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# Libertas Academy Charter School

## Minutes

### Development Committee Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Tuesday March 3, 2026 at 11:00 AM

#### **Location**

262 Liberty St, Springfield, MA

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#### **Trustees Present**

K. Diamond Kayiatos (remote), P. Mancinone (remote)

#### **Trustees Absent**

N. Coakley

#### **Ex Officio Members Present**

D. Guertin (remote), M. Montero (remote)

#### **Non Voting Members Present**

D. Guertin (remote), M. Montero (remote)

#### **Guests Present**

Emma Gianoplus (remote)

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### **I. Opening Items**

#### **A. Record Attendance**

#### **B.**

### Call the Meeting to Order

K. Diamond Kayiatos called a meeting of the board of trustees of Libertas Academy Charter School to order on Tuesday Mar 3, 2026 at 11:00 AM.

### C. Approve Minutes

K. Diamond Kayiatos made a motion to approve the minutes from Development Committee Meeting on 02-03-26.

P. Mancinone seconded the motion.

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

## II. Fundraising & Events

### A. Fundraising

10 year anniversary planning - Discuss and align on: granular mission, purpose, location, and timeline

*Kari* - trying to incorporate all constituencies (alumni, students, parents, staff, community members, former faculty, former board, current board, founding class) → think about inclusivity AND target audience. Do we need to do something different depending on the stakeholder group? Something during the school day with a more exclusive dinner event? Key = people who may not be here every day, getting them to think about this, people who are here every day, getting them to celebrate us nonetheless

*David* - local business community, politicians (everyone wants credit for succeeding) Date/time/place is important, can't be too early with promoting the sponsorship levels (are there tables/dinner/reception) Look and feel dictates the cost

*Kari* - Might want to incorporate things into the school year

*Modesto* - we need to incorporate all stakeholders in a meaningful way, in order for us to do that well we need to think about at least two different programming (community-facing during day/weekend AND evening celebration with donors/friends to recommit to supporting us in the long haul, specifically alumni support)

*David* - 10th anniversary logo or icon to "brand it out" a little bit, or mural/testimonials/etc.

Potentially have an honorary committee OR a "sounding board" that is recognized publicly (regardless of the work that they put in) This way there's a responsibility to help with attendance

*Modesto* - thinking about doing it in the school given how new it is, hopefully get the catering cost covered

**PROPOSED GOAL = trying to raise \$1M to support our alumni over the next decade** First approach Jennison and Davis to get a multi-year pledge from there, potentially covering 80% of total goal *How would the operating budget be improved with this massive investment?* Headcount for the alumni support department first and foremost (already a line item - it just allows us to actually do the work).

EMMA - synthesize conversation with David + Modesto and bring it to the next DC meeting

Fundraising status this year - \$157,781.96

Incoming \$\$: Klarman Family Foundation - awarded \$25K

PeoplesBank (part of 4-year pledge) - \$10K

Jeff Sullivan connection to Deliso family - potential naming opportunity

PAUL/KARI - massage potential connections with the Deliso family

Review submissions and upcoming dates

Music Drives Us - submitted, pending decision

Berkshire Bank - submitted, pending decision

Dreyfus Foundation - submitted, pending decision

Amelia Peabody - submitted, pending decision

Florence Bank - send letter, awaiting decision

They asked MM for audited financials a couple of weeks ago

PAUL - ask informally if there's anything they need

Forfeiture funds

PAUL - keep us apprised of when this opened up, we will definitely

get something

Mifflin Foundation - upcoming grant opportunity. Potentially think about the library or theater

EMMA - get picture of winter teams for vans

Banks & credit unions update

TD Bank (Paul) PAUL - follow up with TD Bank contact

Westfield Savings Bank (Kari) KARI - follow up with Westfield Savings

Bank contact

New Valley (Paul) - toured on Feb. 11

PAUL / EMMA - reach out to Jeff about local bank contacts

PAUL - reach out to Jeff about municipal bonds for building purchases ahead of conversation with Keisha tomorrow night (3/4)

Upcoming events for board members

Musical Production, *The Little Mermaid* (3/13)

### III. 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 11:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
K. Diamond Kayiatos