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## Learn4Life South Carolina

### Minutes

#### Board Meeting

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##### **Date and Time**

Tuesday July 21, 2026 at 5:00 PM

##### **Location**

In Person: 6209 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29406

Virtual via Microsoft Teams: <https://llac.io/CHSBoard>

Meeting ID: 218 739 505 401 959

Passcode: pt7bC2gn

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##### **Directors Present**

C. Zaloumis, D. Luginbill (remote), S. Cooper, T. Senf

##### **Directors Absent**

M. Roberts, R. Thaler

##### **Guests Present**

A. Gibson (remote), A. Miller (remote), A. Peterson (remote), Angie Guerra (remote), G. Sharifi, H. Ruiz (remote), K. Welsh, M. VanKirk, R. Reyes, T. Brown, V. Chase (remote)

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#### **I. Opening Items**

##### **A. Call the Meeting to Order**

D. Luginbill called a meeting of the board of directors of Learn4Life South Carolina to order on Tuesday Jul 21, 2026 at 5:02 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**

C. Zaloumis made a motion to approve the agenda for July 21, 2026, for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Learn4Life High School-Charleston.

T. Senf seconded the motion.

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

**III. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

**A. Prior Meeting Minutes**

T. Senf made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 06-16-26.

C. Zaloumis seconded the motion.

After a brief discussion, action was taken to approve the minutes for June 16, 2026, for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Learn4Life High School-Charleston.

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

**IV. Reports**

**A. Finance**

Mr. Reyes shared on the financial information as of June 30, 2026, including the balance sheet, budget to actuals, and statements of revenue and expenditures. He also confirmed the school's new investment pool account is open and being funded.

**B. School Leader**

Dr. Brown shared her report, including the PADEPP standards, new partnerships & programs and grant updates (slide 3). She also shared on Section 504 & Special Education with the school achieving a "Tier 1" rating (highest) for both, a significant improvement from the previous year's "Tier 3" for IDEA compliance. She also mentioned a three-day "Teacher Boot Camp" began on July 21. A transformation coach is working with staff to improve performance.

Dr. Brown shared on the AFO Index with English II achievement increased by 7%, the finance risk rating improved from "medium" to "low," and IDEA compliance improved. The

percentage of certified teachers decreased slightly, and instructional spending (25.7%) is below the 35% target, attributed to past staffing shortages. (slides 7 &8)

Dr. Brown shared on current enrollment of 149 students and 67 new student applicants still pending and 16 applications were rejected, mainly due to past expulsions for weapons. She also went over enrollment trends (slide 11).

Lastly, Dr. Brown gave a staffing update with three open positions: Student Retention Liaison, CTE Business Teacher, and an ESOL Teacher.

### **C. Management Organization**

Ms. Ruiz shared the Service Provider Report. She also shared the timeline for elections as well as the board members up for re-election. She mentioned the Governance team would be sending out an email with the election timeline.

### **D. Legislative Update**

Ms. Peterson shared that the state is operating under a continuing resolution as the budget has not been finalized. Also, charter schools are not expected to be negatively impacted and may see slightly more funding.

## **V. New Business**

### **A. Proposed Policy Revisions and Additions**

D. Luginbill made a motion to approve the Proposed Policy Revisions and Additions as presented: Attendance and Credit Policy (revised) Homeless/Migrant/Foster Policy (new as standalone) Student AI Use, Ethics, and Security Policy (new) Class Rank Policy (new).

C. Zaloumis seconded the motion.

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

### **B. 2026-27 Parent/Student Handbook**

C. Zaloumis made a motion to approve the 2026-27 Parent/Student Handbook as presented.

T. Senf seconded the motion.

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

### **C. 2026-27 Employee Handbook**

C. Zaloumis made a motion to approve the 2026-27 Employee Handbook.

S. Cooper seconded the motion.

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

## **VI. Closing Items**

**A. Next Board Meeting Date/Time and Location**

The July 21, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Learn4Life-Charleston, adjourned.

**B. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
H. Ruiz