

Minute for Regular Meeting of the Lewis Center for Educational Research Board
August 8, 2022

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:** Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** LCER Board Members Pat Caldwell, Jim Morris (arrived at 4:45), Kevin Porter, David Rib, Jessica Rodriguez and Pat Schlosser, were in attendance. LCER Board member Omari Onyango was absent.

Staff members Marcelo Congo, Jisela Corona, Ryan Dorcey, Teresa Dowd, David Gruber, Lisa Lamb, Sharon Page, Chet Richards and Victor Uribe were also in attendance.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

4. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

- .01 Update on AAE Student Activities - LCER Ambassadors Daisy Combs and Alejandro Aguirre updated the Board on AAE student activities, facility updates, expanding Ambassadors to Norton, and the great start of the new year.
- .02 Lewis Center Programs Presentation on GAVRT, AVCI and Local Programs - Lisa Lamb and Ryan Dorcey present GAVRT Highlights, including maintenance updates to the Antenna, using CubeSAT tracking to support the Artemis mission, new Space Science teachers at AAE and NSLA, and solar activities from grant funds. They explained how GAVRT is funded, including grants and project funding. Community Events are planned such as Noche de las Estrellas, NASA Talks, Artemis Talks and a virtual Artemis Launch Watch Party. We are planning to reopen Mineral City to area schools for field trips in Pioneer Kids, Trails West and Gold Rush. We will also be offering additional programs before and after school with ELO-P funds at both schools, as well as field trips and tutoring. AVCI, the partnership with AVUSD and LCER, is planning new signage for the facility, as well as STEM nights and field trips. Facility needs are being completed including new flooring in the lab and a new walkway to access the upper campus. The High Desert Astronomical Society (HiDAS) is working on operations and sustainability. They are currently working on telescope repairs and upgrades. Plans are for the telescope to be accessed remotely in the future. Kevin asked if the funding for the radio telescope repairs is covered. Yes, through the grants and project funding. David asked about the field trips. Packages will be sent out to local schools.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- .01 Approve Minutes of the June 13, 2022 Regular LCER Board Meeting

On a motion by David Rib, seconded by Sharon Page, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved the Consent Agenda by roll call vote.

6. **ACTION ITEM:**

- .01 Approve BP 6158 – Independent Study Revision with New Updates – Lisa Lamb reported that the policy was revised to reflect new changes. The school site teams have met and teachers will be mostly offering make up work for the first quarter to see how it goes and we will have this policy available to offer short term independent study if it is needed. We will not be offering long-term independent study. On a motion by Jim Morris, seconded by Pat Caldwell, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved BP 6158 – Independent Study Revisions by roll call vote.
- .02 Approve AR 3314.3 – Credit Card Usage Revision and Request Authorization to Issue a Credit Card to Each Principal (Chet Richards, AAE and Victor Uribe, NSLA) to use for School Site Needs – David Gruber reported that purchasing needs have increased due to the receipt of additional Covid related funds. On a motion by Kevin Porter, seconded by Pat Schlosser, vote 7-0, the LCER Board

of Directors approved AR 3314.3 – Credit Card Usage Revision and Request Authorization to Issue a Credit Card to Each Principal (Chet Richards, AAE and Victor Uribe, NSLA) to use for School Site Needs by roll call vote.

- .03 Approve Yolanda Carlos as a Member of the High Desert Partnership in Academic Excellence Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors – Lisa Lamb reported that Pat Caldwell has recommended Yolanda Carlos for the Board and the three of them met to discuss the position. Pat shared Yolanda’s skills and experience. On a motion by Sharon Page, seconded by Pat Caldwell, vote 7-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved Yolanda Carlos as a Member of the High Desert Partnership in Academic Excellence Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors by roll call vote.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- .01 AAE Back to School Update – Chet Richards updated the Board on the teacher’s back to school training in Capturing Kids Hearts, field trips, the focus on safety, a 5 day training for our Campus Security Officers, attendance, enrollment, test scores, fencing the perimeter of the campus, intruder training, shade structures and improvement of instruction. He is very impressed by the school and the family feel. Kids are eager to get back to normal, and Back to School Night is this Wednesday. We also are planning to hold the 9-11 ceremony on September 9th. Perimeter fencing was discussed, and though it is not actually easy to get onto campus from that direction, it will add an additional layer of safety.
- .02 NSLA Back to School Update – Victor Uribe updated the Board on the focus on safety, Campus Security Officer training and expectations, active shooter training for staff, partnering with the police dept., boundaries for students, the Stop It App for anonymous reporting, Back to School night is this Thursday, volunteers, teacher training in Capturing Kids Hearts and Love and Logic, new staff, CIF next year, new 10th grade class, enrollment, attendance, and the great year ahead.
- .03 NSLA Gym Construction Update – David Gruber reported the footings have started. The City is asking for a plumbing change that we are waiting for. The concrete is scheduled for the next few weekends. Feb/March is the new expected completion date.
- .04 Lewis Center Foundation Board Update – Lisa Lamb reported the Foundation Board met today. We are in need of more members. The group is working on a Brew Event in September to establish connections in the Inland Empire. Raffle prizes are needed. Bring your friends! Please share the email information Jisela sent today.

8. INFORMATION INCLUDED IN PACKET:

- .01 LCER President/CEO Staff Report
- .02 LCER Financial Reports
- Checks Over \$10K
 - Budget Comparisons
 - Lewis Center Foundation Financial Reports
- .03 AAE and NSLA Enrollment Data
- .04 LCER Board Attendance Log
- .05 NSLA 2021-22 2nd Interim Review Narrative – Jim congratulated staff on the review. Jim asked about the fund balance, which was a timing issue.

9. BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS:

- .01 Ask a question for clarification
- .02 Make a brief announcement or a brief report on his or her own activities – Lisa reported that a film crew for the County will be highlighting SFJROTC and is filming this Wednesday. The regional PR Coalition was hosted onsite on Wednesday. We are continuing to work with Norm Nunez regarding the Taiwanese Education Delegation for the County Board of Supervisors. Lisa and Ryan will be giving a Solar System Ambassador talk next week and will highlight GAVRT and solar patrol.
- .03 Future agenda items

10. ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.