

LAYC Career Academy PCS
Board of Trustees Meeting
MINUTES
June 11, 2025
6:15 PM

Trustees Participating: Ana Hageage, Benjamin Ruiz, Dean D’Angelo, Emmanuel Caudillo, Kate Brannon, Lori Kaplan, Noemí Enchautegui-de-Jesús, Talib Robinson, Taylor Whitelaw

Staff and Contractors Participating: Nicole Hanrahan; Julianne C. Johnson, Ross Knorr (Ed Ops)

ITEM/SUBJECT		ACTION/PROPOSED ACTION
Motion to open the meeting	Board Chair, Lori Kaplan, called the meeting to order following a motion by Talib Robinson and a second by Dean D’Angelo. The motion was approved unanimously.	
Approval of Meeting Minutes		Talib Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dean D’Angelo and was approved unanimously.
Board Elections: Secretary		Talib Robinson made a motion to approve the election of Noemí Enchautegui-de-Jesús as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Dean D’Angelo and was approved unanimously.
Strategic Plan	The board went into a closed session to discuss the strategic plan as it involves trade secrets.	Strategic plan was recommended for approval by strategic planning task force and the motion carried.
ED Compensation	The board went into a closed session to discuss compensation for the Executive Director	A motion to provide a 3% COLA and a \$7000 bonus to the Executive Director (Nicole Hanrahan) was made by Talib Robinson and seconded by Emmanuel Caudillo. The motion was approved unanimously.
ED Report	1. Policy update and revenue a. FY26 city budget is overall good to charter schools: 2.74% UPSFF increase and 3.1% for facilities. Adult learners transit fund and	

	the higher rate for adult students on UPSFF were both maintained. b. Office of the State Superintendent of Education’s Adult and Family education grant was cut from the Mayor’s budget. Reapplied to get this grant funding back (\$500K per year). Expect renewal news at the end of the month. If unsuccessful, organizations will still receive money from the grant, but lower amount. c. Applied for a grant from the Mayor's Office of Latino Affairs to support summer program for ELL students. 2. Outcomes for SY24-25 are strong. Highlights as of 5/31/25: a. 30 graduates to date b. Students have earned 112 professional certifications c. Earned high Tier 1 scores in all four key charter goal measures including student progress at 87% (math and reading), GED at 89.1%, leading indicators at 90.7% (attendance 70.3% and persistence 70.5%), and college and career readiness at 96.4%. 3. Middle States Association (MSA) 2026 re-accreditation. Site visit planned for March 2026 (every 7 years). Staff started robust preparations (internal coordinators Yulias Morales and Carolyn Robbins).	
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	4. Facilities. Demolition done. Permits proceeding as planned. Construction getting started. Furniture being ordered this week. Students were consulted on the look for finishings like floors, furniture, and fabrics. Expect to move in on time to start the new school year in the space on Sept. 2. Presented visuals of the space during student assembly. Ongoing weekly meetings with the architect, and soon with the general contractor. Ericka Rivera, Operations Manager, also participates.	
Financial Report & Budget Presentation	Ross Knorr presented the financial report for the month ending April 30, 2025.	At the end of April, the Academy had 219 days (up 25 days) of cash on hand and a 24.1% gross margin (up 9%). \$2.9M end-of-year cash balance is forecasted. (Boost attributed to IRS ERC tax credit and increased enrollment).
Community/stakeholder feedback on new school location	No one responded to request for feedback.	
Motion to close the meeting		Ana Hageage made a motion to adjourn at 7:51 pm. Motion was seconded by Talib Robinson and approved unanimously.

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