



THE LABORATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

**Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes May 21,
2025
6:00 p.m.**

Virtual ZOOM Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2314020168?pwd=bVAvaVJVV1E1cFFHWGY5NTArSVVGQT09&omn=8498703626>

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.

Board Member Role Call:

Present: Dr. Veronica Florence-McPherson, President, Karen Slade, Member, Pinkey Lucas, Member, Elbert Sampson, Treasurer, Norris Benns, Esq., Vice-President

Absent: Tiffany Ferrell, Secretary

Non-Board Members: Dr. Andrea Coleman-Hill, CEO, Joan B. Brown, Director of Human Resources, Chirag Amin, Vertex PA, Alan Epstein, Esq., Attorney

Other: None

Announcement of Executive Session – Legal and Personnel Discussions:

An executive session was held on May 21, 2025 to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Nomination Committee Recommendation: None

Approval of Minutes: April 2025 Board Meeting

Motion duly made, seconded and carried to approve the March 2025 meeting minutes.

Motion: Norris Benns, Esq. Vice-President, Second: Karen Slade, Member,
Each member voted as follows:

Dr. Veronica Florence-McPherson, President- Yes

Pinkey Lucas, Member-Yes

Karen Slade, Member- Yes

Elbert Sampson, Treasurer- Yes

Norris Benns, Esq., Vice-President- Yes

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

Finance Report

- Cash Balances are \$383k
- Accounts Payable is \$634k.
- Unrestricted Fund Balance is (\$117k).

Motion duly made, seconded and carried to approve the Finance Report.

Motion: Pinkey Lucas, Member Second: Norris Benns, Esq., Vice-President

Each Member voted as follows:

Dr. Veronica Florence-McPherson, President- Yes

Pinkey Lucas, Member-Yes

Karen Slade, Member- Yes

Elbert Sampson, Treasurer- Yes

Norris Benns, Esq., Vice-President- Yes

CEO Report

LAB SPRING MUSICAL

On Friday May 30, 2025 the Board of Trustees are invited to attend the Laboratory Charter School Scholars presentation of Annie the Musical.

Place: New Covenant Church, 7500 Germantown Ave. Phila. PA

Time: 6:00pm, Doors open at 5:00pm

The Draft Budget is on the agenda for approval. A final balanced budget will be reviewed for approval at the next monthly meeting.

The Friendraiser is coming up. Please provide names of people the Board would like to invite.

LAB is awaiting approval of all grants that were written for the 2025-2026 school year. Grant writing will continue in order to ensure that scholars are afforded every opportunity for success.

Motion duly made, seconded and carried to approve the Finance Report.

Motion: Karen Slade, Member Second: Norris Benns, Esq., Vice-President

Each Member voted as follows:

Dr. Veronica Florence-McPherson, President- Yes
Pinkey Lucas, Member-Yes
Karen Slade, Member- Yes
Elbert Sampson, Treasurer- Yes
Norris Benns, Esq., Vice-President- Yes
Board Resolutions

Common Consent Agenda

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The Laboratory Charter School Board of Trustees (“Board”) hereby resolves to approve the 2025-2026 Draft Budget as presented.

Motion duly made, seconded and carried to approve the Common Consent Agenda.
Motion: Elbert Sampson, Treasurer, Second: Pinkey Lucas, Member
Each Member voted as follows:

Dr. Veronica Florence-McPherson, President- Yes
Pinkey Lucas, Member-Yes
Karen Slade, Member- Yes
Elbert Sampson, Treasurer- Yes
Norris Benns, Esq., Vice-President- Yes

Public Participation: None

Adjournment

Motion duly made, seconded and carried to approve the Adjournment.
Motion: Pinkey Lucas, Member Second: Karen Slade, Member
Each Member voted as follows:

Dr. Veronica Florence-McPherson, President- Yes
Pinkey Lucas, Member-Yes
Karen Slade, Member- Yes
Elbert Sampson, Treasurer- Yes
Norris Benns, Esq., Vice-President- Yes

Board Secretary Signature

Date