LOA Foundation purchased the property and LOA secured the Foundation's loan by executing a Lease Agreement with the Foundation for the property.

III. Executive Director Report

A. Applications

Dr. Brad Bowling reported that there are still 1160 students attending LOA. Several spots opened up over the holiday break and have already been filled. All priority students have been admitted and applications are expected to increase through the spring.
Portrait of a Graduate – LOA will host an informational session next Wednesday, January 14th at 5pm in the lower school cafeteria.

IV. Closed Session

A. Closed Session Votes

Jennifer Vaughan made a motion to enter Closed Session.
Ken Welch seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
Ken Welch made a motion to exit Closed Session.
Jennifer Vaughan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Dr. Brad Bowling left the meeting.

Matt Waterfield made a motion to confirm the other officers currently serving in their current roles (Jennifer Vaughan - Vice Chair, Ansley Vinson - Secretary, and Sarah Peacock - Treasurer) and to modify Dr. Brad Bowling's title from Executive Director to CEO effective immediately.
Jennifer Vaughan seconded the motion.

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

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Jennifer Vaughan made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Ken Welch seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ansley Vinson