

LOWER PIONEER VALLEY EDUCATIONAL CORPORATION

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MINUTES

Board of Directors' Meeting

June 11, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order by the President of the Corporation, Ms. Catherine McDougal. The meeting began at 6:03 p.m. The following were present:

Board of Directors: Catherine McDougal, Agawam
William Strother, East Longmeadow
Sarah Bowler, Ludlow
Kira Thompson, West Springfield

Collaborative: Alvin W. Morton, I, Executive Director
Anna Bishop, Director of Finance and Operations

2. There were no communications or public forum present.
3. Ms. Bowler moved to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2025 meeting as presented. Ms. Thompson seconded. Approved unanimously.
4. Ms. Bishop reviewed assets and liabilities as reflected on the most current balance sheet for the Corporation. Regarding the bond payment coming due in September, Ms. Bishop noted that she has been investigating refinance rates and is in the process of completing an application with a letter of intent to MassDevelopment Finance Agency.
5. Mr. Morton noted that the calendar of meetings for the upcoming school year is enclosed for the Board's information.
6. Mr. Morton and Ms. Bishop discussed the on-going investigation into the cause of the bus fire in January. A recall notice from Cummins was received recently which identifies potential vehicles with electric drive systems that could be affected. LPVEC's insurance carrier paid the loss claim but has given notice that they will not renew our policy due to the loss ratio. Ms. Bishop noted that training has begun on the electric buses to prepare for the launch in the fall and Ms. Bishop invited the Board to attend an upcoming public forum and community outreach where first responders will also be in attendance.
7. Ms. McDougal turned the meeting over to Mr. Morton for the purpose of the FY26 reorganization of officers of the Board of Directors. Mr. Morton opened the floor for nominations of the President of the Board. Ms. Thompson moved to approve the nomination of Catherine McDougal as President. Ms. Bowler seconded. Approved unanimously. Hearing no objections, Ms. Bowler moved to close nominations for President. Ms. Thompson seconded. Approved unanimously. With Ms. McDougal accepting the position, Mr. Morton turned the meeting over to the President.

Ms. McDougal opened the floor for nominations of the Vice President of the Board. Ms. Thompson moved to approved the nomination of Sarah Bowler as Vice President. Ms. McDougal seconded. Approved unanimously.

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Hearing no objections, Ms. McDougal moved to close nominations for Vice President. Ms. Thompson seconded. Approved unanimously. Ms. Bowler accepted the position.

Ms. McDougal opened the floor for nominations of the Clerk of the Board. Ms. McDougal moved to approve the nomination of Kira Thompson as Clerk. Ms. Bowler seconded. Approved unanimously. Hearing no objections, Ms. McDougal moved to close nominations for the Clerk. Ms. Bowler seconded. Approved unanimously. Ms. Thompson accepted the position.

8. A. Ms. Bowler moved that the President of the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative be and she hereby is authorized, empowered, and directed on behalf of the Collaborative to negotiate, sign, seal, execute, and deliver any and all leases, contracts, agreements, financial instruments, and other documents which are necessary in order to implement and carry out any vote taken by the Board of Directors of the Corporation from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Ms. Thompson seconded. Approved unanimously.
- B. Ms. Thompson moved that the Vice President of the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative be and she hereby is authorized, empowered, and directed on behalf of the Collaborative to negotiate, sign, seal, execute, and deliver any and all leases, contracts, agreements, financial instruments, and other documents which are necessary in order to implement and carry out any vote taken by the Board of Directors of the Corporation from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Mr. Strother seconded. Approved unanimously.

Mr. Strother moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Bowler seconded. Approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

(Date)



(Signature), Clerk