



# LA ACADEMIA

PARTNERSHIP CHARTER SCHOOL

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## LA ACADEMIA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONTHLY MEETING  
JANUARY 2024

### OUR MISSION

La Academia Partnership Charter School transforms today's learners into tomorrow's leaders by applying Project Based Learning experiences beyond the classroom and into their communities, while utilizing scholar-centered support to meet the social-emotional needs of all scholars.

### OUR VISION

Our scholars will GO BEYOND by demonstrating commitment to their communities, and are recognized by their leadership, collaboration, and innovation.

**Voting Members Present:** Colleen Wagner (officer), Chris Boyd (officer), Aidalis Lopez (officer), Brandon Wilt, Gloria Nyutu-Blackman, Christina Williams, Angel Rosario, Leonel Silva

**Voting Members Not Present:** Guy Kingree (officer), Jessica Gehman, James Rovito

**Administration and Non-Voting Members Present:** Elizabeth Landis, Mark Simms, Jasson Read, Gregory McGough, Erik Davis

**Guests:** Sean Kennedy, Randel Roriguez (student of the month) and his mother, Mrs. Rodriguez.

**Minutes Recorder:** Steve Rally

### AGENDA:

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| <b>I. Executive Session</b> (Finance updates and future school vision) | <b>C. Wagner</b> |
| <b>II. Call to Order / Roll Call:</b> 4:37pm                           | <b>C. Wagner</b> |
| <b>III. Approval of Minutes</b>  | <b>C. Wagner</b> |
| • Motion by A. Lopez; C. Boyd seconded; unanimously approved           |                  |
| <b>IV. Reports and Action Items</b>                                    |                  |

## **A. Finance Committee**

**G. Kingree**

- Omnivest: expecting the budget to flip from negative to positive, due to ESSR funds
- Discussed 22-23 Audit (recommending a new audit form)
  - Comments: C. Wagner recommended that there is an electronic vote on the audit by the end of January.

## **B. School Management**

**E. Landis/Leadership**

- Students of the Month - Clarina Rodriguez
  - Randel Maria Rodriguez (8th): present with his mother and a short slide show highlighted him.
    - Comments: C. Boyd asked what kind of company he wanted to own and the scholar talked about what his future would look like. He also discussed that he gets help from his teachers as well. M. Simms asked what mom thought about her decision to enroll her son at LAPCS and she replied that she liked the smaller environment and how he is doing in the school and she said that she does not have any complaints.
  - Leslie De La Rosa Yan (12th)
- Enrollment - Jasson Read-Jean
  - J. Read explained changes to the application process (including on site visits) in order to ensure that the new scholar is right for the building.
- Principal/CEO Report - Mark Simms/Liz Landis
  - Highlights:
    - Student services went to the Farm Show in Harrisburg (important cultural experience for the students).
    - Art Show Horace Mann winners (LAPCS took the top three places)
    - Wida testing from now into February to hopefully exit scholars from the program
  - E. Landis observations and reflections of the first 60 days as Principal of LAPCS:
    - Infrastructure
    - Curriculum and Instruction
    - Staffing Issues
    - La Academia On the Move: Hope for the Future

## **C. Governance Committee**

**C. Wagner**

- C. Wagner reminded the Board of the required ACT 55 training (links were previously provided).
- A list of committees were distributed and Board members were encouraged to reach out to the Governance Team if interested in joining

one.

**Board Approval Required:**

- **Old Business**
  - **Policy Approvals**
    - [Policy 352: Employee Referral Bonus](#)
    - [Policy 916: School Volunteers](#)
    - [Policy 819: Suicide Awareness, Prevention, and Response](#)
    - [Policy 818: Contracted Services Personnel](#)
    - [Policy 113.1: Discipline of Scholars with Disabilities](#)
    - [Policy 233: Suspension and Expulsion](#)
      - Motion by C. Boyd, G. Nyutu-Blackman seconde; approved unanimously
- **New Business**
  - Policies for Review
    - [Policy 103: Discrimination/Title IX](#)
    - [Policy 104: Non-Discrimination](#)
    - [Policy 104.1: Title IX](#)

**D. Personnel Committee**

**C. Boyd**

- Action Items:
  - Staff Hires
    - Student Information Systems Coordinator: Beth Putt
  - Resignations
    - Jillian Smith: Special Education
    - Katelyn Denight: Special Education

Motion by L. Silva, C. Wagner seconded; approved unanimously

**VI. New Business (none)**

**VII. Public Comments (none)**

**VIII. Adjournment 5:24pm**

**C. Wagner**

Visit to Esports/tech area with Sean Kennedy for a robotics demonstration.

**Next Meeting: February 28, 2024**