



Northwest Indiana Lighthouse Charter Schools

Minutes

26-27SY August Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday August 24, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Location

District Office
1775 W. 41st St.
Gary, IN 46408

Directors Present

A. Briggs, A. Brown Thirston, A. Nicholson, E. Little (remote), J. GEORGE, J. Parks

Directors Absent

None

Ex Officio Members Present

G. Adell (remote)

Non Voting Members Present

G. Adell (remote)

Guests Present

A. Franz, A. Ross, A. Shaw, C. Jackson, D. Jones (remote), D. Kidd, D. McGleese, Georgette Davis-BSU rep, J. Beasley (remote), K. McGuire, L. Franklin, R. Mayberry

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Nicholson called a meeting of the board of directors of Northwest Indiana Lighthouse Charter Schools to order on Monday Aug 24, 2026 at 5:52 PM.

C. Approve Minutes - June 2026

J. GEORGE made a motion to approve the minutes from 25-26SY NWILCS June Board Meeting on 06-01-26.

J. Parks seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

J. GEORGE	Aye
E. Little	Aye
A. Briggs	Absent
A. Nicholson	Aye
J. Parks	Aye
A. Brown Thirston	Aye

D. Approve Minutes - July 2026

J. GEORGE made a motion to approve the minutes from Special July Meeting on 07-28-26.

J. Parks seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

A. Briggs	Absent
J. GEORGE	Aye
A. Brown Thirston	Aye
J. Parks	Aye
A. Nicholson	Aye
E. Little	Aye

II. Building Level Reports

A. Principals Reports

See attached reports

Each principal gave verbal reports on the start of school given the delay related to the storms. No emerging needs reported. Staff is in place and ready to address concerns as they come up.

III. Finance

A. East Chicago and Gary Financials - Separate Votes

David Sevier reported:

Please see the attached reports covering year-end financial data.

The reports have been restructured to include more lay language to allow for clarity and ease of use and understanding.

Discussions— reviewed the new style of report and accepted feedback regarding the report.

The district remains in good standing and prepared to start the new year.

J. Parks made a motion to approve the financial packet for East Chicago as presented.

A. Briggs seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

E. Little Aye

A. Briggs Aye

A. Nicholson Aye

J. GEORGE Aye

J. Parks Aye

J. Parks made a motion to approve the financial reports presented for Gary Campus.

A. Briggs seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

J. GEORGE Aye

A. Briggs Aye

A. Nicholson Aye

E. Little Aye

J. Parks Aye

B. Primary Project Update

Mrs. Beasley Reported:

Prepared to finalize all aspects of the Primary Project.

Need: Adopt a resolution authorizing the board president and treasurer to sign the terms of the loan. The \$2.1 million loan was previously adopted during July's special meeting.

J. Parks made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented.

A. Briggs seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

A. Briggs	Aye
A. Nicholson	Aye
J. Parks	Aye
E. Little	Aye
A. Brown Thirston	Absent
J. GEORGE	Aye

IV. Committee Reports

A. Governance

Mrs. Beasley reported:

Gary charter is up for renewal. Vote taken to move forward.

Board retreat in September.

Looking for additional board members.

J. Parks made a motion to approve the signing of the letter of intent authorizing the Gary charter renewal process.

A. Briggs seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

A. Briggs	Aye
J. Parks	Aye
J. GEORGE	Aye
E. Little	Aye

B. Academic Excellence Report

V. NWILCS District Reports

A. District Level Reports

Mrs. Franklin reported:

IDOE Grant: we didn't receive the facility update grant.

CIA and 401 K audits — audits are ongoing and no problems reported.

School safety — No safety issues at this time. Working to create additional training for SRO officers

Storm Damage — Overall is limited. Loss of electricity impacted the start of school.

Mr. Mayberry reported:

School enrollment is going well. There are waitlists across all campuses and grade levels.
Active parent advisory boards are up and running.
Community partnerships are thriving, and we are looking forward to working with them.

Mrs. McGuire:

Parents as Partners has launched. It is part of the accountability framework component.
Campuses did well finishing the year and are looking forward to capitalizing off the energy to start the new year.
Professional development is underway at all campuses.

Mrs. Beasley reported:

IRead will need a literacy coach based on a three-year average of data. Will be looking to hire someone for this position.
Marketing upgrades—website, billboards etc
Goals for the new year — to be intentional about the long-term impact on the school culture and scholars.
The board will be advised of the role needed during the renewal process.

VI. Closing Items

A. Public Comments

Georgette Davis BSU

Introduced herself and role at BSU...stated she will be present at four board meetings a year.

B. Executive Session

J. Parks made a motion to move into executive session.

A. Brown Thirston seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

A. Briggs Aye

J. Parks Aye

J. GEORGE Aye

E. Little Aye

A. Nicholson Aye

J. Parks made a motion to come out of executive session.

E. Little seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

E. Little	Aye
J. GEORGE	Aye
A. Nicholson	Aye
A. Brown Thirston	Aye
J. Parks	Aye

C. ED Eval Vote

J. Parks made a motion to approve the disbursement of the performance bonus for the executive director per the contract.

E. Little seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

A. Nicholson	Aye
J. Parks	Aye
E. Little	Aye
A. Brown Thirston	Aye
J. GEORGE	Aye

D. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. GEORGE

Documents used during the meeting

- UPPER BOARD REPORT AUGUST 26-27.docx (3).pdf
- EC Board Report 26_27 August .docx.pdf
- _GLCS Primary Campus Board Report-August.docx.pdf
- GLCP August Board Report-2026.docx.pdf
- 6-30-26 NWILCS Financials.xlsx
- August 2627 Operations Board Report .docx.pdf
- August SY2627 EandCR Board Report .docx.pdf
- August ED Report 26-27.pdf