

**Lewis Center for Educational Research Board**  
**Regular Minutes**  
**November 9, 2020**

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:** Chairman
2. **ROLL CALL:** LCER Board members Torii Gray, Jim Morris, Omari Onyango, Sharon Page, Jessica Rodriguez, David Rib, Rick Wolf, were in attendance.

LCER Board Member Pat Caldwell was absent.

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

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Several comments were read regarding Phase 2 reopening plans of NSLA, including from Angelica Ramos, Carolina Torres, Eunise Rubio, Stephany Mesinas, Olga Loreto, Maria Carreon, Melissa Wagenhoffer, and Micaela Sepulveda. An additional comment from Lyndsey Buckley was read regarding increased COVID-19 testing to reduce the positivity rate. Master Sergeant Harold Padua commented that 2 individuals, Cadet Martin and Cadet Izadi from the class of 2020 received the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest medal in JROTC – the Silver Valor Award. Colonel George Armstrong commented that when we had cadets participate in the 2009 LCROSS mission, it was publicized and published in Exploring Space Textbook, that 900 units use worldwide. We also have the possibility of converting from Air Force JROTC to Space Force JROTC.
4. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**
  - .01 NSLA Taskforce Update Regarding Secondary Grade Level Planning – Fausto Barragan thanked Lisa, David and the Board for their work to open a new campus for NSLA. He updated the Board on the work the NLSA Task Force Committee is doing on construction, recruitment, master schedule, vision, special education and staffing needs. The timeline for construction is to complete Head Start by May 1, Administration Building by June 1, MPR by June 1, and all other bldgs. by August 1. The first day of school at the new campus is expected to be August 30, 2021. It was asked where the yard signs and banners were going. The flags and banners are going on the site, and the yard signs at different businesses and yards.
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
  - .01 AAE and NSLA Phase 2 School Reopening Update – Lisa Lamb reported that Cohort A in grades 3-5 returned today at AAE. It went very smoothly. We already had postponed NSLA’s reopening and have decided to push back their opening indefinitely due to surges in community data, positive staff cases, and the concerns of staff. The parameters to open are different once we’re open. Once the waiver is approved we’re ok to open regardless of community data. To be required to close, 5% would need to test positive. The County has not seen any link to school openings and community spread. They would like us to continue serving Special Ed students. There is no timeline for MS/HS to return at this time as the tier must be red. We are concerned about our students and know they need to get back. Sharon agreed that the best way to open school is for the community to get tested. We can possibly inform families through our parent forums. 25% of staff is tested every 2 weeks. Kevin noted that the differences in campuses is being taken into consideration, and appreciates the comments received. Omari thanked the Admin team for staying flexible.
  - .02 AAE and NSLA Construction Projects Update – David Gruber reported that we have the building permits for both campuses. Buildings are coming along at NSLA and we are meeting timeline targets. We have communicated with our new landlord REDA regarding the rent charges on the property, and they will not increase incrementally as previously agreed upon. Lisa thanked Jason Krotts for his willingness to work with us. At AAE the new multipurpose room will be ready by April.

- .03 November 13, 2020 Strategic Planning – Lisa Lamb reported that Strategic Planning Friday will be on the AAE campus in room A101. We will set our goals for next year.
- .04 Mitsubishi and LCER Naming MOU and Plaque Update – David Rib reported that we have been trying to get a quote on the plaque and lettering but haven't heard back from the vendor that came out. Mitsubishi would prefer to make the donation in their next fiscal year after April 1. A rendering was included in the Board packet.
- .05 LCER Board Nominating Committee – Kevin Porter reported that the committee met and has a tentative officer panel. They are in the process of contacting those individuals and will bring forward the slate next month.
- .06 Lewis Center Foundation Update – Jessica Rodriguez reported that the LCER is celebrating their 30 year anniversary. She also discussed the 30 for 30 fundraiser. We are wanting to raise \$30K in 3 months. We would love to see the Board's support. It has been going out on email and social media. Sharon developed a template letter that can be personalized for your contacts. NearCal donated at the Visionary level of \$3K today. Thank you!

**6. ACTION ITEMS:** None

**7. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- .01 Approve Minutes of October 19, 2020 Regular Meeting
- .02 Approve 2020-21 Revised Desert/Mountain SELPA Local Plan for AAE
- .03 Approve 2020-21 Revised Desert/Mountain SELPA Local Plan for NSLA

On a motion by Rick Wolf, seconded by Jessica Rodriguez, vote 8-0, the LCER Board of Directors approved Consent Agenda Items 7.01 – 7.03.

**8. INFORMATION INCLUDED IN PACKET:**

- .01 President/CEO Report – Lisa Lamb reported that the construction delivery dates were incorrect in her report – they should be 2021 rather than 2020.
- .02 LCER Financial Reports
  - Checks Over \$10K
  - Budget Comparisons
- .03 Lewis Center Foundation Financial Report
  - September 2020
- .04 LCER Grant Tracking Sheet
- .05 AAE and NSLA Enrollment Numbers
- .06 LCER Board Attendance Log
- .07 LCER Board Give and Get

**9. BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS:**

- .01 Ask a question for clarification – Jim Morris clarified the location of the Strategic Planning meeting Friday. It is at AAE in room A101.
- .02 Make a brief announcement
- .03 Make a brief report on his or her own activities
- .04 Future agenda items

**10. CLOSED SESSION:** The LCER Board convened into closed session at 5:17 p.m. The LCER Board reconvened into open session at 5:45 p.m. Chairman Porter reported that the LCER Board accepted the panel recommendation on AAE Disenrollment Case #0908290A and 090820-B by unanimous vote on both items.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.