

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE LOS ANGELES LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

**Tuesday, January 26, 2021**

The following members of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of The Los Angeles Leadership Academy (the “Academy”), pursuant to notice duly given or waived, attended the meeting (i) in person at 2670 Griffin Avenue, Los Angeles, California, or (ii) by telephone, and constituted a quorum for the transaction of business in accordance with the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law and the bylaws of the Academy:

Rick Rosen  
Justin Brimmer  
David Nickoll  
Elizabeth Perez-LoPresti  
Mona Field  
Christian Sarabia  
Austin Lee

The following members of the Board were absent from the meeting:

Diane Prins Sheldahl  
Jorge Mutis

Also in attendance at the invitation of the Board were: (i) Arina Goldring-Ravin, Chief Executive Officer, (ii) Tina Butler, Chief Operating Officer, (iii) Nereida Lopez, Primary School Principal, (iv) Cynthia Cuprill, High School Principal, (v) Betsy Felix, Middle School Principal, (vi) Marina Pilyavskaya, Director of Finance, and (vii) Lorig Koujakian, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Nickoll at approximately 4:30 p.m. Pacific time. Ms. Koujakian acted as secretary for purposes of the meeting.

***Introductory Remarks***

Mr. Nickoll began the meeting by describing the Board’s open communications procedures to the members of the public in attendance. Mr. Nickoll noted that members of the public who wish to address the Board may do so by indicating on the comment cards made available at the meeting whether they intend to address either (i) a specific agenda item, which comments would be heard at the time the Board addresses such item, or (ii) a non-agenda item, which comments would be heard during the period reserved for open communications. Mr.

Nickoll also noted that addresses by members of the public on any item would be limited to two minutes.

### ***Open Communications***

Mr. Nickoll invited members of the public in attendance to address the Board on non-agenda items.

The Board collected no comment cards from members of the public in attendance with respect to specific agenda items.

### ***Approval of Minutes***

Mr. Nickoll made a presentation regarding the minutes of the meetings of the Board held on December 2, 2020 and December 17, 2020 (collectively, the “Minutes”). The Minutes were approved as read.

### ***Tribute to Mr. Michael Newman***

Students from the High School paid tribute to their teacher, Mr. Newman, who passed away from cancer. Through a video presentation, they described the immense impact he left on them and shared their memories with the Board.

### ***CEO’s Report***

Ms. Goldring-Ravin made a presentation regarding, among other things, (i) The COVID-19 reopening, (ii) the LALA WASC Visit and Charter Renewal Preparation Update and, (iii) LAUSD Oversight Visits for LALA (April 15, 2021) and LALPA (March 25, 2021) . The Board asked questions and engaged in discussion during and following Ms. Goldring-Ravin’s presentation, and Ms. Goldring-Ravin answered questions from the Board.

### ***Principals’ Reports***

Ms. Cuprill and Ms. Felix made a presentation regarding the Academy’s high school and Middle school, including, among other things, (i) enrollment, (ii) attendance, (iii) curriculum and instruction, (iv) student achievement data, (v) discipline practices, (vi) professional development, (vii) parent engagement, (viii) celebration and events and (ix) distance learning. Discussion ensued and Ms. Cuprill and Ms. Felix answered questions from the Board.

Ms. Lopez then made a presentation regarding the Academy’s primary school, including, among other things, (i) enrollment, (ii) attendance, (iii) student recruitment, (iv) curriculum and instruction, (v) student achievement data, (vi) discipline practices and (vii) distance learning. Discussion ensued, and Ms. Lopez answered questions from the Board.

### ***Student Council Report***

Members of the Student council presented the Board with a power point presentation of recent school activities, which included plans for Black History Month and FAFSA applications. The Board asked questions and engaged in discussion with the student council members.

### ***Finance Committee Report***

Mr. Lee made a presentation of the November 2020 financial report, copies of which were distributed to Board members prior to the meeting. Among other items, Mr. Lee discussed the 2020-2021 forecast update and cash flow projections.

Mr. Lee also discussed the transfer for private donation from the Pacific Western bank account to the Chase bank account.

### ***Motion to Approve November 2020 Financials***

Following discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved and adopted the resolutions attached hereto as Exhibit A.

In Favor (7): J. Brimmer, D. Nickoll, E. LoPresti,,R. Rosen, M. Field, A. Lee, C. Sarabia

Opposed (0): None.

Abstentions (0): None.

### ***Motion to Approve Private Donations Transfer from Pacific Western Bank Account to Chase Bank in the Amount of \$157,434.00***

Following discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved and adopted the resolutions attached hereto as Exhibit B.

In Favor (7): J. Brimmer, D. Nickoll, E. LoPresti,,R. Rosen, M. Field, A. Lee, C. Sarabia

Opposed (0): None.

Abstentions (0): None.

### ***Motion to Approve of SARC for LALA and LALPA***

Ms. Goldring-Ravin made a presentation regarding the Student Accountability Report Card (SARC) for LA Leadership Academy and for LA Leadership Primary Academy, copies of which had been distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. Following discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved and adopted the resolutions attached hereto as Exhibit C.

In Favor (7): J. Brimmer, D. Nickoll, E. LoPresti,,R. Rosen, M. Field, A. Lee, C. Sarabia

Opposed (0): None.

Abstentions (0): None.

There being no further business to come before it, the meeting was, upon motion duly made and seconded, adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m. Pacific time.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorig Koujakian  
Lorig Koujakian  
Secretary of the Meeting

Approved:

  
David Nickoll  
Chairman of the Meeting



**EXHIBIT A**

**Approval of November 2020 Financials**

**WHEREAS**, the Board has been presented with and reviewed November 2020 Financials;

**WHEREAS**, the Board deems it advisable and in the best interests of the Academy to approve the November 2020 Financials.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the November 2020 Financials be, and hereby are, approved.

**EXHIBIT B**

**Approval of Private Donations Transfer from Pacific Western Bank Account to Chase Bank Account in the amount of \$157,434.00**

**WHEREAS**, the Board has been presented with and reviewed the Private Donations Transfer from the Pacific Western Bank Account to Chase Bank Account in the amount of \$157,434.00;

**WHEREAS**, the Board deems it advisable and in the best interests of the Academy to approve the Private Donations Transfer from the Pacific Western Bank Account to Chase Bank Account in the amount of \$157,434.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Private Donations Transfer from the Pacific Western Bank Account to Chase Bank Account in the amount of \$157,434.00 be, and hereby is, approved.

**EXHIBIT C**

**Approval of SARC for LALA and LALPA**

**WHEREAS**, the Board has been presented with and reviewed the SARC for LA Leadership Academy and LA Leadership Primary Academy;

**WHEREAS**, the Board deems it advisable and in the best interests of the Academy to approve the SARC for LA Leadership Academy and LA Leadership Primary Academy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the SARC for LA Leadership Academy and LA Leadership Primary Academy be, and hereby is, approved.