



THE LABORATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

**Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2026
6:00 p.m.**

Virtual ZOOM Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2314020168?pwd=bVAvaVJVViE1cFFHWGY5NTArSVVGOT09&omn=8498703626>

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm.

Board Member Role Call:

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

Absent: None

Non-Board Members: Dr. Andrea Coleman-Hill, CEO, Joan B. Brown, Director of Human Resources, Jesse Bean, Vertex Education, Alan Epstein, Esq. Solicitor

Other: None

Announcement of Executive Session – Legal and Personnel Discussions:

An executive session was held on April 15, 2026 to discuss legal and

Nomination Committee Recommendation: None

Approval of Minutes: March 2026 Board Meeting

Motion duly made, seconded and carried to approve the March 2026 meeting minutes.

Motion: Elbert Sampson, Treasurer, Second, Norris Benns, Esq. Vice-President

Each member voted as follows:

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

Unfinished Business: None

New Business
Finance Report

- Cash Balances are \$23k
- Accounts Payable is \$427k
- Unrestricted Fund Balance is (\$890k)

The 2026-2027 Draft Budget was reviewed and explained.

Motion duly made, seconded and carried to approve the Finance Report.
Motion: Norris Benns, Esq., Vice President, Second: Karen Slade, Member
Each Member voted as follows:

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

CEO Report

LAB Charter Fundraiser March 26, 2026

The first annual LAB Charter Gala fundraiser held on Thursday March 26, 2026 at

vendors we use donated to the gala.

The **Philadelphia 2026 Neighborhood Celebration Grants Fund** is now open, supporting community-led events and celebrations in honor of Philadelphia's 250th anniversary. This initiative, led by the City of Philadelphia, is focused on uplifting neighborhood-based programming that reflects the diversity, culture, and spirit of the city, creating opportunities for meaningful engagement and celebration across communities. This grant would be a great opportunity to secure funding for a student-

centered or community-based event as well as get great exposure as a Community School in 2026.

The enrollment team continues to alert parents to accepted seats at Lab Charter as well as follow up with emails and phone calls to complete enrollment packets.
The HR report is attached.

Motion duly made, seconded and carried to approve the CEO Report.
Motion: Karen Slade, Member Second: Tiffany Ferrell, Secretary

Each Member voted as follows:

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

Board Resolutions

Common Consent Agenda

1. 41520261

The Laboratory Charter School Board of Trustees ("Board") hereby resolves to approve the 2026-2027 Draft Budget as Presented.

Motion duly made, seconded and carried to approve the Common Consent Agenda.
Motion: Tiffany Ferrell, Secretary, Second, Pinkey Lucas, Member
Each Member voted as follows:

Dr. Veronica Florence-McPherson, President- Yes

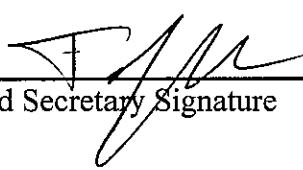
Pinkey Lucas, Member- Yes
Elbert Sampson, Treasurer- Yes

I. Public Participation: None

II. Adjournment

Motion duly made, seconded and carried to approve the Adjournment.
Motion: Tiffany Ferrell, Secretary, Pinkey Lucas, Member
Each Member voted as follows:

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



Board Secretary Signature



Date 5/20/2026