



Élan Academy Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting

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Date and Time

Wednesday December 17, 2025 at 5:30 PM CST

Location

6501 Berkley Dr. New Orleans, LA 70131

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Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			5:30 PM
A. Record Attendance			1 m

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B. Call the Meeting to Order			
C. Approve Minutes from October Board Meeting	Approve Minutes	Jeremy Thibodeaux	1 m
II. CEO Report			5:32 PM
A. CEO Report	Discuss	Melanie Clark	15 m
III. Finance/Development Committee			5:47 PM
A. FYE 2026 YTD Financial Review	Discuss	Jeremy Thibodeaux	10 m
B. FYE 2025 Audit Approval	Discuss	Jeremy Thibodeaux	10 m
IV. Other Business			
V. Closing Items			
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote		

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Coversheet

Approve Minutes from October Board Meeting

Section:	I. Opening Items
Item:	C. Approve Minutes from October Board Meeting
Purpose:	Approve Minutes
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting on October 29, 2025



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Minutes

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Directors Present

C. Silas, D. Patin, G. Thomas-Batiste, J. Thibodeaux, L. Knight

Directors Absent

D. Barnes, G. Briggs

Guests Present

M. Clark

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Thibodeaux called a meeting of the board of directors of Élan Academy Charter School to order on Wednesday Oct 29, 2025 at 5:42 PM.

C. Approve Minutes from September Board Meeting

D. Patin made a motion to approve the minutes from September 2025 Board Meeting on 09-24-25.

G. Thomas-Batiste seconded the motion.

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

II. Medication Application Discussion

A. Presentation by HEAL on Medicaid Application Process

Deborah Palmer Connie Balogne from HEAL provided information on Medicaid application. Federal requirements require certain information, such as SSN, on the initial application.

III. CEO Report

A. CEO Report

Dr. Clark presented the CEO report.

- Enrollment short of budget but hoping for improvements in future counts.
Significant number of new scholars
- Powerschool transition almost complete
- CEO goal progress update was provided

IV. Academic Achievement Committee

A. Committee Report

G. Thomas-Baptiste provided the Academic Committee report and Dr. Clark presented beginning of the year testing results.

- Presented common term sheet used when talking about academic results
- Discussion about change to Student Performance Score criteria

V. CEO Support And Eval

A.

Committee Report

D. Patin presented CEO Support Committee report.

- Discussed committee's goals and gave a progress update. Circulated templates for CEO contract, evaluation, and deliverables timelines.

VI. Finance/Development Committee

A. FYE 2026 YTD Financial Review

J. Thibodeaux presented FYE 2026 YTD financial report. See September Financial Report prepared by 4SS for more information.

- No major changes to forecast from September board meeting.
- All financial dashboard metrics are satisfactory.
- Minimal receivables compared to prior years.
- Owed credits from BCBS

B. FYE 2025 Audit Status

J. Thibodeaux gave status update on the FYE 2025 audit. Fieldwork will hopefully be completed by 11/7. On track for draft and submittal with regulatory deadlines.

VII. Governance

A. Committee Report

No Governance Committee Report

VIII. Other Business

A. FYE 2025 Compliance Questionnaire Adoption

D. Patin made a motion to adopt FYE 2025 LLA Compliance Questionnaire.

L. Knight seconded the motion.

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

B. PTO Policy Change

D. Patin made a motion to amend PTO policy on recommendation from CEO to the following: all 12-month employees will receive 5 personal days up from 3 personal days under the current policy.

C. Silas seconded the motion.

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

C. Liberty Bank Account Closing

D. Patin made a motion to to close Liberty Bank account.

G. Thomas-Batiste seconded the motion.

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

D. Additional LAMP Investments

D. Patin made a motion to authorize CEO to transfer funds from the closed Liberty Bank account of approximately \$400,000 to the LAMP account.

L. Knight seconded the motion.

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

IX. 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,

L. Knight

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