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# SERVICE LEARNING ACADEMIES DISTRICT

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES (APPROVED)

**I. Call to Order:** Treasurer, Idowu Jegede called the meeting to order at **5:01p.m., in person and via Zoom Video Conferencing.**

**II. Roll Call**

**Present:** Orlando Woods, Airlene Gross, Idowu Jegede Allen Richardson, James Dozier, Jeanette Owens

**Absent:** Douglas Bartell

**III. Approval of November 18, 2025 Board Meeting Agenda.**
Allen Richardson motioned to accept the Board Meeting Agenda as written. Jeanette Owens seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**IV. Approval of Proposed Board Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, October 28, 2025**
Orlando Woods motioned to approve The Board Meeting minutes for October 28, as written. Jeanette Owens seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously

**V. Financials update – Janita Williams**
Janita Williams reported on this October 2025 financial report. Allen Richardson to receive the financial report. Jeanette Owens second the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**VI. Management Report**
**Chief Executive Officer - Maurice Evans**
**Compliance and Academics Update – Dr. Ebony Walker**
Dr. Walker reported that the district's accreditation candidacy visit went very well, with the reviewer noting strong leadership, systems, and student relationships. The visit reflects the district's hard work. Next steps include continuing the accreditation process, reviewing data, and preparing for the July notification. The district also received its accreditation grant to support this work.

**Building and Operations report – Mr. De'Angelo Alexander**
Mr. Alexander reported that the government shutdown has delayed SNAP benefits for many families, and the district is seeking turkey donations to support them. He thanked the Corvette Club for donating coats and highlighted upcoming community events, holiday programs, and student activities. He noted that school operations are running smoothly and expressed appreciation for everyone's support.

**Human Resource – Ms. Kim Knight**
Ms. Knight reported that Ms. Smith's expertise, including in cyber-related areas, and contributions have had a positive impact, with about 50% teacher engagement on student behavior and progress.

**Early Childhood – Delicia Allen**
Ms. Allen reported that the program is running with limited openings, a third kindergarten classroom is needed, and a new outdoor courtyard provides structured, safe spaces for student activities. Staff collaboration supports student growth, and the program's expansion is positively impacting students.

**Executive President – Leo Carr**
Ms. Carr provided an update on the upcoming five-part training series introducing the Charlotte Hanistry program. A brief video highlighted the program's format, and the full training will help staff become familiar with its content.

**Chief of Security – Roderick Grimes**
Mr. Grimes reported that the district is supporting students and families through parent engagement, home visits, security enhancements, and programs like the Welcome School Bus and father-figure initiatives, with a focus on safety and providing resources.

**X. Comment by Authorizer – Julie Buchholtz**
Ms. Buchholtz's report update on the annual academics provides valuable insight into student progress, highlights areas of success, and supports data-informed decision-making to strengthen our academic programs.

**XI. LSSU Reauthorization update – Melissa Weisberger**
Ms. Weisberger reported that the application for reauthorization was submitted on time in October and is currently under review. It will be presented to the assessment board in February, after which updates will be provided on progress toward the new contract. Additionally, a reminder was given to ensure the school website is up-to-date, and information about the upcoming charter academy event on December 10–11 was shared.

**XII. Board Matters**
The Board participated in a professional development session covering board relationships, updates, and organizational matters. Questions were addressed, key points were clearly shared, and the session concluded positively and effectively.

**XIII. Public Comment**
A parent shared reflections on the school's culture at RSLA, highlighting teachers' dedication, student safety, and the strong sense of community, emphasizing the passion and care that guide the district's work.

**XIV. Adjournment**
**Adjourned at 6:22pm**

12/31/2025

Allen Richardson
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Signed, Board Secretary Date

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