APPROVED

Lake Oconee Academy

Minutes

Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday February 25, 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 Wednesday, February 25th, 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, Sarah Peacock

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
Ashley Jeffords, Brad Bowling, Brandon Jaklitsch, Brian Quinn, Carline St. John, Charlotte Mullen, Charlotte Mullen, Ellen Lemming, Ginger DiMascio, Kimberly Hong, Machelle Usry, Mandy Lipscomb, William Brakebill, sara

I. Opening Items

A. Attendance and Establish a Quorum

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Matt Waterfield called a meeting of the board of directors of Lake Oconee Academy to order on Wednesday Feb 25, 2026 at 5:30 PM.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Recognitions of Students and Staff

Cornerstone Students Sara Duncan Hong, Jameson Lackey, Jillian Gruszynski, Lillian Garcia-Carreras were recognized. Governors Honors Program semi finalists: Lillian Garcia-Carreras (Theater), Jillian Gruszynski (Social Studies), Jameson Lackey (Mathematics).Star Student: Sara Duncan Hong for Class of 2026. Her Star Teacher was Cornerstone Teacher Mandy (Miss Lippy) Lipscomb.

E. Approval of Minutes

Ken Welch made a motion to approve the minutes from Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors Meeting on 01-06-26.
Jennifer Vaughan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Committee Reports

A. Finance

Ken Welch and Sarah Peacock met with LOA CFO Mollye Treadway and had a productive meeting.

Jennifer Vaughan made a motion to Approve the December and January Financials for information only.
Sarah Peacock seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
Jennifer Vaughan made a motion to Approve the installation of electronic security gate.
Ken Welch seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Governance

Dr. Brad Bowling recognized the substantial impact of Michael Tompkins service as Chair of the LOA Board of Governors. He has been a staunch advocate of LOA in the community and a dedicated servant to the LOA staff, students, and community.
Matt Waterfield made a motion to Approve and appoint Machelle Usry as a Member of the LOA Board of Governors.
Sarah Peacock seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
GCSS Charter Authorizers Evaluation and LOA Annual Report for Georgia Charter Schools Commission were provided via link for informational purposes.
Chair Matt Waterfield presented options to build out LOA's campus and possible funding sources for LOA's instructional facilities plan.

III. Executive Director Report

A. Counseling and Academic Report

Literary Meet today - LOA received 1st place in every category. 4 students early action accepted to Georgia Tech.

B. Applications

Applications are at 255. We usually get a big push in March.
Jennifer Vaughan made a motion to Motion to move the April Meeting to Monday, April 13th, 2026.
Ken Welch seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ansley Vinson