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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Orlando Woods, President
Airlene Gross, Vice President
Idowu Jegede, Treasurer
Allen Richardson, Secretary
Douglas Bartell, Member-At-Large
James Dozier, Member-At-Large
Jeanette Owens, Member-At-Large

Administration & Instruction

Winifred Nwankwo
Shelby Johnson
Steven Mostyn
Janell Green



ADVISORY TEAM

Maurice Evans, Chief Executive & Administrative Officer
Ebony Walker, Asst. CAO, President of Compliance & Academics
De'Angelo Alexander, President of School Operations
Janita Williams, President of Corporate Finance
Vacant, President of Specialized Services
Kim Knight, President of Elite Diversity Staffing
Cheryl Evans, President of Insurance
David Robinson, President of Technology
Roderick Grimes, Chief of Security
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, June 30, 2026

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES (APPROVED)

I. Call to Order: President, Orlando Woods called the meeting to order at **5:04p.m., in person and via Zoom Video Conferencing.**

II. Roll Call

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

Absent: Idowu Jegede,

III. Oath of Office:
Airlene Gross Vice President was sworn in by Allen Richardson, and Allen Richardson Secretary was sworn in by Jeanette Owens.

IV. Approval of June 30, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda.
Airlene Gross motioned to accept the Board Meeting Agenda as written. Douglas Bartell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Signed by:

Allen Richardson
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Approval of Proposed Board Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Airlene Gross motioned to approve The Board Meeting minutes for May, as written. Allen Richardson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

VI. Financials update – Janita Williams

Ms. Williams reported May Financials Report. Airlene Gross receive the financial report, Jeanette Owens second the motion, which was carried unanimously. Airlene Gross receive the 2026 Budget Amendment report, Allen Richardson second the motion, which was carried unanimously. Jeanette Owens receive the 2027 Appropriations Budget report, Airlene Gross second the motion, which was carried unanimously. Airlene Gross receive the State Aid Note Resolution report, Douglas Bartell second the motion, which was carried unanimously.

VII. Approval of School Officials:

Chief Administrative Officer – **Maurice Evans**
Chief Administrative Assistant – **Ebony Walker**
Chief Financial Officer – **Janita Williams**
Title IX & Freedom of Information Officer – **Ebony Walker & Kim Knight**
Office of Civil Rights Representative – **Kim Knight**
Board Adopted Legal Counsel – **Joe Urban**
Title 1 (ADA) and Section 504 Coordinator – **De'Angelo Alexander, Ebony Walker & Janita Williams**
School Safety Liaison - **Roderick Grimes**
Allen Richardson motioned to approve the School Officials, Airlene Gross seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

VIII. Management Report

Chief Executive Officer - Maurice Evans

Compliance and Academics Update – Dr. Ebony Walker

Dr. Walker highlighted the success of the Discover Works summer program, with over 600 students enrolled, and recognized staff for their dedication. She also reported that the district exceeded Cognia accreditation averages in nearly every category, reflecting continued growth and improvement across the organization.

Building and Operations report – De'Angelo Alexander

Mr. Alexander reported on the successful June 9 promotion ceremonies for Kindergarten, 5th, and 8th grades and shared highlights from the National Black Boys and Men Symposium, emphasizing relationships, belonging, and data-driven decision-making. He also provided a facilities update noting that summer cleaning and floor restoration are on schedule while the Discover Works program continues.

Human Resource – Kim Knight

Mr. Evans, on behalf of Ms. Knight, reported that there were no major updates. He shared that all employees assigned to the summer school program have reported to work and are performing well.

Early Childhood – Delicia Allen

Ms. Allen reported that kindergarten graduation was successful and engaging for families. She also shared that the Rising K readiness program has been updated to strengthen academic and social skills, with themed activities and field trips that continue to build on last year's successful summer programming.

Executive President – Sherie Manthirom

Dr. Walker introduced Sherie Manthirom as the new Elite Training lead, highlighting her extensive background in administration, curriculum, and staff development. She noted that Cherie will support district-wide professional development beginning this summer, with training focused on classroom management and instructional practices based on staff evaluation needs. The initiative will also include a Summer Institute model that engages internal staff as trainers to strengthen instructional capacity across the district.

Chief of Security – Roderick Grimes

Mr. Grimes reported 60 truancy home visits, with five cases referred to juvenile court, and ongoing outreach efforts. He also noted expanded use of the command center with 189 video reviews and shared updates on enhanced safety initiatives, including increased security, drone monitoring plans, student ID implementation, and updated staff ID requirements.

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.

IX. Reauthorization Process Update

Ms. Weisberger reported that most charter reauthorization documents have been submitted, but a few items are still missing, including the ESP agreement and required inspections. She stressed the need to complete the remaining documents quickly to meet state deadlines and avoid delays in renewal.

X. Board Matters

DSL BOARD OFFICIALS:

Board President – **Orlando Woods**

Board vice President – **Airlene Gross**

Board Treasurer – **Idowu Jegede**

Board Secretary – **Allen Richardson**

Airlene Gross motioned to approve DSLA Board Officials, Jeanette Owens seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Allen Richardson motioned to approve The Board Meeting Calendar Dates 2026-2027, as written. Airlene Gross seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Also Airlene Gross motioned to approve The Academic Calendar 2026-2027 as written. Jeanette Owens second the motion, which was carried

unanimously. Airlene Gross motion to approve The Adoption Of Student Handbook on the next Board Meeting in August, Jeanette Owens second the motion, which was carried unanimously.

XI. Public Comment
NA

XII. Adjournment
Airlene Gross motions to adjourn the meeting. Douglas Bartell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 6:04pm

Signed by:

Allen Richardson

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Signed, Board Secretary

Date

