

# LinkEd Public Schools (LPS) Board Meeting

## Minutes LPS Board of Directors Meeting

Central Academy of Arts and Technology

### Special Board Meeting – Minutes

Date: Monday, September 15, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: 1701 18th Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301

Virtual: Zoom Meeting ID 838 6808 6112

### I. Opening Items

#### 1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by Board President David James.

#### 1.2 Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by David James and received by all members present.

#### 1.3 Roll Call

Board Members Present:

- David James
- Lila Ray
- Leslie Walters
- Tara Bratcher

Board Members Absent: Ernie Unruh

Staff Present: Joanna Kendrick, LinkEd Superintendent; Greg West, LinkEd CEO

Guests Present: David Olsen, Charter Impact; Steve McClain, Consultant

#### 1.4 Changes to Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

#### 1.5 Public Comment

No public comments were received on non-agenda items.

## II. Consent Agenda

There were no consent items on the agenda.

## III. Closed Session

There was no closed session.

## IV. Open Session

### 4.1 Regular Agenda Items

#### 4.1a – Approval of Changes to the LPS Fiscal Policy

The Board reviewed the proposed updates to align fiscal policies with standard accounting practices related to capitalized expenses.

- Motion: Lila Ray
- Second: Leslie Walters
- Vote: 4-0 – Motion carried.

#### 4.1b – Approval of the 2024–2025 Unaudited Actuals

The Board considered and approved the unaudited actuals for Central Academy of Arts and Technology for the 2024–2025 fiscal year. David Olsen presented a summary of the report, noting that Charter Impact had recently completed onboarding Caat as a client and used data from EdTec to prepare the unaudited actuals. During this process, updates were made to the school's revenue records that had previously been missed by EdTec. With the support of the Charter Impact team and consultant Steve McLain, the unaudited actuals were completed successfully and submitted within all statutory timelines.

- Motion: Leslie Walters
- Second: David James
- Vote: 4-0 – Motion carried.

#### 4.1c – Approval of Amendment to Charter Impact Contract

The Board approved an amendment to the existing contract with Charter Impact to include Human Resources support and management, completion of the prior year unaudited actual, and revision to Charter Impact's contract to include full audit support for 2024–2025. Greg West reported that EdTec, despite being contractually obligated, had refused to complete the school's unaudited actuals. He noted that this refusal represented a material breach of their contract and fiduciary duty. The school had already determined it would not continue its contract with EdTec beyond the 2024–2025 school year due to these material breaches, which had led to significant issues with the school's financial reporting and contributed to a Notice of Violation from the charter school's authorizer. In response, Charter Impact stepped in, though not originally contracted for this work, and successfully completed the unaudited actuals using the school's prior year financial data. Greg also shared that consultant Steve McClain was engaged to assist in this project to ensure completion within required timelines.

- Motion: David James
- Second: Lila Ray
- Vote: 4-0– Motion carried.

#### V. Closing Items

##### Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

- Motion: David James
- Second: Tara Bratcher
- Vote: 4-0– Motion carried.