

**Regular Meeting of the
Lewis Center for Educational Research Board of Directors**

**Minutes
April 11, 8, 2019**

1.0 Call to Order

Chairman Duberly Beck called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

LCER Board Members Duberly Beck, Jim Morris (arrived 4:15 pm), Omari Onyango, Sharon Page, David Rib, Jessica Rodriguez, Marcia Vargas and Rick Wolf were present.

LCER Board Member Pat Caldwell was absent.

Staff members Fausto Barragan, Ryan Dorcey, Teresa Dowd, David Gruber, Lisa Lamb, Stacy Newman were also present.

Angel Arrington represented the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.

3.0 Public Comments: Tara Izadi, AAE HOSA Club, informed the Board of the HOSA State Leadership Conference the club attended. The conference featured competitions and workshops.

4.0 Special Presentations:

.01 Wayne K. Strumpfer, YM&C presented a Brown Act and Conflict of Interest training for the Board. A new law beginning January 1, 2020 affecting our procedures is that the meetings must be audio or video recorded and posted on our website. We will plan to comply with this new requirement. We already comply with all other new requirements.

5.0 Consent Agenda

- .01 Approve Minutes of March 18, 2019 Regular Meeting
- .02 Approve NSLA 2020-2021 School Calendar (Subject to change due to construction timelines)
- .03 Approve Gustavo Congo as a Signer on LCER Bank Accounts

On a motion by Marcia Vargas, seconded by David Rib, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved Consent Agenda Items 5.01 – 5.03.

6.0 Discussion/Action Items:

- .01 **Lewis Center Foundation Update** – Marcia Vargas thanked the Board for purchasing sponsorships and tickets.
- .02 **Approve the Recommendation by the Committee to Engage Commitment with Urban Futures, Inc. and John Phan as the Financial Advisor for the Lewis Center for Educational Research** – This item was taken after public comments and before the special presentation. John Phan introduced himself and the committee discussed their decision to recommend Urban Futures, Inc. Jim Morris was not in attendance for the discussion or vote and has recused himself from any discussion on this topic. He does not have a financial interest in this agreement. On a motion by Sharon Page, seconded by Marcia Vargas, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved the committee's recommendation to engage commitment with Urban Futures, Inc.

7.0 Information Included in Packet:

- 01.** Staff Report – President/CEO - Lisa Lamb
- 02.** LCER Financial Reports
 - Checks Over \$10K
 - Budget Comparisons
- 03.** Lewis Center Foundation Financial Report
 - February 2019
- 04.** LCER Board Attendance Log
- 05.** LCER Board Give and Get

8.0 Board/Staff Comments:

- .01 Ask a question for clarification** – None
- .02 Make a brief announcement** – None.
- .03 Make a brief report on his or her own activities** – Jim Morris attended the WASC meeting and it went well. Parents also attended and met with the team. The focus is on the educational program and culture. These should not be compromised for facilities. It was suggested to have a committee with parents, students and staff to discuss the campus process, similar to previous groups.
- .04 Future agenda Items** – None.

9.0 Closed Session:

The LCER Board of Directors convened into closed session at 6:35 p.m. to conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation: James Foley vs. The High Desert “Partnership in Academic Excellence” Foundation Inc. DBA Lewis Center for Educational Research. The Board reconvened into open session at 6:50 p.m. Duberly Beck, Chairman of the Board, reported that the LCER Board voted 8-0 to authorize the LCER attorney to settle the case.

10.0 Adjournment

Chairman Duberly Beck adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.