

Board of Trustees Meeting

April 29, 2025

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location:

Virtual via Zoom

Zoom Meeting Link below

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***Please note that May 27, 2025 is the next BOT meeting and it will be held in person at FLI**

AGENDA

Note: For any topics marked with an asterisk, the allocated time is for questions, should they arise, from the information in the corresponding document in the Board packet.

ID	Subject	Action Required	Topic	Owner	Time
1	Announcements	N/A	a) Welcome and Announcements	a) Jennifer	a) 2 minutes
2	Board Business	Board Votes	a) Approval of March Board Meeting Minutes	a) Jennifer	a) 1 minute
3	Enrollment	N/A	a) Attendance Update b) Enrollment Update c) Google Search Optimization Statistics d) Enrollment & Recruitment w/ Lavinia	a) Jody b) Rusty c) Rusty d) Rusty	a) 2 minutes b) 5 minutes c) 4 minutes d) 2 minutes e) 2 minutes
4	Academics	N/A	a) April Newsletter b) Focus Standard Results Analysis	a) Jody b) Jody/Natalie	a) 2 minutes b) 10 minutes
5	Finance	N/A	a) Finance Report- March	a) Rusty	b) 5 minutes
6	Executive Session	N/A	a) Executive Session	a) Exec Committee	a) TBD

*Please note that the order of events noted on the agenda may change.

¹ Anticipated length of time

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF FUTURE LEADERS INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL

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The Board is transitioning toward in-person board meetings. There will be at least one per quarter

Board members present by Zoom: Jenee Daria Strand, Rachel Klein, Ross Harold, Fernando Garcia, Jennifer Estrella, Rudy Austin, Rob Fratto

Board members not present: Jay Hatfield, Jennifer Peña- Detata, Heather Northrop

Others present: Jody Flowers (Principal), Natalie Gonzalez-Valdes (Assistant Principal), Rusty Slovenec (Asst. Principal)

The meeting began at approximately 5:42 p.m. and was called to order by Rudy Austin.

1. *Welcome.* Rudy Austin welcomed all attendees to the April Meeting.
2. *Minutes.* Upon motion duly made, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes from the March 2025 Board meeting.
3. *Attendance & Enrollment Update.*

Attendance for March was a little dip for the month, which could be attributed to a lack of days off, but there's nothing notable shared from families about why attendance would be lower.

Enrollment - Lottery was held the first week of April. The material revision request was granted in April, charter states a max of 283 and minimum of 240. If there is a fluctuation, you're communicating to authorizer. Fewer applications have been received at this time of year compared to last year. Currently in the process of making sure when families accept offers they go through the whole process of registering their child and getting their forms in. 7 new students have completed all necessary documentation. Others are in process. The school is working to confirm returning families for the coming year.

Current enrollment: 1 new student enrolled. None disenrolled. There are 245 students total enrolled.

Future enrollment and recruitment: Mr. Slovenec shared Google search word optimization phrases and how they are driving information. There is additional focus on how to look at current enrollment numbers related to number of charters in the area, and use of text pushes. This also includes looking at additional street canvassing with applications at events and making connections to a local Head Start

program. The team shared that generally charters are experiencing enrollment dips and this is not unique to FLI.

School leadership also discussed the demand for bilingual programming, but FLI does not have these services, just English as a New Language. There had been some decrease in new ENL students with a decreased presence of recently arrived migrants.

4. *Academics Update.*

Ms. Flowers shared the monthly newsletter. This includes highlighted events that took place at the school including an art program.

ELA assessments are currently taking place. Some students are taking on a computer and some are taking on paper.

Ms Flowers shared information about how school leadership is diving deeper into specific items and topics in 3rd - 6th grade consistently were asked year-over-year, so they wanted to identify how best to target and support this standard in instruction. This also includes working closely with teachers to understand the content of the assessment, practicing, and integrating further into K-2.

5. *Finance Update* - Mr. Slovenec shared budget information. The new staff assigned from the auditor, CSBM is making progress and has a good understanding of our data. The deficit was increased by an underestimate of insurance rates and expenses on the Livinia group's consulting work. The FY26 budget will be developed, reviewed, and voted upon in the coming meetings. The school has applied and received funding for summer school supports. This can serve up to 83 students and will include instruction and enrichment. Since summer occurs in next fiscal year, this will impact that budget.

The Board meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

The next Board meeting is expected to take place on May 27, 2025 at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ross Harold
Secretary