

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

**Minutes
October 14, 2019**

1.0 Call to Order

Chairman Duberly Beck called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

LCER Board Members Duberly Beck, Pat Caldwell, Jim Morris, Omari Onyango, Sharon Page, David Rib (arrived at 5:25 p.m.), Jessica Rodriguez, Marcia Vargas and Rick Wolf were present.

No LCER Board Members were absent.

Staff members Valli Andreasen, Fausto Barragan, Matt Cabe, Marcelo Congo, Ryan Dorcey, Teresa Dowd, David Gruber, Heather Juarez, Lisa Lamb, Erin Mason and Stacy Newman were also present.

3.0 Public Comments: None.

4.0 Special Presentations:

.01 Chinese Delegation – Fausto and Marcelo visited Shanghai schools in September, and the delegation visiting AAE has arrived. They will be visiting NSLA as well. Shanghai schools do not have a special education department. They have separate schools where students could learn a trade. The Chinese were very interested in learning from us.

.02 Dr. Lee Swanson, Jennifer Kong and Erin Mason presented data regarding the University of New Mexico math grant. We are in our 3rd year of the NSF grant to identify what contributes to being good in math.

.03 Heather Juarez presented Dashboard Local Indicator Results for both schools, and a preview of the 2018-19 CAASPP Comparative Reports. These are updated each fall and priorities are reviewed. The test scores are a celebration for both schools.

5.0 Consent Agenda

.01 Approve Minutes of September 9, 2019 Regular Meeting

.02 Approve Amended MOU and College and Careers Access pathways Partnership Agreement

.03 Approve AAE Class of 2020 Disneyland Grad Nite Field Trip June 5-6, 2020

On a motion by Jessica Rodriguez, seconded by David Rib, vote 8-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved Consent Agenda Items 5.01 – 5.03. (Jim Morris had stepped out of the room. Items 6.02, 6.03 and 6.05 were discussed prior to 5.01-5.03)

6.0 Discussion/Action Items:

.01 Approve LCER Strategic Plan 2019-2024 – On a motion by Rick Wolf, seconded by Marcia Vargas, vote 8-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved the LCER Strategic Plan 2019-2024. (Jim Morris had stepped out of the room.)

.02 Approve Creating 2 new LLCs (17500 Mana Rd LLC and 230 South Waterman LLC) and the Creation of a Bank Account for Each New LLC in order to process payments for the new bonds per investor requirement – Jim Morris recused himself from this discussion and left the room and David Rib had not arrived yet. Creating LLCs allows us to receive SB740 funding. NSLA already receives this funding, and AAE can begin receiving the funds once Free and Reduced Lunch reaches 55%. On a motion by

Pat Caldwell, seconded by Sharon Page, vote 7-0, the Lewis Center Board of Directors approved creating 2 new LLCs and the creation of a bank account for each new LLC.

- .03 Ratify approval of Resolution NO. 2019-02 – Declaring an Official Intent to Reimburse Itself From the Proceeds of a Future Borrowing for Capital Expenditures and Providing Certain Other Matters in Connection Therewith – Jim Morris recused himself from this discussion and left the room and David Rib had not arrived yet. On a motion by Omari Onyango, seconded by Pat Caldwell, vote 7-0, the Lewis Center Board of Directors ratified approval of Resolution NO. 2019-02.
- .04 Approve Charter School Property Solutions Development Consultant Services Agreement – The agreement was discussed. It covers default and how payments are made. Lease penalties are possible due to the timeline and we have budgeted for them. Our attorney has reviewed the agreement. On a motion by Jim Morris, seconded by Marcia Vargas, vote 9-0, the Lewis Center Board of Directors approved the Charter School Property Solutions Development Consultant Services Agreement.
- .05 Approval of Board Resolution and attached draft documents authorizing issuance of tax exempt bonds to finance facilities projects for Academy of Academic Excellence – Jim Morris recused himself from this discussion and left the room and David Rib had not arrived yet. The draft documents were prepared by the underwriter and they will work on finalizing them by the end of the week. A final copy will be provided. On a motion by Marcia Vargas, seconded by Omari Onyango, vote 7-0, the Lewis Center Board of Directors approved the Board Resolution and draft documents with Lisa authorized to make the changes.
- .06 Approve BP 2121- Administration President/CEO Employment Agreement Revision – Stacy Newman has incorporated suggestions on the policy. Rick Wolf brought up the process of hiring administrators. This would be a larger issue than the policy currently being discussed and we can agendaize that topic at a later date or discuss it in strategic planning. On a motion by Omari Onyango, seconded by Jim Morris, vote 9-0, the Lewis Center Board of Directors approved BP 2121 – Administration President/CEO Employment Agreement Revision.
- .07 Discuss Lewis Center Foundation Update – Marcia Vargas reported that the golf tournament was very successful and well coordinated. We raised close to \$50K to be split between the Lewis Center Foundation and the Victor Valley Chamber of Commerce. She thanked everyone for their contributions. The next event is the Gala on May 15 with the theme Back to the Future.
- .08 Discuss Proposed Change of November 12, 2019 LCER Board Meeting Location from AAE to AVCI to Coordinate with NASA Headquarters Visit and Evening Event – Barbara Adde from NASA will be visiting on November 12 and we are planning an evening event at AVCI and inviting the LCER Board, County Board of Education, AVUSD, and the Town of Apple Valley. We would like to have the location of the LCER Board meeting that day at AVCI to coincide with the visit and event. The updated location will be posted on the agenda and noted on the web page.

7.0 Information Included in Packet:

01. President/CEO Report
02. LCER Financial Reports
 - Checks Over \$10K
 - Budget Comparisons
03. Lewis Center Foundation Financial Report
 - June 2019
04. LCER Board Attendance Log
05. LCER Board Give and Get
06. AVUSD Correspondence Re: LCER Budget

8.0 Board/Staff Comments:

.01 Ask a question for clarification

.02 Make a brief announcement or report on his or her own activities - Marcia Vargas commended the Chile Exchange and the support from the Lewis Center Foundation.

Lisa Lamb reported that the nominating committee will be meeting and if you know of anyone have them send their letter of interest and resume to Teresa.

.04 Future agenda items

9.0 Closed Session:

The LCER Board of Directors convened into closed session at 7:04 p.m. to discuss:

.01 Public Employee Performance: President/Chief Executive Officer

The LCER Board of Directors reconvened into open session at 7:26 p.m. Chairman Duberly Beck reported that no action was taken in closed session.

10.0 Adjournment

Chairman Duberly Beck adjourned the meeting at 7:27. p.m.