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Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Monday – April 20, 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 schedule 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. Executive Committee Updates

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

V. Committee Updates

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

VII. Principal’s Update

Michelle Mason

VIII. Staff Updates

Kelly Fox
 Carlos Jordan
 Kris Smith _Audit Engagement

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, Chrissie Price, Denelle Miller, John Zdanowicz,

Board Members Absent: Thania Clevenger,

Staff in Attendance:

Michelle Mason, Kris Smith, Kelly Fox, Kathy Goltermann, Dr Carlos Jordan

Parent Liaisons:

Brigette Oates – Hanna Campus

Shanna Hunt- Lutz Lake Fern Campus-

Announcement- John Zdanowicz- After 12 years I must resign from the board (after this meeting). It's been amazing! I'm sad to leave but will assist with preschool as needed.

Michelle and Stan- Thank you for all your tremendous work John!!! You are going to be missed!

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 March minutes for approval.
Denelle moved to approve the minutes, **seconded by Trina**, motion passed.

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**Treasurer's Report
(Denelle) –**

Everything looks good. We need a motion to accept.

John motioned to accept the treasurers Report. **Chrissie seconded**. Motion passed.

Committee Updates:

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

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

Facilities- (John)- 3 bids for decking- Creative Modular \$110,000, Tribeca Contracting- \$186K, Romeo's Global Home Builders came in at \$47K. Romeo's gets it. Need a motion...

Ezra Motioned to approve Romeo's Global Home Builders for deck build, **Trina seconded**. Motion passed.

Kathy Goltermann – Eco fest is this coming Saturday! We've secured a couple sponsors- Main Event, Dynamic Heating and Air. We're on target...

Principal's Update (Michelle Mason)- Doing interviews for all our open positions.

-The board was given a copy of the site visit. We have a couple things to do (paperwork related) I need a board vote to opt in or out of the district's mental health plan. We normally opt out and do it in house. We can use the district's social worker when we need to. Need a motion-

John motioned to approve opting out of the district's mental health plan. **Chrissie seconded**. Motion passed.

-We need to decide on school security for next year. Guardians, SSO, or SRO. We currently have the SSO (School Security Officer) because it serves our needs and it's more cost effective.

Chrissie motioned to approve sticking with a SSO. **Trina seconded**. Motion passed.

-We are going to need to have work done on the well at Hanna over the summer.

Staff Update:

Kelly Fox: We've met with people with 15 or more tardies or absences. Five families haven't responded to third letter.

Our fifth graders are getting ready for house sorting day. Fifth grade dance!! Staff appreciation week!

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Dr Carlos Jordan-
Some water issues.

Boil water notice for three weeks. We are providing lots and lots of water for all the students.

We had a fiberoptic cable cut so there was no internet today. **Hunter-** This was the second time. Might be worth putting a secondary service. Hurricane IT would be willing to do it at no cost.

8th grade celebration is coming up!!! It's a nice event. Followed by an 8th grade prom with no parents.

Kris Smith:

-I sent out the letter for audit engagement, needs to be approved from the board. It is required each year.

John motioned to approve the letter for audit engagement. **Chrissie seconded.** Motion passed.

-Need to approve new contract with Hurricane IT. They haven't raised their price.

John motioned to approve new contract with Hurricane IT. **Trina seconded.** Motion passed.

-We're going to need to update our panic alarm system equipment. It's 100K. We're going to need to budget for it.

Parent Liaison Updates:

Hanna Campus (Brigette Oates)- No new updates today.

Lutz Lake Fern Campus- (Shanna Hunt)- Nothing to report today.

Expansion updated- (Kris) Zoning app has gone in and we are waiting for comments.

Strategic Plan- Set aside half an hour next month...

Old Business-

New Business-

Adjournment

- **John motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 PM, **seconded by Denelle**, motion passed.

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Minutes Recorded

By:

Ezra Johnson, Secretary

LGCS Board Executive Signatures

Signed by:
Stanley Kroh 5/19/2026
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Stanley Kroh, Chair Date

Signed by:
Chrissie Price 5/19/2026
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Chrissie Price, Vice Chair Date

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Ezra Johnson 5/19/2026
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Ezra Johnson, Secretary Date

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Denelle Miller, Treasurer Date

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