

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

330 Avenue C SE, Winter Haven, FL 33880

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.

**Emergency Called Board Meeting Minutes**

**Time: May 22, 2024, 2:00 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): **Mr. Eddie Crockett @2:06 pm**
- Roll Call of Board Members (Dr. Callins): **Markeishia Smith, Paulette Napper, Kimberly Persuad, Zelda Abram, Eddie Crockett**
- 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: **N/A**
  - Unfinished business item:
  - New business:
    - Temporary Leases- **1650 S Jackson St, Bartow (Elementary); 1302 33<sup>rd</sup> Street NW, Winter Haven (MSHS); 222 E. Central Avenue, Winter Haven (Corporate Office) Approved 5/5**
    - Closing Updates- **Grow Schools is refinancing their entire portfolio, including 50 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, with a new lender. It's taking longer than anticipated. Grow Schools reached back out to their previous lender, Texas Capital. Grow Schools will go with the lender that is able to**

**complete the project the quickest. Grow Schools met with PCPS and PCPS agreed to lift the additional financial oversight due to the missed FRS payment last year. The financial status of LLAL has improved and we're in good standing.**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Van purchase- **8 passenger van purchased and will be wrapped by Extreme Graphics like the 15-passenger van.**
- Set next Board Meeting for **June 24, 2024 @ 5:00 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). **N/A**
- Adjournment: **2:26 pm**