

APPROVED



Lawrence Family Development Charter School

Minutes

LFDCS Board of Trustees Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday June 25, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Location

Zoom

Trustees Present

C. Needham (remote), D. DeFillippo (remote), G. Lopez (remote), J. Tejada (remote), L. McRae (remote), L. Perez (remote), R. Almanzar

Trustees Absent

E. Nolberto, J. Cedenno, J. Henriquez

Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened

L. Perez, R. Almanzar

Guests Present

Anthony Cichello (remote), D. Thakkar (remote), M. Ventre (remote), Y. Rodriguez (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

L. Perez arrived at 5:24 PM.

B. Call the Meeting to Order

G. Lopez called a meeting of the board of trustees of Lawrence Family Development Charter School to order on Wednesday Jun 25, 2025 at 5:17 PM.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Executive Session

A. Enter Executive Session

C. Needham made a motion to enter the discussion of lease negotiations of the four buildings owned by LFD.

L. McRae seconded the motion.

Chair, Germinudy Lopez determined it is necessary to discuss these matters in executive session because it can be detrimental to the school if these matters were discussed in open session.

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

Roll Call

E. Nolberto Absent
D. DeFillippo Aye
J. Henriquez Absent
R. Almanzar Absent
J. Cedeno Absent
L. McRae Aye
C. Needham Aye
L. Perez Aye
G. Lopez Aye
J. Tejada Aye

B. Lease

This agenda item was discussed in executive session.

R. Almanzar arrived at 5:33 PM.

C. Exit Executive Session

C. Needham made a motion to exit executive session and enter open meeting.

J. Tejada seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

J. Tejada Aye
J. Henriquez Absent
E. Nolberto Absent
G. Lopez Aye
R. Almanzar Aye
L. McRae Aye
J. Cedeno Absent

Roll Call

D. DeFillippo Aye
C. Needham Aye
L. Perez Aye

III. Open Session

A. Lease

C. Needham made a motion to approve the lease terms discussed in executive session that include approximately 147,000 square feet at \$15/sqft in the first two years, with a 3% escalator in years 3-5 if the school renews the contract for one-year renewals with an option to purchase at fair market value.

D. DeFillippo seconded the motion.

The Board also agreed for Darshan Thakkar to continue negotiations with the assistance of counsel.

It was also decided that the Board Chair, Germinudy Lopez will sign the lease once it is finalized.

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

Roll Call

L. Perez Aye
G. Lopez Aye
R. Almanzar Aye
E. Nolberto Absent
C. Needham Aye
J. Tejada Aye
J. Cedeno Absent
D. DeFillippo Aye
J. Henriquez Absent
L. McRae Aye

Chris N. provided the Board with a brief update regarding Darshan T.'s contract, noting that a draft has been prepared and will be sent to Darshan T. shortly.

Dave D. added that the version he reviewed yesterday had been revised from the interim superintendent contract to a full superintendent agreement, now including a salary, vacation days, and the ability to roll over up to 10 vacation days.

Dave D. confirmed that the contract should be in its final execution format, and that both the draft and execution versions will be shared with Gerry and himself.

Additionally, Linette P. requested a copy of the lease agreement for her review.

IV. Closing Items

A.

Adjourn Meeting

D. DeFillippo made a motion to adjourn.

L. Perez seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

C. Needham Aye

G. Lopez Aye

J. Tejada Aye

E. Nolberto Absent

R. Almanzar Aye

J. Cedenó Absent

J. Henriquez Absent

L. McRae Aye

L. Perez Aye

D. DeFillippo Aye

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,

Y. Rodriguez

Documents used during the meeting

None