LAYC CAREER ACADEMY
Public Charter School

BOARD OF DIRECTORS DASHBOARD SY27

Roster:

Role	First Name	Last Name	Email Address	Phone Number	Cell Phone	Voting Member	DC Resident	Parent / Student Board Member	Receives Community Complaints
Treasurer	Kate	Brannon	k8brannon@gmail.com		(202) 210-4425	yes	no	no	no
Member	Susana	Castillo	scastillo3109@email.com	(703) 628-4380		yes	yes	no	no
Member	Emmanuel	Caudillo	ecaudillo@gmail.com		(213) 804-6185	yes	yes	no	no
Member	Dean	D'Angelo	ddangelo@stelluscapital.com	(202) 725-3748		yes	no	no	no
Secretary	April	Elliott	april.elliott@wilmerhale.com		(202) 663-6392	yes	yes	no	no
Member	Noemi	Enchautegui-de-Jesus	enchaute@american.edu		(202) 885-1773	yes	no	no	no
Vice Chair	Ana	Hageage	ahageage@gmail.com		(301) 254-1209	yes	yes	no	no
Board Chair	Lori	Kaplan	lori.m.kaplan@gmail.com	(202) 270-8933		yes	yes	no	yes
Member	Talib	Robinson	Talib399@gmail.com		(202) 880-5118	yes	no	yes	no
Member	Benjamin	Ruiz	benjamin@studentlaycca.org		(202) 640-3474	yes	yes	yes	no
Member	Taylor	Whitelow	tcw41@georgetown.edu	(804) 564-1219		yes	yes	no	no

Board Meeting Dates Schedule:

Board meetings are held every two months from 6:15 pm to 8:15 pm.

Below, please find the dates of our board meetings for the 2026-2027 school year:

- 10/21/2026
- 12/09/2026
- 02/04/2027
- 04/29/2027 (Annual Board Meeting)
- 06/09/2027 (FY28 Budget Discussion & Approval)

Assurance Statement:

Our Board meets at least five times a year and our bylaws dictate meetings per year.

From our Board By-Laws:

MEETINGS AND ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1. Annual Meeting. An annual meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be held in October of each year, or during another month as may be determined by the Board of Trustees, at a time, place, and date determined and announced by the Chairperson of the Board, for the purpose of electing Trustees and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
Section 2. Quarterly and Special Meetings. The Board of Trustees shall meet quarterly, or more frequently as determined by the Board, with the annual meeting serving as the fall quarterly meeting, for the purpose of providing oversight of the Corporation. In addition, special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called by the Chairperson of the Board or any two Trustees, upon written request to the Chairperson of the Board, which request shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting and the matters proposed to be acted upon thereat.

Disclaimer: *Additional board meetings may be added or dates may change. The most current information will be on the school's website.*

Board Meeting Minutes – Q1:

LAYC Career Academy PCS
Board of Trustees Meeting
MINUTES
October 21, 2026
6:15 PM ET via Zoom

Trustees Participating: Lori Kaplan (Chair), Susana Castillo (appointed to the Board during the meeting), Emmanuel (Manny) Caudillo, Dean D'Angelo, April Elliott, Noemi Enchautegui, Linda Moore, Talib Robinson, Benjamin Ruiz, Kate Seabold Brannon, Taylor Whitelow

Absent: Ana Hageage

Staff and Contractors Participating: Nicole Hanrahan (ED); Erica Lloyd (LAYCCA Director of Career Services); Ross Knorr (Ed Ops)

ITEM/ SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION/ PROPOSED ACTION
Motion to open the meeting	Lori called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. when it was determined that quorum was present.	A motion to open the meeting was made by Talib Robinson, seconded by Taylor Whitelow, and approved unanimously.
Introductions and Farewell to Linda Moore	Lori Kaplan bid farewell to outgoing director Linda Moore and welcomed proposed new director Susana Castillo. Members introduced themselves and shared reflections with Linda Moore.	
Consideration of Susana Castillo as Director	Susana Castillo left the meeting. Lori Kaplan introduced Susana Castillo, and members discussed the nomination. Susana Castillo rejoined the meeting, now as a director.	A motion to appoint Susana Castillo to the board was made by April Elliott, seconded by Talib Robinson, and approved unanimously.
Approval of Meeting Minutes	The June 1, 2026 meeting minutes were circulated in advance.	A motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2026 meeting was made by Talib Robinson, seconded by

		Benjamin Ruiz, and approved unanimously.
Meeting Schedule	February 2027 meeting: Nicole Hanrahan to select a new date. December 7, 2026: seek to meet in person.	Nicole Hanrahan will select a new date for the February 2027 meeting.
Strategic Discussion	Erica Lloyd, LAYCCA Director of Career Services, presented an Information Technology Program Strategy Update, including regarding national and local trends on the IT job market, placement trajectory for LAYCCA IT graduates; strategies under consideration; and upcoming steps to further develop and reach agreement on an approach. Members discussed potential strategies and connections.	The board will receive further updates and have opportunities to weigh in over the coming months.
Committee report outs	(1) Governance [April (Chair), Talib, Taylor] – April provided a readout of the recent meeting, including training requirements, board renomination cycles, and board evaluation plan. (2) Finance & Audit [Kate (Chair), Manny, Dean, Talib] – Kate provided an update on the recent switch to Forbright from Eagle Bank. (3) Marketing & Development [Ana (Acting Chair), Noemí, Lori, Kate] – Susana to become Chair. (4) Program [Ana (Chair), Noemí, Manny, Benjamin] – no update. (5) Executive (Lori (Chair), Kate, April, Ana, Susana) – Lori will call an Executive Committee meeting in November.	Members confirmed they have received emails regarding new DC PCSB trainings for charter school board members; Talib reported the first training was well done.

ED Updates	The Executive Director, Nicole Hanrahan, presented school updates. Recent achievements and stats: "exemplary" school with a Level 1 on ASPIRE for the third year in a row. Attendance is at record high of more than 78% and LAYCCA has already welcomed 10 graduates for SY27. Enrollment hit a record (211 students with 57 on waiting list). Dr. Michelle Walker-Davis, the Executive Director of the DC Public Charter School Board visited on Monday, September 28th. It was a good visit where she visited classes, learned about resources available to students, and heard about accomplishments and challenges. The school's 15-year Charter review is underway, following a kickoff meeting on September 11, which included Ana from the Board, and submission of an application. Expect to receive official Middle States Accreditation in November.	
Financial Report	The July/August 2026 financial report was submitted by Ross Knorr from EdOps and affirmed by the finance committee in attendance. Accounting for fiscal year 2026 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026) closed in August. The KPIs are 243 days cash on hand, 1.6% operating margin, and $3.9M cash balance forecast.	
Motion to close the meeting	Meeting adjourned 8:04 p.m.	A motion to adjourn was made by April Elliott, seconded by Manny Caudillo, and approved unanimously.

The meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov.

Board Meeting Minutes – Q2: Meeting taking place in December 2026

Board Meeting Minutes – Q3: Meeting taking place in February 2027

Board Meeting Minutes – Q4: Meeting taking place in April 2027