

**LOUISIANA ACADEMY OF PRODUCTION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

April 28, 2026 – 12:00 p.m.

4SS Offices 8550 United Plaza Blvd. St 601

Via ZOOM

Virtual Stream: [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID: 879 1759 4022 Passcode: LAAP2025)

Minutes recorded by A Bennett

- I. Call the Meeting to Order 12:09pm | Katie Patton Pryor
- In Attendance: 10 out of 12 present in room – Quorum
- Katie Patton Pryor(President)
 - Morgan Ripski (Vice President)
 - Adriane Bennett (Secretary)
 - Brandon LaGarde (Treasurer)
 - Darrell Roberson
 - Clint Ebey
 - Stevee Rayne-Warren
 - Steve Krul
 - Sabreen Thorne
 - Tirza Fernandez-Brazier

Absent:

- Samantha Smith
- Kenny Nguyen

Also in Attendance/guests:

Fallon Buckner-Ward – Executive Director
Ceasar Hendricks - Principal
Trinity Grant - Operations Manager
4SS - Jonathan Tablef; Yanuck; Jennifer
Jade Gambino - Office of School Choice
Tammy Morgan - LDOE
Joe Rush – MIS Technology Group

- I. **Approval of February 24, 2026 Minutes, M Ripski motion S Thorne seconded approved**
- II. Executive Director’s Report - Full Report in Board Documents
- a. Finalize Sub-Lease on April 29
 - b. Enrollment is currently 27 as of April 28 AM,
 - i. June 1 goal is 50, August 1 goal is 75
 - ii. Process of outreach and community events
 - c. SharePoint & Microsoft Office

- d. Community Outreach and presence
 - e. Facility Readiness
 - i. Paint
 - ii. Furniture consultant
 - iii. Black Box Theatre
 - iv. Items from other closing schools
 - f. Funding–
 - i. Camelback – funding ED Buckner-Ward for \$50K unrestricted funds
 - ii. Revisit of NSBR for funding that was stalled
 - iii. Teaming up with Catalyze for grant
 - iv. CFSG – Media with Red Stick Moms
 - v. \$5000 from New Schools -some used for Media spots
 - g. Soft Ribbon Cutting planning – possibly July
 - h. Industry Institute in L.A. – same week as school opening at Roybal Aug 2-5
 - i. Maybe some Board members
 - ii. Teachers and School Admin unable to attend
- III. Operations Overview
- a. Student Enrollment
 - b. Furniture procured
 - c. Transportation – finalizing contracts
 - i. Jennifer with 4SS – Pre Opening Operations on track & in compliance to be solidified and signed by May 15
 - 1. Transportation
 - 2. Food Services
 - 3. Front Office Staff
 - 4. Janitorial Services still TBD
 - 5. Nurse services
 - d. 1 Part Time Employee to be for the part time teacher for specialty classes
- IV. Financial Report
- a. Financial Reporting – Jonathan Tebeleff shared – Full report in SharePoint
 - i. FY 27 Budget presentation – First Review;
 - 1. First year based on 50 students
 - 2. Additional years project to add 75 students/year
 - 3. Revenue review
 - 4. Personnel Expenditures
 - 5. OTP Expenditures
 - 6. Profit & Loss
 - ii. Financials through March 2026 Packet
 - 1. Financial Dashboard – Ratios above
 - 2. Overall Financials review
 - 3. Look into creating a LAMP account for next Board meeting
 - 4. For June Meeting – approve increased Expenditures

V. Committees

- a. Governance – Branden Reported
 - i. Focusing on board recruitment
 - ii. Likely to have a new member of committee
 - iii. Evaluations of board members
- b. Academic & Program – Sabreen Thorne Reported
 - i. Student Recruitment
 - ii. Teacher Recruitment
 - iii. Ask of Board – is there a “face” for the school to help with recruitment – help to get list of potentials and who will do the outreach
 - iv. Approval of School Calendar – Tirza Motioned, Morgan Seconded, approved**
- c. Fundraising – Morgan Ripski
 - i. Work with Bebe Ryan is closed
 - ii. All reports will be on SharePoint
 - iii. Membership & Structure should remain the same, but looking to expand and recruit

VI. Old Business –

- a. NOVAC Contract – Submitted Joint Application to Board of Ethics to determine if conflict exists. Should be meeting in May for determination

VII. New Business:

- a. MISTG – Joe Rush presented – Full Report in SharePoint
 - i. MIS Technology Group – computer providers LA owned & Operated
 - 1. 25 year history
 - 2. Works with variety of schools in surrounding area
 - ii. Contract – 2 components
 - 1. On Boarding
 - 2. Monthly support
 - iii. Vote to take place at next board meeting

S. Thorne leaves meeting at 1:23pm

- b. Calendar for Board Meeting for review and vote at Next Board Meeting
- c. Kenny Nguyen resignation letter read
- d. DSCF Cans Reminder

VIII. Announcement & Future Agenda Items

- a. Charter Board Playbook – on SharePoint
- b. LAAP Board Dashboard
- c. Upcoming Meeting – June 23 – at the School

Meeting adjourned without opposition at 1:56pm