

**LEARN DC Charter School**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Virtual Meeting – June 12, 2026**  
**(DRAFT - Pending Board Approval and Edits)**

Recording:

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**Attendance:**

- **Board of Trustees:** Troy Prestwood, Katie MacCarthy, Tara Brown, Major Brittany Rhanes, Maya Martin, Natalie Eby, Vineeta Raketich.
- **Board Members Absent:** None.
- **LEARN Staff:** Donna Moore, Shona Person, Sekou Robertson, Steve Ronkowski, Genesis Watkins.
- **Other Attendees:** Jake Marzolf, Architect and John Burke, Principal from Studio Twenty-Seven Architecture. Emily Alexander Senior Development Manager from Jair Lynch Real Estate Partners.

**Call to Order:**

- Board Chair Troy Prestwood motioned to call the meeting to order at 9:36am EST/8:36am CST. Attendance was recorded. Please see above for listing of Board members present and absent.
- It was determined that a quorum was present.

**Public Comments:**

- Board Chair Troy Prestwood requested and there were no public comments.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:**

Board Chair called on a vote to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2025 meeting. These minutes had to be re-approved as it was determined that a quorum was not present at the time the minutes were called for approval at the December meeting.

Troy Prestwood made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Katie McCarthy. The vote was as follows:

- Chair, Troy Prestwood: Aye

- Member, Katie MacCarthy: Aye
- Member, Natalie Eby: Aye
- Member, Major Brittany Rhanes: Aye

Minutes from September 12, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors were approved.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:**

Board Chair called on a vote to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2026 meeting.

Troy Prestwood made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Katie McCarthy. The vote was as follows:

- Chair, Troy Prestwood: Aye
- Member, Katie MacCarthy: Aye
- Member, Natalie Eby: Aye
- Member, Major Brittany Rhanes: Aye

Minutes from March 13, 2026 meeting of the Board of Directors were approved.

**Financial Update:** Board Chair Troy Prestwood requested that Donna Moore, Chief Financial Officer, provide a Financial Update.

- Donna Moore reviewed the following with the Board:
  - o Finance Committee Meeting Agendas and key topics covered for the March 6, 2026 and June 5, 2026 meetings.
  - o Forecast for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026, including key revenue and expense trends. She also provided the Board with the Statement of Activity, Statement of Financial Position and Summary of Related Party Transactions for the nine months ended March 31, 2026.
  - o Updates to Budget Draft for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027, including detailed enrollment, changes to revenue and expense assumptions and addressed questions.

**Approval of FY2027 Budget:**

Board Chair called on a vote to approve the FY2027 Budget.

Troy Prestwood made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Katie McCarthy. The vote was as follows:

- Chair, Troy Prestwood: Aye
- Member, Katie MacCarthy: Aye
- Member, Natalie Eby: Aye
- Member, Major Brittany Rhanes: Aye
- Member, Maya Martin: Aye
- Member, Vineeta Raketich: Aye

The FY2027 Budget was approved by the Board of Directors.

**Facilities Project Update:** Board Chair Troy Prestwood requested that Jake Marzolf and John Burke from Studio Twenty-Seven Architects and Emily Alexander from Jair Lynch Real Estate Partners provide an update on the School Building Project.

- Studio Twenty-Seven Architects reviewed the building design including detailed site plan drawings and addressed questions from the Board.
- Emily Alexander, the Owner's Representative, discussed the planning process, selection of the general contractor and status on pricing update.

**School Report:** Board Chair Troy Prestwood requested that Principal Shona Person, Sekou Robertson, Managing Director of Schools and Steve Ronkowski, Director of Data Analytics & Compliance provide the School Report Update.

- Principal Shona Person provided an update on the following NWEA MAP Spring Results: Percent Students Meeting Goal from Winter and Spring for Math and ELA, showing strong results; Average Percentile Rank and Percent of Students at 60<sup>th</sup>+ Percentile.
- Steve Ronkowski provided a detailed update on student recruitment and enrollment for the School Year 26-27 by grade level. He also provided data on percentage of returning student, noted that LEARN DC is at full budget enrollment and has a waitlist.

**Academic Committee:** Board Chair Troy Prestwood requested that Tara Brown, Chair of the Academic Committee, provide an update. Tara Brown discussed ASPIRE and requested continued development of dashboards, goals and metrics to Plan.

**Governance Committee Report:** Board Chair Troy Prestwood requested that Katie MacCarthy, Chair of the Governance Committee, provide an update. Katie MacCarthy noted that she has completed charters for all committees and will send to Troy Prestwood to be approved at the next Board meeting. She also discussed the ongoing process of recruiting new board members and advisory council members.

**Development:** Board Chair Troy Prestwood requested that Genesis Watkins, Chief Development Officer, provide an update on fundraising efforts.

- Genesis Watkins introduced her background and discussed the FY26 summary of development activity, current federal grants, new funding opportunities submitted and her research of potential funding prospects.

**Adjournment:**

Troy Prestwood thanked board and staff for all their efforts for a successful school year. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am EST/10:15amCST.