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

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

E. Nolberto	Absent
J. Henriquez	Absent
J. Cedeno	Absent
L. McRae	Aye
D. DeFillippo	Aye
R. Almanzar	Aye
L. Perez	Aye

Roll Call

C. Needham	Aye
G. Lopez	Aye
J. Tejada	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

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

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

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