**LANGUAGE & LITERACY ACADEMY FOR LEARNING, INC.**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

330 Avenue C SE, Winter Haven, FL 33880

Monday, March 9 – 6 p.m.

**Virtual Board Meeting Draft Minutes**

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**Time: Monday, March 9 – 6** **PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

MISSION

Accelerate growth in language, literacy, and social skills for students with special needs while engaging parents as lifelong partners in education.

VISION

To create a nationally known infant, toddler, Pre-K, K-12 educational institution for students with disabilities that is noted for providing supports that address the child’s health conditions (physical body functions & structures, hearing, vision, language, communication & speech, fine motor, visual perceptual, sensory), environmental factors (physical, social, and attitudinal environment in which children live and conduct their lives.

* Call to Order (Board Chair): **6:05 pm**
* Roll Call of Board Members (Dr. Callins): **Markeishia Smith, Paulette Napper, Zelda Abram**
* Public Comment Period (Board Chair) (30 minutes maximum) **N/A**
  + The Board of Directors welcomes public comments. Each speaker shall sign -up to speak on the sign-in sheet at the entrance to the room. Speakers will be called in order as listed on the sign-in sheet. Speakers shall have no more than 3 minutes to speak. The public comment period will last up to 30 minutes. If the public comment period has ended and there are still individuals wishing to address the Board, there will be an additional public comment period at the end of the meeting to accommodate those individuals.
  + Process for public comments given the limitations of the time available and the purpose of this meeting, the Board will hear your comments, but will not engage in any back and forth with speakers. If questions are asked about specific school operations, School staff will be happy to research your question and get back to you.
* Consideration of the Board Minutes. (Board Chair) Agenda Items: **Approved 3/3**
* Old business
  + Charter Renewal Next Steps: Administrative Law Judge Consideration: **Board members decided not to pursue the ALJ due to the cost of the hearing/attorney fees. All the areas of concern have been addressed including the new location of the school. A letter of intent for purchase has been submitted to the brokers/sellers. Dr. Tillman from the district will come to assist with the scheduling of the students on Access Points. The financial concerns have been resolved with the adjustments from February FTE. LLAL will begin the wind down plan with CSC beginning from April 2023. The current ending fund balance is 82% with a surplus of $373,000. LLAL was able to add four certified teachers and reduce the number of substitutes. Additionally, LLAL will separate the students on Access Points by grade levels instead of ability levels. This is not the best solution for the students on Access points, however, it will satisfy the school district’s concerns.**
* New business
  + Board member resignations: **Jimmy Downing Jr. and Jennifer Jackson resigned. The board voted on Eddie Crockett Sr. and Wanda Mays as replacements. 3/3 approved.**
* Set next Board Meeting for **March 27 @ 5:30 pm**. (Board Chair).
* Additional Public Comment period for those who signed up at the start of the meeting but the 30 minutes for the public comments had expired (Board Chair).
* Adjournment: **7:03pm**