



THE LABORATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2026
Annual Meeting
6:00 p.m.

Virtual ZOOM Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2314020168?pwd=bVAvaVJVVE1cFFHWGY5NTArSVVGQT09&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 Benms, Esq., Vice-President

Absent:

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

Other: None

Announcement of Executive Session – Legal and Personnel Discussions:

An executive session was held on June 17, 2026 to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Nomination Committee Recommendation: None

Approval of Minutes: May 2026 Board Meeting

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

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

Each member voted as follows:

Dr. Veronica Florence-McPherson, President- Yes
Norris Benns, Esq., Vice-President- Yes
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 \$243k
- Accounts Payable is \$825k
- Unrestricted Fund Balance is (\$823k)

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

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

Each Member voted as follows:

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

CEO Report

GOLF OUTING SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

The first annual LAB Charter Inaugural Golf Outing September 1, 2026 at the Ramblewood Country. Tickets are on sale now.

ALADDIN MUSICAL

The Aladdin Musical was Friday, May 22, 2026 at the New Covenant Church of Philadelphia's Gilpin Hall Gymnasium. This production marks the fifth musical produced and performed by the Laboratory Charter staff and scholars.

RAILROAD FIRES NEAR THE SCHOOL

In response to the railroad fires, contact has been made with both Amtrak and Conrail in an effort to have the overgrown brush cleared from the railroad track areas. Amtrak sent a team member to meet with the school safety team for a strategy meeting about the brush. The next day a team from Amtrak cut down the brush along one part of the wall. The work ceased the next day. Currently both Amtrak and Conrail are now denying

ownership of the brush area. Letters are now being written to re-start the talks with both companies in an effort to have the area cleaned.

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

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

Each Member voted as follows:

Dr. Veronica Florence-McPherson, President- Yes

Norris Bennis, Esq., Vice-President- Yes

Karen Slade, Member- Yes

Tiffany Ferrell, Secretary- Yes

Pinkey Lucas, Member- Yes

Elbert Sampson, Treasurer- Yes

Board Resolutions

Common Consent Agenda

1. 061720261

The Laboratory Charter School Board of Trustees ("Board") hereby resolves to approve the commission of JT Goldstein, LLC for the completion of the independent audit, year ending June 30, 2026 at a cost of \$35,900.00 and the 990 Tax Return at a cost of \$2,500.00 as presented.

2. 061720262

The Laboratory Charter School Board of Trustees ("Board") hereby approves and authorizes the submission of its 2025-2026 rental reimbursement forms to the Pennsylvania Department of Education when they are released and available.

3. 061720263

The Laboratory Charter School Board of Trustees ("Board") hereby resolves to approve a minimum 0% raise to a maximum 3% raise for returning staff of the Laboratory Charter School with evaluations demonstrating their earned raise for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion duly made, seconded and carried to approve the Common Consent Agenda.

Motion: Karen Slade, Member, Second, Pinkey Lucas, Member

Each Member voted as follows:

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

I. Public Participation: None

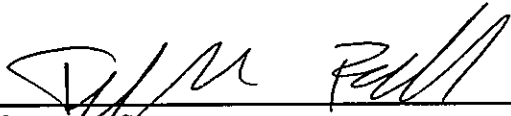
II. Adjournment

Motion duly made, seconded and carried to approve the Adjournment.

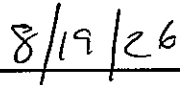
Motion: Dr. Veronica Florence-McPherson, President Second, Tiffany Ferrell, Secretary

Each Member voted as follows:

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



Board Secretary Signature



Date