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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, May 19, 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, Douglas Bartell, Jeanette Owens
- Absent:** Idowu Jegede, Allen Richardson, James Dozier
- III. Approval of May 19, 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, April 25, 2026**
Douglas Bartell 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 April Financials Report. Airlene Gross receive the financial report, Douglas Bartell second the motion, which was carried unanimously.
- VI. Management Report**
Chief Executive Officer - Maurice Evans
Mr. Evans introduced Ms. Crystal Coleman, who shared information about The Children's Center and its services. The organization provides behavioral health, foster care, crisis intervention, autism evaluations, and school-based support services to help students, families, and educators succeed.
- Compliance and Academics Update – Dr. Ebony Walker**
Dr. Walker reported that all school activities, field trips, and graduation ceremonies are moving forward as planned and invited everyone to attend the June 9th ceremonies. She also shared updates on student assessments, summer school enrollment, grant funding, youth programs, and compliance expectations related to school safety and special education procedures.
- Building and Operations report – De'Angelo Alexander**
Mr. Alexander reported on family engagement events, upcoming graduation ceremonies, summer school, and recognized staff for their support during testing. He also emphasized the district's focus on school culture, safety, accountability, and advocacy efforts for additional funding to support schools and staff.

Human Resource – Ms. Kim Knight
NA

Marketing and Media – Gregory Allen

Mr. Allen reported that Elite School Management was selected by *Education Technology Insights* as a top school management solution for 2026 following a national review process.

Early Childhood – Delicia Allen

Ms. Allen shared that Kindergarten students have several upcoming activities and experiences planned, including zoo visits and other engaging events as they continue preparing for the next stage of their program.

Executive President – Leo Carr

Mr. Evans reported that the leader of the training institute, Mr. Carr, will be retiring, and an Executive Director has been hired to lead the Elite Training Institute beginning in July. The new director has extensive experience in education leadership and will work alongside Mr. Carr for a transition period to ensure continuity.

Chief of Security – Roderick Grimes

Mr. Grimes reported that safety remains the district's top priority and highlighted a recent incident that was quickly and effectively resolved by the school safety team and law enforcement. He also noted that regular safety drills continue throughout the year and emphasized ongoing collaboration among staff to improve safety, student engagement, and attendance.

VII. LSSU Reauthorization update – Melissa Weisberger

Ms. Weisberger reported that family registration for the administrative retreat is open with a May 31 deadline and confirmed that the board is in 100% compliance with required professional development hours and conflict-of-interest requirements. She also recognized board members for their years of service and thanked them for their contributions.

VIII. Reauthorization Process Update

Ms. Weisberger reported that at the recent board meeting, the LSSC Board of Trustees approved a five-year contract, which has been officially awarded.

IX. Board Matters

Jeanette Owens motioned to approve The Board Policy Update, as written. Airlene Gross seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

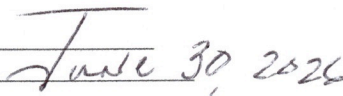
X. Public Comment

A district parent expressed concern about teacher-student interactions.

XI. Adjournment

Jeanette Owens motions to adjourn the meeting. Douglas Bartell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 5:56pm

 
Signed, Board Secretary Date

