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Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Monday – March 23, 2026

MISSION

To cultivate students through academic excellence, critical thinking and environmental responsibility, focusing on student success, outdoor education and serving the community.

VISION

To be a leader in education and environmental stewardship in Tampa Bay, contributing to a sustainable world.

I. Call meeting to order 6:00 P.M.

- Verification and acknowledgement that a quorum is present

II. Announcements

III. Public Input

Attendees that wish to provide public input should follow the process below:

A signup genius link has been provided on the Board of Director's page of the School's website: www.learninggate.org The signup link will be open until 2 hours before the start of the scheduled board meeting. When called upon, the attendee will be unmuted and should state their first and last name for appropriate record keeping in the meeting minutes. All attendees will be muted until they are called on by the board president. Speakers will be granted three minutes to address the board. When 10 or more speakers wish to speak during public comment, the board may reduce the time per speaker. The Board reserves the right to modify the speaking time based on the circumstances of any individual Board meeting. The Board respects the public's right to speak to the board, but we cannot tolerate behavior intended to interrupt the orderly conduct of this meeting. Our civility policy is in effect.

IV. Ecosphere Restoration Presentation – Rene Brown

V. Executive Committee Updates

- Secretary – Minutes – Ezra Johnson
- Treasurer – Financial Reports - Denelle Miller

VI. Committee Updates

Finance Committee – Denelle Miller
Governance – Chrissie Price
Facilities - John Zdanowicz
Fundraising – Kathy Goltermann

VII. Principal's Update

Michelle Mason

VIII. Staff Updates

Kelly Fox
Carlos Jordan
Kris Smith

IX. Parent Liaison Update

Brigette Oates - Hanna Campus
Shanna Hunt- Lutz Lake Campus

X. Expansion Updates

XI. Strategic Planning

XII. Old Business

XIII. New Business

XIV. Adjournment

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Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Stan Kroh, Ezra Johnson, Mauricio Arias, Trina Halfhide, Thania Clevenger

Board Members Absent: John Zdanowicz, Chrissie Price, Denelle Miller

Staff in Attendance: Kris Smith, Dr Carlos Jordan, Kelly Fox,

Parent Liaisons:

Brigette Oates – Hanna Campus not in attendance

Shanna Hunt- Lutz Lake Fern Campus-

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **6:00 PM** by **Stan Kroh**

Public Input-

Executive Committee Updates

- **Approval of Minutes:**
 - Ezra Johnson presented the February minutes for approval.
Trina H. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mauricio A., motion passed.
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Treasurer's Report (Kris S) – The T.P. was sent out. There were no anomalies. We need a motion to accept.

Trina H. motioned to accept the treasurers Report. Thania C. seconded. Motion passed

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Dr. Carlos Jordan (Gala update)- The Gala was really fun, It was a great event. the net was just under 30K, slightly less than last year but because we brought costs down it was still a successful event. Adding the casino night really made it fun.

The next fundraising meeting will be April 13.

Committee Updates:

Finance Committee (Denelle Miller)- Nothing new to report.

Governance Committee (Chrissie Price)- Nothing new to report.

Fundraising Committee- (Kathy Goltermann)- Nothing new to report.

Principal's Update (Michelle Mason) Not in attendance.

Staff Update:

Kelly Fox: We approved what was needed for the plumbing issue. We're working on staff for next year- we have more applications than we've ever had. The lottery was held, parents are coming in non-stop. We're adding extra tours. Everything is going really good!

Dr Carlos Jordan- Eco Fest is a month away. We're really excited about that. We had internet issues for a few days which brought the kids and everyone outside more. LLF kids were out on Lutz Lake in kayaks before break which was great! State exams are starting soon. That's the big one. Trainings are underway.

- **Kris Smith:** I'm working on RFP for the deck. We'll be getting bids soon.
- **Kathy Goltermann** – Not in attendance.
- **Parent Liaison Updates:**
 - **Hanna Campus (Brigette Oates)-** not in attendance
 - **Lutz Lake Fern Campus- (Shanna Hunt)-** Nothing to report today.

Strategic Plan- The strategic planning update was deferred until next month for the in person meeting and when hopefully more board members can be present for the discussion

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Old Business-

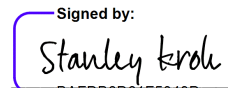
New Business-


Adjournment

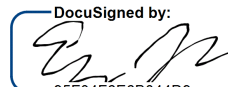
- Trina H. motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 PM, seconded by Tania C., motion passed.

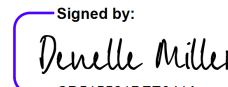
**Minutes Recorded By:
Ezra Johnson, Secretary**

LGCS Board Executive Signatures

Signed by:

Stanley Kroh, Chair
4/20/2026
Date

Signed by:

Chrissie Price, Vice Chair
4/20/2026
Date

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Ezra Johnson, Secretary
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Signed by:

Denelle Miller, Treasurer
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Date

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