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Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Monday – August 17, 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. Executive Committee Updates

Secretary – Minutes – Ezra Johnson

Treasurer – Financial Reports - Denelle Miller

V. Expansion Updates

Edward Briggs

VI. Committee Updates

Finance Committee – Denelle Miller

Governance – Thania Clevenger

Facilities – Chrissie Price

Fundraising – Denelle Miller

VII. Principal's Update

Michelle Mason - Out of Field Teachers- Referendum Agreement

VIII. Staff Updates

Kelly Fox

Dina Myers

Kris Smith

IX. Parent Liaison Update

Brigitte Oates - Hanna Campus

Shanna Hunt- Lutz Lake Campus

X. Strategic Planning

Updates

XI. Old Business

XII. New Business

XIII. Adjournment

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In Person Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Stan Kroh, Ezra Johnson, Chrissie Price, Denelle Miller, Mauricio Arias, Trina Halfhide, Thania Clevenger

Board Members Absent:

Staff in Attendance:

Michelle Mason, Kris Smith, Kelly Fox, Dina Myers

Parent Liaisons:

Brigette Oates – Hanna Campus (Not in attendance)

Shanna Hunt- Lutz Lake Fern Campus (Not in attendance)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **6:02 PM** by **Stan Kroh**

Public Input-

Executive Committee Updates

- **Approval of Minutes:**
 - Ezra Johnson presented minutes from the July retreat (taken by Trina Halfhide)
Denelle moved to approve the minutes, **seconded by Thania**, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report (Denelle) – Asked Kris about grants.-We have two that we qualify for-Safety and materials. We should look into finding other grants...

Everything looks good.

Ezra motioned to accept the Treasurers Report. **Mauricio seconded**. Motion passed.

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Committee Updates:

Finance Committee (Denelle Miller)- Nothing to add. We will need to meet in September.

Governance Committee (Thania)- We had a meeting for a new potential board member. Eric Glocer has been active on the facilities board for a year. Has been helpful.

Facilities- (Chrissie)- We haven't met but are meeting next week.

Fundraising (Denelle) – We had a meeting this morning did planning on community outreach packet. Talked about Math Night and Readathon.

Principal's Update (Michelle Mason)- It's hot! Had a great start to the year!

-Need permission to use Florida Consortium of Public Charter S chools Teacher and Principal evaluation system.

Stan- is there a requirement that we evaluate you this year? Yes, it's due in October.

Thania- I'm happy to put that together. Mauricio and Trina volunteered to help.

Denelle Motioned to use the Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools, Teacher and Principal Evaluation System **Ezra seconded. Motion passed.**

We need approval for the out of field teachers:

George Radka, Heidi Hughes, Elise Sales, Elizabeth A'Hearn

Thania motioned to approve out of field teachers. **Trina seconded, motion passed.**

Math night is in two weeks. A really fun event. Next is the Readathon.

Staff Update:

Kelly Fox: Social media is looking so great. Great comments! Middle School has started very well. Everything is flowing well between campuses.

Did volunteer hours this summer. There are three families who didn't do the hours. We're likely going to lose one family because they are unresponsive. We are working with two other families and are working it out.

Denelle motioned to send a letter to the three families giving them sixty days to comply. **Thania seconded. Motion passed.**

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Dina- It's been a great first week at LLF. There are seven new teachers between the 2 campuses.

Kris Smith:

We need the Property Tax referendum fund agreement letter on the minutes.

The referendum funds require a letter stating that we will follow the rules. We need the board to approve the letter

Mauricio motioned to approve Stan signing the letter. **Chrissie seconded. Motion passed.**

The LG LinkedIn page has been recovered..

Parent Liaison Updates:

Hanna Campus (Brigette Oates)- (Not in attendance)

Lutz Lake Fern Campus- (Shanna Hunt)- (Not in attendance)

Strategic Plan-

Old Business-

New Business-

Adjournment

- **Denelle motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM, **seconded by Thania**, motion passed.

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Minutes Recorded By:
Ezra Johnson, Secretary

LGCS Board Executive Signatures

Signed by:

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Stanley Kroh, Chair Date

Signed by:

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Chrissie Price, Vice Chair Date

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Ezra Johnson, Secretary Date

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Denelle Miller, Treasurer Date

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