



# Learning Community Charter School

## Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda

### Thursday, October 26, 2017 – 6:30 PM

- I. **Call to Order by Board Secretary**
- II. **Public Notice of Meeting/NJ Sunshine Law**

The New Jersey Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right to the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted on in accordance with N.J.S.A 10:4-6 et seq.

On the rules of this act, Learning Community Charter School has caused notice of this meeting by publicizing the date, time and place, of the regularly scheduled meeting in the Public Notice Section of the Jersey Journal and distributed to Jersey City Public School District, Municipal Clerk and to the Public and posted at the Learning Community Charter School located at 2495 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City, NJ 07304. Formal action will take place at this meeting.

III. **Roll Call**

Voting Members	Role (Term Expires)	Present	Absent	LA/ED
Mace Bell	Parent Member (4/2019)			
Keith Donath	Parent Member (4/2020)			
Colin Dunn	Community Member (4/2018)			
Angela Bennett-Glock	Parent Member (4/2020)			
Adam Irving	Parent Member (4/2020)			
Bertram Okpokwasili	Parent Member (4/2019)			
Sangeeta Ranade	Community Member (4/2019)			
Shelley Skinner	Founder Member (4/2019)			
Brian Uy	Parent Member (4/2019)			
Tammy Walters	Parent Member (4/2019)			

Non-Voting Members	Role	Present	Absent	LA/ED
Shanelle Muse	Staff Member			
Mike Brown	Staff Member			

**Also Present**

Non-Voting	Role	Present	Absent	LA/ED
Colin Hogan	Head of School			
Brian Falkowski	SBA/Board Secretary			
James Laster	Assistant Head of School			

IV. **Acceptance of Meeting Agenda**

Motion for Learning Community Charter School, Board of Trustees to approve the Agenda for the **October 26, 2017** meeting.

V. **Presentations**

- Charter Amendment - Expansion

- VI. **Public Comments**
- VII. **Acceptance of Meeting Minutes**

Motion for Learning Community Charter School, Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from **September 28, 2017.**

VIII. **Motions for Approval**

1. **Finance**

- a. Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Report: To approve the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports for September 2017, as per the attached. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:232.11(a), the Learning Community Charter School Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the secretary’s certification, and after review of the monthly financial report (appropriations section) certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, as of September 2017, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:232.11(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the school’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- b. Transfers: Approve transfers up September 30, 2017
- c. Bills List: Approve Bills List from September 29, 2017 to October 26, 2017.
- d. Payroll: To approve the following payrolls:

September 29, 2017	\$ 196,230.92
October 13, 2017	\$ 190,471.76

2. **Buildings & Grounds**

3. **Personnel**

- a. To approve the following stipends:
  - 1. Peer Mediation Stipend Split: Charlotte Carr - \$1,000 and Nicole Canete - \$1,000 (adjustment from a previously approved allocation)
  - 2. Assistant Soccer Coach-Samantha Vargas - \$1,500
  - 3. National Junior Honor Society Adviser-Megan Stauffer - \$2,000

4. **Curriculum/Special Education**

5. **Policy/Miscellaneous**

- a. To approve the following charter amendment request:

WHEREAS, the mission of the Learning Community Charter School (“School”) is operate as an independent public charter school dedicated to using an innovative integrated approach to achieve the intellectual, social, and emotional development of all students; and

WHEREAS, the School is delivering high quality education services to its students, evidenced in part by its students’ performance on standardized tests; and

WHEREAS, the current maximum approved enrollment of the School is 585 students in each of the grades K through 8, for a total of 540 students; and

WHEREAS, there is currently excess demand for enrollment at the School, with 758 students on the lottery waitlist;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Charter School Program Act requires that all charter schools seek enrollment of a cross section of the school age population in the community; and

WHEREAS, the School has capacity to serve additional students; and

WHEREAS, the School desires to provide a weighted preference to students who are duly identified as economically disadvantaged, to more broadly serve such students; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the United States and New Jersey Department of Educations have provided guidance on implementing weighted lotteries and the advantages therefrom; and

WHEREAS, an expansion of enrollment at the School, in addition to a weighted lottery favoring economically disadvantaged, would advance the mission of the School and the policies of New Jersey Charter School Program Act, which includes improving student education outcomes, accountability, choices and variety for students drawn from a cross section of the community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that

1. The School Administration be here hereby is authorized to file an application to the Commissioner of Education to amend the School’s charter to increase its maximum approved enrollment by 54 students, from 585 to 639 effective the 2018-2019 school year and to institute a weighted lottery effective the 2018-2019 school year to favor economically disadvantaged students, in accordance with the School Administration letter dated October 26, 2017, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A; and
2. The School Administration be and hereby is directed to duly provide a copy of this application to the Jersey City Public Schools and take any and all actions in furtherance of this charter amendment application.

**IX. Enrollment Report**

Grade	2018 ENR	Jul 15, 2017	Aug 15, 2017	Sep 15, 2017	Oct 15, 2017	Nov 15, 2017	Dec 15, 2017	Jan 15, 2018	Feb 15, 2018	Mar 15, 2018	Apr 15, 2018	May 15, 2018	Jun 15, 2018	Wait List
Pre K	45		45	45	45									224
K	60		58	60	59									186
1	60		60	59	60									79
2	60		58	59	59									77
3	60		60	61	61									42
4	60		60	60	60									65
5	60		59	60	60									44
6	60		58	62	62									16
7	60		59	57	57									15
8	60		59	60	60									10
<b>Total</b>	<b>585</b>		<b>576</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>583</b>									<b>758</b>

**X. Board Agenda**

1. Committee Reports
  - a. Finance and Budget
  - b. Evaluation
  - c. Development and Communications
  - d. Facilities
  - e. Policy
  - f. Strategic Planning and Priorities
  - g. Advocacy
  - h. Afterschool (ad-hoc committee)
  - i. Grievance (ad-hoc committee)

2. Next Board Meetings: **2017:** 11/30, 12/14  
**2018:** 1/25, 2/15, 3/22, 4/26, 5/10, 6/28

**XI. New Business**

**XII. Public Comment**

**XIII. Executive Session**

**XIV. Adjournment**

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mace Bell						Bertram Okpokwasili					
Keith Donath						Sangeeta Ranade					
Colin Dunn						Shelley Skinner					
Angela Bennett-Glock						Brian Uy					
Adam Irving						Tammy Walters					