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Cheryl Johnson, Director of Human Resources
Delicia Allen, President of Early Childhood Development
Gregory Allen, President of Marketing and Media
Melissa Weisberger, LSSU Supervising Field Officer



SERVICE LEARNING ACADEMIES DISTRICT

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES (**APPROVED**)

- I. **Call to Order:** President, Orlando Woods called the meeting to order at **5:00p.m., in person and via Zoom Video Conferencing.**
- II. **Roll Call**

Present: Orlando Woods, Airlene Gross, Idowu Jegede Allen Richardson, Douglas Bartell, James Dozier Jeanette Owens

Absent: NA
- III. **Approval of March 17, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda.**
Airlene Gross motioned to accept the Board Meeting Agenda as written. Jeanette Owens seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
- IV. **Approval of Proposed Board Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, February 17, 2026**
Idowu Jegede motioned to approve The Board Meeting minutes for February, as written. Airlene Gross seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.
- V. **Financials update – Janita Williams**
Ms. Williams reported on the February Financials Report. Idowu Jegede receive the financial report, Douglas Bartell second the motion. Also Ms. Williams report the 2026 Budget Amendment. Idowu Jegede received the 2026 Budget amendment, Airlene Gross second the motion. Both motion was carried unanimously.
- VI. **Management Report**
Chief Executive Officer - Maurice Evans
Compliance and Academics Update – Dr. Ebony Walker
Dr. Walker shared that strong attendance (over 75%) led to increased summer program funding, raising per-student funding from \$2,000 to \$2,500 and expanding the program from 20 to 25 days. The program is open to all district students and includes new offerings, with an additional program bringing in more funds. The district is aiming for 50% growth, with strong attendance trends and ongoing efforts to improve math and reading.

Building and Operations report – Mr. De'Alexander
Mr. Alexander reported that the district is celebrating Women's History Month and Reading Month with a special event on March 25 at Detroit Service Learning Academy, featuring guest speakers and community involvement. Enrollment has increased, recruitment is underway, and student support initiatives like book fairs and health services continue. Staff engagement remains strong through professional development and ongoing efforts to improve classroom culture.

Human Resource – Ms. Kim Knight
NA

Marketing and Media – Gregory Allen

Mr. Allen reported that this summer the district will offer a six-week e-sports camp in partnership with USAEL, MAPSA, and the Detroit Tigers. Students will spend half the time on curriculum like “gamer math,” covering statistics, percentages, algebra, and Minecraft mechanics. The program will culminate with a Detroit Tigers game, including a VIP tour, career insights, and recognition of e-sports tournament finalists.

Early Childhood – Delicia Allen

Ms. Allen reported that the early childhood team is preparing Pre-K students for kindergarten transition with classroom visits and completing end-of-year home visits and field trips. Kindergarten classes are also beginning preparations for graduation and reinforcing student expectations and routines.

Executive President – Leo Carr
NA

Chief of Security – Roderick Grimes
NA

Mr. Evans introduced Mr. Tom Snyder, Sales Director for Lead Diversity Staffing and Elite Logistics, who is highly regarded by customers for his support and efforts to assist schools.”

VII LSSU Reauthorization update – Melissa Weisberger

Ms. Weisberger reported that the organization remains active, with upcoming events including Chevro Day on April 22 and the administrative retreat on July 21–22 at Ferris State University, and she is finalizing one outstanding application.

VIII Approval of The 2026 DSLA Academy Board Reauthorization Resolution

Allen Richardson motioned to approve The 2026 DSLA Academy Board Reauthorization Resolution as written. Airlene Gross seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

IX Board Matters

Mr. Woods informed the board that a board retreat needs to be scheduled in April and that he will send out potential dates for consideration.

X Public Comment
NA

XI Adjournment

Airlene Gross motions to adjourn the meeting. Allen Richardson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 5:58pm

Allen Richardson

