LOUISIANA ACADEMY OF PRODUCTION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 23, 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: 5 out of 11 present in room – No Quorum

- Katie Patton Pryor(President)
- Morgan Ripski (Vice President) – via zoom
- Adriane Bennett (Secretary)
- Brandon LaGarde (Treasurer)
- Clint Ebey

Absent:

- Samantha Smith
- Stevee Rayne-Warren
- Steve Krul
- Sabreen Thorne
- Tirza Fernandez-Brazier
- Darrell Roberson

Also in Attendance/guests:
Fallon Buckner-Ward – Executive Director
Ceasar Hendricks - Principal
4SS - Ryan Miller; Jennifer Yanuck
Cody Bourque- LDOE

I. Executive Director's Report - Full Report in Board Documents
  a. Sublease & Share Services
    i. Food, Nurse, Secretary, Transportation, Custodial
    ii. Rent
  b. Campus Readiness
    i. Furniture pick up from New Orleans
    ii. Promethean Boards for each classroom
    iii. 2 nearly new metal detectors
    iv. Ordered furniture installed Aug 4
  c. Staffing – fully hired in teachers and staff
  d. Contracted Services
  e. Enrollment – currently at 63

        i. 47 completed Schedule
        ii. July 7 Orientation
    f. LDOE Compliance Review
        i. July 17 Compliance Walkthrough
        ii. Metal Detectors
    g. Fundraising
        i. Camelback Ventures - $50,000 Fallon in ATL
        ii. Catalyze Ventures $10,000 – JFF Horizon D.C. in July
        iii. Grant in Process - $300,000 Catalyze Grant

II. Financial Report
    a. Financial Reporting – Ryan Miller shared – Full report in SharePoint
        i. FY 27 Budget presentation – Second Review;
            1. First year based on 55 students
            2. Revenue review
            3. Personnel Expenditures
            4. OTP Expenditures
            5. 15 Days prior to Approval – Public Review
            6. Deadline – Sept 15?
        ii. Financials through YTD 2026 Packet
            1. Financial Dashboard –
            2. Overall Financials review

III. Committees
    a. Governance – Branden Reported
        i. Exploring digital options to allow Board to vote virtually
        ii. Proposed change to Bylaws at August Meeting
        iii. Board Recruitment – possible lawyer, retired educator
    b. Academic & Program – Ceasar Hendricks Reported
        i. Recruitment
        ii. 100% Staffed
        iii. Schedule is being worked upon with Coaching
        iv. Professional Development

IV. Old Business –
    a. NOVAC Contract – Submitted Joint Application to Board of Ethics to determine is conflict exists. Board of Ethics say that we will not be in violation to enter contract with them.
    b. Next Board Meeting – 6-8pm at School August 25, 5-6pm Committee Meeting – importance of Quorum at that meeting
        i. Review Board Meeting Calendar and give suggestions of other dates
        ii. Cody confirmed 24 hr need to change date
    c. DCFS Cans – Reminder – with new school year Tier 3

V. New Business:

a. Move LAAP Salary Schedules
b. Samantha Smith Resignation letter read
c. MOU’s & Partnerships for review – check Board Docs for those
d. EBR Charter Services for review– check Board Docs for those

VI. Announcement & Future Agenda Items

a. Will need to be ready for August Meeting
b. Doors open in 6 weeks!
c. Press plan for First Day of School?
d. CAA with Brian Lourd in October – soft ribbon cutting

Meeting adjourned 1:29pm