LinkEd Public Schools (LPS) Board Meeting

Minutes LPS Board of Directors Meeting

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Location: 1701 18th St Bakersfield CA 93301 | Zoom Meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83868086112 Meeting ID: 831 3586 5007 Passcode: iKhn6Q
Date: June 30, 2026
Time: 1:00PM

I. Opening Items

1.1 Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM by Board President David James

1.2 Flag Salute
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by David James and acknowledged by all members present.

1.3 Roll Call

Board Members Present:
Lila Ray
Leslie Walters
Ernie Unruh
David James

Board Members Absent:
None

Staff Present:
Greg West (CEO)
Joanna Kendrick (Superintendent)
Brandon Smith (Director Of Operations)

Guests Present:
David Olson, Charter Impact

1.4 Changes to Agenda
The agenda was amended to remove the duplicate lease item and to move Closed Session to later in the meeting following the facilities discussion.

1.5 Public Comment
No public comments were received.

II. Consent Agenda

2.1- Approval of May 26 board meeting minutes
2.2- Approval of May check register
2.3- Approval of 2026-27 Aeries Renewal Contract
2.4- Approval of 2026-27 i-Ready Renewal Contract
2.5- Approval of Updated 2026-2027 Family Handbook
2.6- Approval of Updated 2026-2027 Wellness Policy
2.7- Approval of CharterSafe 2026-2027 Renewal

The Board reviewed the consent agenda. Discussion included Aeries data management and backup training, CharterSafe enrollment and employee counts, and two typographical corrections to the Family Handbook.

Motion: Lila Ray moved to approve all items on the Consent Agenda, including the two noted corrections to the Family Handbook. Leslie Walters seconded.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

III. Open Session

4.1- May Fiscal Updates

Charter Impact presented the May fiscal updates. The financial outlook remained generally consistent with prior projections. Projected year-end revenues were approximately $8.44 million, with projected expenses of approximately $7.83 million and an anticipated year-end surplus of approximately $608,000.

Administration and Charter Impact also reviewed cash flow, projected attendance, anticipated operational savings, and progress toward reducing prior-year liabilities.

No action was taken.

4.2- Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Budget Public Hearing

Superintendent Joanna Kendrick presented the draft 2026–27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and budget. The public hearing was opened at approximately 1:42 PM to receive public input.

The LCAP presentation included updates regarding student outcomes, academic programs, student engagement, access to a broad course of study, and services for student groups.

No public comments were received.

The public hearing was subsequently closed.

4.3- Approval of the 2026-2027 LCAP and Budget for the Central Academy of Arts and Technology

The Board considered approval of the 2026–27 LCAP and budget following the public hearing.

Motion: Ernie Unruh moved to approve the 2026–27 LCAP and Budget. Lila Ray seconded.
Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

- David James: Aye
- Leslie Walters: Aye
- Lila Ray: Aye
- Ernie Unruh: Aye

4.4- 2027 EPA Spending Plan

The Board reviewed the proposed 2027 Education Protection Account (EPA) Spending Plan.

Vote: Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

- David James: Aye
- Leslie Walters: Aye
- Lila Ray: Aye
- Ernie Unruh: Aye

4.5- Approval of Local Indicators

The Board reviewed the Local Indicators and the related reporting requirements.

Motion: Lila Ray moved to approve the Local Indicators. Leslie Walters seconded.
Vote: Approved unanimously.

- David James: Aye
- Leslie Walters: Aye
- Lila Ray: Aye
- Ernie Unruh: Aye

4.6- Approval of Lease for 824 and 826 18th Street

The Board reviewed the sublease agreement between LinkEd Public Schools and 1920 LLC for the 824 and 826 18th Street facilities. The agreement supports the school's eligibility for state facility cost reimbursement.

The Board discussed and approved several corrections to the agreement, including the lease date, term language, rent commencement date, and clarification that the premises serve students in grades TK–12.

Motion: Ernie Unruh moved to approve the lease with the noted corrections. Leslie Walters seconded.
Vote: Approved unanimously.

- David James: Aye
- Leslie Walters: Aye
- Lila Ray: Aye
- Ernie Unruh: Aye

4.7- Approval of 2026-2027 Salary Schedules

The Board reviewed the proposed 2026–27 salary schedules, including updates to support clear salary scales and the addition of new position classifications.

The Board requested additional compensation information and a comparative review for a future meeting.

Motion: Lila Ray moved to approve the 2026–27 Salary Schedules. Leslie Walters seconded.
Vote: Approved with Ernie Unruh abstaining.

- David James: Aye
- Leslie Walters: Aye
- Lila Ray: Aye
- Ernie Unruh: Abstain

4.8- Approval of 2026-2027 Consolidated Application

Administration presented the 2026–27 Consolidated Application for federal funding programs.

Motion: Lila Ray moved to approve the 2026–27 Consolidated Application. Leslie Walters seconded.
Vote: Approved unanimously.

- David James: Aye
- Leslie Walters: Aye
- Lila Ray: Aye
- Ernie Unruh: Aye

4.9- Approval of 2026-2027 ELOP Plan

The administration presented the updated 2026–27 Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) Plan. The plan includes a partnership with the Boys & Girls Club and expanded programming in literacy, health and wellness, arts, drama, and music.

Motion: Ernie Unruh moved to approve the 2026–27 ELOP Plan. Leslie Walters seconded.
Vote: Approved unanimously.

- David James: Aye
- Leslie Walters: Aye
- Lila Ray: Aye

- Ernie Unruh: Aye

4.10- Approval of Technology Usage Plan for CAAT Students

Administration presented the Technology Usage Plan, which establishes guidelines for limiting student screen time by grade span while maintaining appropriate access to technology for instructional purposes.

Motion: Leslie Walters moved to approve the Technology Usage Plan. Lila Ray seconded.
Vote: Approved unanimously.

- David James: Aye
- Leslie Walters: Aye
- Lila Ray: Aye
- Ernie Unruh: Aye

4.11- Approval of Agreement with Patterson and Sons Construction for Facility Improvements at 1723 18th Street Campus

The Board reviewed the proposed agreement with Patterson and Sons Construction for facility improvements at the 1723 18th Street campus.

Motion: Ernie Unruh moved to approve the agreement with Patterson and Sons Construction. Leslie Walters seconded.
Vote: Approved unanimously.

- David James: Aye
- Leslie Walters: Aye
- Lila Ray: Aye
- Ernie Unruh: Aye

4.12- Discussion of Tenant Improvement Budget for 824 & 826 18th Street

Brady Hutchinson of Building Hope presented information regarding the planning and design of tenant improvements for the 824 and 826 18th Street facilities.

The Board discussed project planning, facility needs, and the anticipated tenant improvement budget. A follow-up meeting was scheduled for Friday, July 3, 2026, at 8:00 AM to continue discussion regarding the project.

No action was taken.

IV. Closed Session

The Board entered Closed Session at 2:22 PM to discuss real estate negotiations.

The Board returned to Open Session at 2:30 PM.

Report of Closed Session:
No reportable action was taken during the Closed Session.

V. Communication

5.1 Superintendent Report

Superintendent Joanna Kendrick provided updates regarding the LCAP, budget development, student programs, and preparations for the upcoming school year.

5.2 CEO Report

CEO Greg West provided updates regarding financial planning, facilities, and organizational operations.

VI. Closing Items

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Leslie Walters
Second: Lila Ray
Time adjourned: 2:37 PM
Vote: Approved unanimously.