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Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Monday – September 21, 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. Expansion Updates	Edward Briggs
VI. Committee Updates	Finance Committee – Denelle Miller Governance – Thania Clevenger – Principal Evaluation Facilities – Chrissie Price – Door Bids Fundraising – Denelle Miller
VII. Principal's Update	Michelle Mason - 27-28 Calendar, Goals for 27-28
VIII. Staff Updates	Kelly Fox Dina Myers Kris Smith – Audit – TSIA Plan/VTP – Millage Bonus
IX. Parent Liaison Update	Brigette Oates - Hanna Campus Shanna Hunt- Lutz Lake Campus
X. Strategic Planning	Updates
XI. Old Business	Alumni Committee – Mauricio Arias
XII. New Business	
XIII. Adjournment	

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Sept 21, 2026

In Person Board Meeting Minutes

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

Board Members Absent: Denelle Miller

Staff in Attendance:
Michelle Mason, Kris Smith, Kelly Fox, Dina Myers

Parent Liaisons:

Brigette Oates – Hanna Campus

Shanna Hunt- Lutz Lake Fern Campus

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 August meeting.

    Mauricio moved to approve the minutes, **seconded by Thania**, motion passed**.**

Treasurer's Report (Kris) – We're about where we should be. The difference from this year's figures to date vs last year's is that last year we had not received the millage at this time last year.

Ezra motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. **Mauricio seconded**. Motion passed.

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Committee Updates:

Expansion Update (Michelle Mason) A few residents have raised concerns, mostly about traffic. To be proactive, we're hosting a public meeting where concerned parties can ask questions tomorrow night.

Stan- Should we have a traffic committee to teach parents how to drive? Michelle- I'm going to make a video and hopefully that will help.

Finance Committee (Kris)- Nothing to report.

Governance Committee (Thania)- Principal Evaluation form. Received stakeholder input. The results being that Principal Michelle is highly effective. Need board approval…

Ezra motioned to accept the Principal's Evaluation. **Trina seconded**. Motion passed.

Facilities- (Chrissie)- We met and have formalized the projects list to put on the website.

Tonight, we need to vote on bids for the door. We got 3 bids, one company can't do our hours. There's a sizeable price difference between other two. Need a motion to accept proposal from Signature Construction at $10,550.

Thania Motioned to approve construction bid from Signature Construction at $10,550. **Trina seconded. Motion passed.**

Fundraising (Denelle) – Not in attendance. Kris- Going to meet again Oct 7th

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Principal's Update (Michelle Mason)- Readathon is going great!

We need to a motion to approve the 27/28 Calendar.

Ezra motioned to approve 27/28 Calendar. **Mauricio seconded, motion passed.**

We're looking for a motion to approve our goals for 26/27 school year.

Chrissie motioned to approve 26/27 Goals. **Trina seconded, motion passed.**

We also did a mid-cycle accreditation which went very well.

Staff Updates:

Kelly Fox: Not in attendance.

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Dina Myers- We have been meeting with failing students and working with them to help them get their grades up.

We are creating a mentorship program with Student Council members.

Kris Smith:

The first item is the audit. There were no findings or changes

We need Board approval to accept the audit and approve the Management Letter.

Mauricio motioned to approve the audit results and Management Letter. **Thania seconded. Motion passed.**

We need to find a replacement for Easysuite. We will find something that works better.

TSIA Veteran Teacher plan. Teachers with 10 or more years of experience. We can do a lump sum or a tiered system based on years at LG.

Michelle M- I recommend the tiered system.

Thania motioned to approve tiered approach. **Chrissie seconded, motion passed.**

We need to spend extra millage funds from 25-26. A retention bonus for people who returned was submitted for approval. There are two tiers. An administrative/teacher (Higher) Full-Time employee (lower tier) as laid out in the current Millage Payment Structure.

Trina motioned to approve out of teacher retention bonus. **Ezra seconded, motion passed.**

Bid from IT vender to run new phone lines between Heron Hall and Kindergarten at $3,500. We really need to do it.

Mauricio motioned to approve new phone lines between Heron Hall and Kindergarten. **Thania seconded, motion passed.**

Parent Liaison Updates:

Hanna Campus (Brigette Oates)- I haven't received any inquires.

Lutz Lake Fern Campus- (Shanna Hunt)- I have received some inquiries from businesses that could become possible donors. I'll forward them on to Kris.

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Old Business- Alumni committee (Mauricio)- We would love to get some help from previous LG students.

Adjournment

- **Chrissie motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 PM, **seconded by Trina,** motion passed.

Minutes Recorded By:
Ezra Johnson, Secretary

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LGCS Board Executive Signatures

Signed by:
Stanley Kroh
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Stanley Kroh, Chair — Date

Signed by:
Chrissie Price
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Chrissie Price, Vice Chair — Date

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Ezra Johnson, Secretary — Date

Signed by:
Denelle Miller
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Denelle Miller, Treasurer — Date