

LinkEd Public Schools (LPS) Board Meeting

Minutes LPS Board of Directors Meeting

Central Academy of Arts and Technology

Board Meeting – Minutes

Date: Monday, September 30, 2025

Time: 1:00 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 1:02 PM by Board President David James.

1.2 Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Leslie Walters and received by all members present.

1.3 Roll Call

Board Members Present:

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

- 2.1- Approval of August board meeting minutes
- 2.2- Approval of September Special Board meeting minutes
- 2.3- Approval of August check register

A motion was made to approve the consent items by Ernie Unruh and seconded by Leslie Walters.

Motion: Ernie Unruh

Second: Leslie Walters

Vote: 5-0 – Motion carried

III. Closed Session

There was no closed session.

IV. Open Session

4.1 Regular Agenda Items

4.1 LCAP public hearing

Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Budget Public Hearing: *The Board will held a public hearing to receive input on revisions of Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2025–26 fiscal year, as required by Education Code § 47606.5.*

Ms. Kendrick presented the proposed revisions to the LCAP, highlighting updates that reflect increased student enrollment and corresponding enhancements to student services.

Motion: Ernie Unruh

Second: Leslie Walters

Vote: 5-0 – Motion carried

4.2 Approval of revised LCAP

Approve updated 2025-26 LCAP. Revision based on updated enrollment and student group data.

Based on the presentation during the Public hearing, the Board approved the revised 2025-2026 LCAP.

Motion: Ernie Unruh

Second: Lila Ray

Vote: 5-0 – Motion carried

4.3 Approval of revised LCAP budget

Review and approve updated LCAP Budget expenditures that align to current year funding and Goal allocation.

Based on the presentation during the Public hearing, the Board approved the revised 2025-2026 LCAP budget.

Motion: Lila Ray

Second: David James

Vote: 5-0 – Motion carried

4.4 Approval of revised 2025-2026 CAAT Family Handbook

Review and Approve changes to the Caat Family Handbook to address the recommendations of KCSOS Oversight report.

Mr. West reviewed updates to the CAAT Family Handbook made in response to the annual KCSOS oversight visit, noting that the visit identified no Education Code violations and there is no evidence of noncompliance in the school's practices; the revisions clarify procedures and align language to ensure complete compliance with recommendations. Following discussion, the Board approved the proposed handbook changes.

Motion: Lila Ray

Second: Leslie Walters

Vote: 5-0 – Motion carried

4.5 Approval of revised 2025-2026 CAAT Employee Handbook

Review and Approve changes to the Caat Employee Handbook to address the recommendations of KCSOS Oversight report.

Mr. West reviewed updates to the CAAT Employee Handbook developed in response to recommendations from the annual KCSOS oversight report. He noted that while the oversight visit identified no Education Code violations and there is no evidence of noncompliance in the school's practices, the revisions were made to clarify procedures and ensure full alignment with all applicable regulations. Following review, the Board approved the proposed handbook revisions.

Motion: Leslie Walter

Second: David James

Vote: 5-0 – Motion carried

4.6 Approval of revised 2025-2026 CAAT Safe School Plan

Review and Approve changes to the Caat Safe School Plan to address the recommendations of KCSOS Oversight report.

Mr. West reviewed the proposed updates to the CAAT Safe School Plan made in response to recommendations from the annual KCSOS oversight report. He noted that while the oversight visit identified no Education Code violations and there is no evidence of noncompliance in the school's practices, the revisions were implemented to enhance clarity, strengthen safety procedures, and ensure full alignment with state and local requirements. The plan now highlights how the school's staff will support students on IEPs in all areas of the Safe Schools Plan. Following review, the Board approved the revised Safe School Plan.

Motion: Ernie Unruh

Second: Leslie Walters

Vote: 5-0 – Motion carried

4.7 Approval of revised 2025-2026 Suicide Prevention Policy

The Suicide Prevention Policy to address the recommendations of KCSOS Oversight report.

Motion: Ernie Unruh

Second: Tara Bratcher

Vote: 5-0 – Motion carried

4.8 Review and approve the lease agreement of 1701 & 1723 18th street

Mr. West shared the revised Lease agreements that are adjusted to reflect transition from Monthly to Quarterly Lease Payments. He shared that this change is better for the school's cash flow.

Motion: Lila Ray

Second: Leslie Walters

Vote: 5-0 – 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.