

Lewis Center for Educational Research Board
Special Minutes
November 13, 2020

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:** Chairman Porter called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** LCER Board members Pat Caldwell, Torii Gray, Jim Morris, Sharon Page, Jessica Rodriguez and David Rib were in attendance.

Lewis Center Foundation Chair Marcia Vargas was also in attendance.

LCER Board Members Omari Onyango and Rick Wolf were absent.

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

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
4. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**
 - .01 Lisa and Kevin welcomed the Board and introduced Pat Caldwell as the facilitator.
 - .02 Pat Caldwell welcomed everyone and provided an overview of the day.
 - .03 Marcia Vargas updated the LCER Board on the Foundation Board's role. They are a part of the LCER governing board and work together to help with financial needs not included in the Lewis Center budget. There are 3 former LCER Board members on the Foundation, and Jessica Rodriguez is a current LCER Board member who is the liaison between the boards. Marcia is proud of the work they have done on the galas, golf tournament, etc. They have raised funds for scholarships, AAE field, NSLA capital campaign, shade structures, employee recognition program, etc. just to name a few. She asked the Board to be involved and help with events, getting the word out, donating and recruiting for the Foundation Board. They will also need silent auction items for the 2021 gala. Pat noted that there is an expectation for the LCER Board to be involved with the Foundation. The meetings are the first Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m. if you'd like to attend.
 - .04 The meeting attendees broke into groups to do activities on what it means to be an active representative of the Lewis Center, as well as Governance vs. Management. As a reminder, the Board cannot act as individuals, but only as a collective group. CCSA has Board sessions at their annual conference. We will send information on the conference.
 - .05 Meeting attendees determined what our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats are. The 2019 S.W.O.T. was reviewed to see if anything stood out.
 - .06 The current vision and goals were reviewed and updates were discussed. The Exec Team will work on the wording and bring the updates forward for approval in February. It was determined to use the term STEM instead of STEAM as we are science based and the A dilutes the STEM movement.
 - .07 Critical issues were noted in the S.W.O.T.
 - .08 Updates on the goals were discussed and they will be revised accordingly.
 - .09 Next steps are for Exec Team to update the vision and goals, develop objectives, and bring back to the Board for approval.
5. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.