

**Minutes for Special Meeting of the Lewis Center for Educational Research Board  
July 26, 2021**

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**: Chairman Rib called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL**: LCER Board Members Pat Caldwell, Torii Gray, Omari Onyango, David Rib, Sharon Page, Jessica Rodriguez, Rick Wolf were in attendance. LCER Board members Jim Morris and Kevin Porter were absent.

Staff members Valli Andreasen, Fausto Barragan, Marcelo Congo, Ryan Dorcey, Teresa Dowd, David Gruber, and Lisa Lamb were in attendance.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**: None
4. **PUBLIC HEARING ON INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM**: The following statement was read during the meeting: The LCER Board seeks public input on the revision of Board Policy 6158 – Independent Study. Community members/stakeholders may comment on the policy during the public hearing, email their comment to the Secretary at [lcerboard@lcer.org](mailto:lcerboard@lcer.org), or use the Questions feature of GoToWebinar, which will be moderated during the hearing.

Lisa Lamb discussed that there are new legal requirements in place due to AB 130 since the previous policy update on June 14, 2021. Our attorney at YM&C worked with us to update the policy with these requirements. AB 130 is not required to be offered by charter schools. As the Lewis Center operates small schools with limited staff and resources, it would be too difficult for us to meet the legal requirements of Independent Study (IS) in grades TK-8. There is also no IS vendor available to provide a dual immersion program for NSLA students. Staff is recommending offering short term IS (14 days or less in a school year) to all students, and offering long term IS (15 or more days in a school year) to high school only. We already work with BYU online. This would allow us to use ESSER funds to meet the greatest needs of students and staff over time. Alternative accommodations may be found for students who refuse masking requirements. Masks are required for students TK-12 indoors. How schools enforce the requirement is up to them. We may lose students who decide to go to a different school, but it should not result in significant ADA loss if filled from current waiting lists. We still need to finalize our IS master agreement, make a plan for potential school closures, etc. Lisa Lamb reviewed the new revisions in the policy. Rick Wolf suggested in section 5.ii changing “synchronous instruction for an hour” to “no less than 50 minutes” or something alternative; or we can remove the time notation. There are not many families that have expressed an interest in IS. It is the recommendation of staff to approve the policy revision.

5. **ACTION ITEMS**:
  - .01 Approve Revision of BP 6158 - Independent Study – On a motion by Sharon page, seconded by Jessica Rodriguez, vote 7-0 by roll call vote, the LCER Board of Directors approved the revision of BP 6158 – Independent Study, with “for an hour” in section 5.ii removed.
  - .02 Approve AAE 2021-22 CL-500 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators – the declaration of need allows us to be able to hire a teacher with an emergency credential or intern status. On a motion by Pat Caldwell, seconded by Torii Gray, vote 7-0 by roll call vote, the LCER Board of Directors approved the AAE 2021-22 CL 500 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators.
  - .03 Approve NSLA 2021-22 CL-500 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators - On a motion by Omari Onyango, seconded by Torii Gray, vote 7-0 by roll call vote, the LCER Board of Directors approved the NSLA 2021-22 CL 500 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators.

**6. BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS:**

.01 Ask a question for clarification

.02 Make a brief announcement – Lisa Lamb informed the Board that we have received objections to masking by a few AAE families. The public misunderstands that we do not have a choice in masking. We are required to require to enforce masks inside. We do not have to do allow for physical distancing. How we choose to enforce masking is our decision, not if we mask. Masks are not required outdoors. Admin will be having conferences with families that have an objection to review approved alternatives.

Lisa also reported that Admin has been discussing the uniform policy, which is only an AR, only mentions AAE and needs updating. We will discuss the uniform dress code at the next Board meeting. The AAE has their hands full trying to enforcing masking. We are not going to discipline for things such as hair color or piercings, only uniforms, for the time being. In the future we plan to align the policy for both schools. Rick Wolf suggested informing the parents that the uniform policy is under review and will be enforcing the actual uniform.

.03 Make a brief report on his or her own activities – Lisa Lamb reported that the NSLA grand opening/ribbon cutting is September 2 at 10:00 a.m.

.04 Future agenda items – A uniform dress code discussion will be placed on the next agenda.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Rib adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.