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Learn4Life Pontiac

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday October 28, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Location
In person: 142 Auburn Ave, Pontiac, MI 48342

Virtual via Microsoft Teams: https://llac.io/L4LPontiac
Meeting ID: 252 239 996 612 9
Passcode: jH2V53b7

Directors Present
C. Sanford, D. Sharp, M. Washington, O. Ewing

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
A. Gibson (remote), A. Holmes, A. Miller (remote), Allen Gamble, D. Petropulos, G. Robinson, H. Ruiz (remote), J. Gilbert, P. Williams, S. Nakon, T. Cherry

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Sanford called a meeting of the board of directors of Learn4Life Pontiac to order on Tuesday Oct 28, 2025 at 6:01 PM.

B. Record Board Member Attendance

C. Introduction of In Person and Virtual Guests

Ms. Tori Harris, board member candidate, was introduced.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda

O. Ewing made a motion to amend item 6a, and move up to item 5a, of the agenda for the October 28, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Learn4Life Pontiac.
D. Sharp seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

III. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A. Previous Regular Meeting Minutes

D. Sharp made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 08-26-25.
M. Washington seconded the motion.
It was recommended that the Board of Directors adopt, as presented, and approve the minutes of August 26, 2025, Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of Learn4Life Pontiac. The following action was taken to approve the Minutes.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. Reports

A. 2024-25 Fiscal Audit Presentation

Allen Gamble from Lewis & Knopf CPAs presented the 2024-25 fiscal year audit. The school received a clean, unmodified audit opinion, which is the highest level of assurance.

B. Financial Report

Mr. Cherry presented the September finance report, showing year-to-date expenses and a temporary negative fund balance, which is expected before the first state aid payment arrives in October. He also mentioned the new state budget increased per-pupil funding to $10,050, a significant increase from the previous year’s $9,608.

C. School Leader

1. Ms. Williams shared on her report highlighting the return of the “Student of the Month” program and celebrating a student named Kelsey, who was selected as a student

ambassador for the healthcare program at the Open Schools Technical Campus (OTEC).

2. Ms. Williams shared on recent community events and partnerships, including engagement with the Lighthouse Mission and the Pontiac Promise Zone, which provides financial support for students' post-secondary education and certifications. Upcoming events were announced, including the Lighthouse Grand Opening on November 14th and the Angels Night Out for the Trucker Tree at M1 Concourse this coming Thursday.
3. Ms. Williams shared on a new PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) program called "learn for life dollars" has been implemented. Students earn this "fake money" for academics, behavior, and attendance, which they can use to purchase items like pizza, movie day access, and t-shirts.
4. Ms. Williams mentioned Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for November 6th, and communication has already been sent to parents. She also shared a group of 10-11 students attended the first HBCU college fair hosted by Oakland ISD, providing them with exposure to various colleges and universities.
5. Ms. Williams shared A competitive grant application is being submitted to Ferris State University to seek funding for the PBIS program, and requested Mr. Sanford' signature on the grant application.

D. Education Service Provider (ESP)

Mr. Homes introduced Mr. Nakon and asked him to briefly describe his position and where he is from.

Mr. Berry gave a marketing recap from July to September highlighted significant reach, including 3.2 million digital ad impressions and 6.9 million billboard impressions. The Pontiac 2gether event drew 370 attendees and collected over 530 leads.

Mr. Thornhill talked about the lead conversion team is currently nurturing 17 "committed" leads and 25 "interested" leads.

Mr. Miller gave a brief introduction on the new State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Glenn Maleyko, which will be begin in early December and may bring staff from the district he is from.

Mr. Holmes gave a reminder on the December 10-11 MAPSA Symposium and invited the board to register and attend.

E. Legal Updates

Mr. Robinson reported that he is actively working on the 1023 application. He would also like to work on scheduling a meeting for board policy updates. Several proposed dates have conflicts, so scheduling is still in progress.

F. Authorizer

Mr. Jack Gilbert shared positive feedback from his classroom observations. He noted that the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) program is strong, students

were on task, and the staff is influential. He also directed the board to a document regarding the distinction between board governance and service provider management.

V. New Business

A. 2024-25 Fiscal Audit Presentation

O. Ewing made a motion to approve the 2024-25 Fiscal Audit as presented.
M. Washington seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Ratification of Accident & Health Special Risk Insurance

D. Sharp made a motion to approve the Ratification of Accident & Health Special Risk Insurance.
M. Washington seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Ratification of ECI Phone Connection Invoice

M. Washington made a motion to approve the Ratification of ECI Phone Connection Invoice.
D. Sharp seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VI. Board Member Comments

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Mr. Sanford reminded everyone that enrollment will go up with the help of school staff, LLAC, and board members.
Mr. Ewing reminded the board, “it’s all about the kids”!
Ms. Sharp appreciated the reminder Principal Williams gave with the upcoming dates and events so the board members can plan to attend.

VII. Closing Items

A. Next Scheduled Board Meeting

Next Meeting Date: November 20, 2025, at 6:00pm.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Holmes