



Lake Oconee Academy

Minutes

Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors Meeting

Date and Time

Monday September 14, 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 Monday, September 14th, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Lake Oconee Academy High School, Building 800, Room 104, 021 Titan Circle, Greensboro, Georgia.

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

Directors Present

Ansley Vinson, Jennifer Vaughan, Machelles Usry

Directors Absent

Ken Welch, Matt Waterfield, Sarah Peacock

Guests Present

Brad Bowling

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Attendance & Establish a Quorum

Chair Matt Waterfield called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and established a quorum. The pledge of allegiance was recited by the Board.

D. Recognition of Students and Staff

US News and World Report ranked Lake Oconee Academy as the #29th ranked high school out of 437 schools ranked state wide, and LOA was the third highest ranked charter school on the list. Jerante Smith (HS Principal), Danna Seigle (Math Instructional Coach and Teacher), Caroline St. John (Humanities Instructional Coach and Teacher), Crishandra Perkins (Testing, Data, and Accountability Coordinator), and John Noto (HS Guidance Counselor) were recognized for their stellar work and contributions to this accomplishment. All teachers, administrators, and staff were commended for their collective efforts toward this achievement.

4th straight Director's Cup Title was celebrated and Chris Ingle (former Athletic Director, now Director of Operations and Strategic Initiatives) and Patrick Croffie (former Assistant Athletic Director, now LOA Athletic Director) were honored for their hard work in achieving this honor four years in a row. All coaches and student athletes were commended for their hard work in helping to achieve this accomplishment.

E. Approve Minutes from August 10th, 2026 Monthly Board Meeting

Jennifer Vaughan made a motion to approve the minutes from Lake Oconee Academy Board of Governors Meeting on 08-10-26.

Machelles Usry seconded the motion.

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

II. Committee Reports

A.

Finance

Jennifer Vaughan made a motion to approve Financials for August 2026 with the edit of adding interest income into the Unaudited Statement of Financial Position.

Machelle Usry seconded the motion.

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

Unencumbered funds were discussed as a one time bonus for teachers this year, specifically in appreciation for the US News and World Report ranking and Director's Cup.

B. Communications

Great feedback on increase in worthwhile communication and new website. Ashley Jeffords is doing a great job heading up the Communications Department and the socials and newsletters are getting wonderful feedback.

III. Executive Director Report

A. Athletic Report

Titan athletic achievements were highlighted. Student section is really taking off at football games thanks to placement of the section and the Titan student pass. Titan Takeover fall sports athletic brochure was handed out and well received.

B. Academic Report- LOA 2026-2027 School Improvement Plans

The School Improvement Plans at a glance were reviewed. Improvement Leadership Teams are present at each level of the school. Specific points of scholarship, community, and citizenship are focused on and implemented, then analyzed and determinations are made as to whether improvements are being made toward goals.

LOA will transition away from ParentSquare toward Apptegy, which will integrate multiple platforms into one for cohesive, ease of use for families. The new Apptegy platform should launch in January 2027.

Working on One Titan Way as a PBIS (positive behavioral intervention system) that will focus on leadership and soft skills for life.

We have 45% of eligible students enrolled in AP classes and expect to administer 362 AP exams this year. 34% of eligible students are enrolled in dual enrollment.

C. Applications

Enrollment is 1164 and LOA has 2 open seats which have been offered. 146 students are on the waitlist.

D. October BOG Meeting + Joint Meeting with GCSS- October 13th?

Joint meeting with GCSS was proposed for October 13th, 2026.

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 7:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matt Waterfield