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Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday July 28, 2026 at 6:00 PM

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

Virtual via Microsoft Teams: https://llac.io/L4LPontiac
Meeting ID: 235 822 934 999 085
Passcode: o76kw6jR

Directors Present
C. Sanford, L. Bell, O. Ewing

Directors Absent
D. Sharp

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

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 Jul 28, 2026 at 6:16 PM.

B. Record Board Member Attendance

C. Introduction of In Person and Virtual Guests

D. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda

O. Ewing made a motion to approve the agenda for the July 28, 2026, Organizational Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of Learn4Life Pontiac.
L. Bell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A. Budget Hearing Minutes

O. Ewing made a motion to approve the minutes from Budget Hearing on 06-23-26.
L. Bell seconded the motion.
It was recommended that the Board of Directors adopt, as presented, and approve the minutes of June 23, 2026, Budget Hearing Meeting of the Board of Directors of Learn4Life Pontiac. The following action was taken to approve the Minutes.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Organizational Meeting Minutes

O. Ewing made a motion to approve the minutes from Organizational Board Meeting on 06-23-26.
L. Bell seconded the motion.
It was recommended that the Board of Directors adopt, as presented, and approve the minutes of June 23, 2026, Organizational Meeting of the Board of Directors of Learn4Life Pontiac. The following action was taken to approve the Minutes.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Reports

A. Finance

Mr. Cherry shared on the financials as of June 30, 2026. He also mentioned that end-of-year audit adjustments and accruals are still being finalized.

B.

School Leader

Ms. Williams shared the school will participate in a health and housing fair and "music nights in the park" in Pontiac to engage with the community and distribute flyers. A "pizza and pop" event is planned to welcome students back. She also shared current enrollment is around 95-96 students.

Ms. Williams shared the recent PD week was very successful, with facilitators like Sean Hurt receiving perfect scores (5/5) on staff feedback surveys. Dr. Annie was praised for her role in organizing the PD. Christina Graves, a former school leader from Southern California, also joined to provide onsite support.

Ms. Williams shared the Spring SEL results which showed an 11-point increase in teacher-student relationships. However, there was a 10-point drop in peer-to-peer support, likely due to staggered student schedules. The school plans to host more school-wide functions to address this.

Lastly, Ms. Williams shared the school exceeded its 80% graduation goal. A video from the graduation was shared, featuring student and guest speeches.

C. Education Service Provider (ESP)

Ms. Chase provided an update on the virtual learning program, which is designed to improve service quality and increase enrollment. The program has a budget of approximately $23,000. She also shared laptops will be loaned to students. A home survey is underway to determine who needs a device. Distribution is planned for late August or early September. The board had a brief discussion and supported the expanded virtual learning program and associated costs.

Mr. Petropulos shared the parent-student handbook has been updated with language regarding school-issued devices, including policies for loss or intentional damage. Board policies and charter contracts are also under review. He also shared a support team (himself, Dr. Annie Gibson, and Avery Giannoulis) will be on the ground in Michigan each week. Training on the "Pulse" software is planned for staff in late August/early September.

Dr. Gibson shared there will be support staff with strategies to keep virtual students engaged and feeling connected. If a virtual student falls behind, they will be required to meet with their teacher to create an improvement plan, which may involve coming on-site.

D. Legal Updates

Legal shared that new state laws regarding school funding may present an opportunity. If students accomplish more credits per month, it could increase funding for the school. This is still being analyzed.

E.

Authorizer

Mr. Gilbert shared that Ferris State University received "accreditation with merit" from Cognia, scoring 338 against a national average of 297. He also reminded board members to complete a survey providing feedback on Ferris's service.

V. New Business

A. 2025-26 Audit Engagement Letter

O. Ewing made a motion to approve the 2025-26 Audit Engagement letter with Lewis & Knopf, CPA’s, PC.
L. Bell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. 2026-27 Parent/Student Handbook

L. Bell made a motion to approve the 2026-27 Parent-Student Handbook.
O. Ewing seconded the motion.
Mr. Holmes explained key changes include state-mandated language defining satisfactory monthly progress and new text outlining policies for school-issued devices.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Board Member Comments

A. Board Member Comments

Ms. Bell thanked the board for their patients during her learning process.
Mr. Ewing said that it’s all for the kids.
Mr. Sanford mentioned it’s the work that gets us where we need to be, whether it’s the students or the staff. He also thanked LLAC for all their hard work.

VII. Closing Items

A. Next Scheduled Board Meeting Date/Time and Location

Next Meeting Date: August 25, 2026, at 6:00p (ET) Learn4Life Pontiac 142 Auburn Ave, Pontiac, MI, 48342.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Holmes