

**Minutes for Regular Meeting of the Lewis Center for Educational Research Board**  
**April 10, 2023**

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:** Chairman Caldwell called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** LCER Board members Pat Caldwell, Yolanda Carlos, Omari Onyango, David Rib, Jessica Rodriguez, Marisol Sanchez and Pat Schlosser were in attendance. Member Sharon Page was absent.

Staff members Jisela Corona-Gonzalez, Ryan Dorcey, Teresa Dowd, David Gruber, Lisa Lamb, Chet Richards and Victor Uribe were also in attendance.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

4. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

.01 Update on Student Activities - LCER Ambassadors Daisy Combs and CJ Jeffs presented updates on AAE student activities. AP college board exams are coming up, Prom is May 20, yearbook has submitted all their pages, all students have been accepted to universities that applied, and seniors are working on a senior song for graduation. Over spring break, ROTC cadets attended leadership camp, Ambassadors went to D.C. and presented to NASA, met with Congressman Obernolte and Congressman Aguilar, and saw the sites. String and band have collaborated on Bohemian Rhapsody. Concerts are coming up. LCER Ambassador Kasey Medina presented updates on NSLA student activities. Boys basketball and soccer are going strong. ASB is planning a coin drive, and other events are being planned.

.02 LCER Board and staff received Conflict of Interest Training through a webinar by YM&C.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- .01 Approve Minutes of the March 13, 2023 Regular LCER Board Meeting
- .02 Approve AAE SFJROTC 30 Hour Famine for World Hunger May 12-13, 2023
- .03 Approve NSLA 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Pali Institute October 30 – November 1, 2023
- .04 Approve AAE and NSLA 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Reports

On a motion by David Rib, seconded by Pat Schlosser, vote 7-0, the LCER Board approved the Consent Agenda by roll call vote.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- .01 NSLA Gym Construction and Playground Update – David Gruber reported that the playground is up and running and the students are excited to use the new equipment. The final coat of stucco is on the gym, the floor is currently being installed, and the hoops and scoreboards are up. We will plan grand opening when we return in the fall.
- .02 Lewis Center Foundation Board Update – Lisa Lamb reported that we are gearing up for McTeacher’s night. Flyers are going out and we hope for a good turn out in Apple Valley and San Bernardino. We will need some Board members to help be ambassadors. Marisol’s staff are excited to see the families as well. There will be tip jars and we’ll sell cookies and pies in the lobby. Stacy suggested signs on the street to advertise the fundraiser. The mascots will be there as well.
- .03 LCER Secondary Grading Policy Development – Chet Richards, Victor Uribe, Heather Juarez and Toni Preciado presented this update. Admin has been discussing the grading system extensively. There were some discrepancies and a committee was developed to review the policy and reform the grading system. The committee has been coordinating with both schools. The policy is being brought to the Board, ALT teams, staff, and the new policy will be in next year’s handbook. The policy only applies to secondary. At AAE teachers are using several different grading scales and methods. At NSLA all are using a 4-point scale. Research regarding grading reform was shared. Weights and categories were determined. The proposed grading scale was shared as well. The new

scale brings back D's at AAE. Departments can set up their grade book based on percentages or the 4 point scale. The letter grades will be the same. It is not a Board approved policy, but a policy in the handbook. Any revisions after discussion with staff will be brought back to the Board in May.

- .04 Hiring Update – Stacy Newman reported that we are midway into hiring season and have made good headway, especially at AAE. We are still hiring for multiple single subject positions at NSLA with the addition of 11th grade. We've attended 3 job fairs over the last couple weeks. There are 3 certificated and 1 classified positions open at AAE. There are 11-12 certificated positions open at NSLA and we are heavily recruiting. The higher classified ranges are making a difference.
- .05 Board Vacancy Update – Pat Caldwell reported we still need to fill the open Board position. Please bring forward any candidates.

**7. INFORMATION INCLUDED IN PACKET:**

- .01 President/CEO Report
- .02 LCER Grant Tracking Report
- .03 LCER Financial Reports
  - Checks Over \$10K
  - Budget Comparisons
  - Lewis Center Foundation Financial Reports
- .04 LCER Board Attendance Log

**8. BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS:**

- .01 Ask a question for clarification
- .02 Make a brief announcement or a brief report on his or her own activities
- .03 Future agenda items

**9. CLOSED SESSION:** The Board convened into closed session at 6:50 p.m. The Board reconvened into open session at 7:35 p.m. Pat Caldwell, Chairman, reported that no action was taken in closed session.

- .01 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b): 1 case

**10. ACTION ITEMS:**

- .01 Review and Adoption of Resolution 2023-01 to Authorize Indemnification and Advancement of Legal Expenses and Exhibit in Support of Resolution – Pat Caldwell

On a motion by Pat Schlosser, seconded by David Rib, vote 7-0, the LCER Board approved Resolution 2023-01 to Authorize Indemnification and Advancement of Legal Expenses and Exhibit in Support of Resolution by roll call vote.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Caldwell adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.