LION LEADERS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD CHARTER SCHOOL

August Board Meeting Notice

Monday, August 25th, 2025 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Google Meet joining info
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Or dial: (US) +1 318-596-1082 PIN: 506 225 462#

715 Village Lane, Orient, NY
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321 South Country Road, Brookhaven, NY
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3 Brooklands, Bronxville, NY
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320 Mattice Road, Stamford, NY
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- Vote on July's Board Meeting Minutes
- Discussion and Vote on District-Wide Safety Plan & Cell Phone Policies
- September Meeting Possible Date Change
- CEO's Board Report
- Finance Report
- Committee Updates
- Public Comments
- Executive Session
- Adjournment

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August Board Meeting Minutes, August 25, 2025

Board Members Present: Ruth Jarmul Rosann Santos Deborah Dumont Talal Rojas Nicholas Ober Julie Medler **Board Members not in Attendance:** David Schatsky Tony Stoupas Catherine Jessup Herb Fixler	**Others LION asked to be in Attendance:** Keveney McCrillis, Director of Communications and Strategic Projects Celia Sosa, CEO Leslie Rich, CFO Maya Severns, Director of Development and Marketing **Members of the Public:**

Julie Medler, board trustee, called for a motion to begin the meeting at 6:03 PM. The motion was seconded by Deborah Dumont and unanimously approved.

Julie Medler then motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the July meeting minutes, which had been shared via email before the meeting. Talal Rojas seconded the motion. The July meeting minutes were unanimously approved. Julie Medler then asked Keveney McCrillis, Director of Communications and Strategic Projects, to discuss the district-wide safety plan. Keveney said there were no substantive changes from last year's plan and that this has been posted for public comment for 30 days. Julie then motioned to take a vote on approving the district-wide safety plan, which was distributed before the meeting and has been posted publicly on LION's website. Nick Ober seconded the motion, and the District-Wide Safety plan was approved unanimously.

Celia Sosa, LION's Chief Executive Officer, reviewed the CEO report, which was shared via email before the meeting. She shared that LION was proud to announce they had outperformed the district in both ELA and Math 3-8 NY State test scores. Celia highlighted some of the reasons she believed LION was able to achieve this in the 2024-2025 school year. Celia then highlighted updated numbers for the high school graduation rate and college readiness rates. There were no board questions regarding this, but many congratulations were shared with the team.

Celia discussed LION 101, the new faculty retreat that LION holds every year for new staff members. She highlighted this as a signature practice. Celia discussed the return of staff on August 18th and the first seminar that all faculty engaged in on that date. She then gave an update on enrollment. LION remains on track to be fully enrolled. There has been some attrition, and LION has mitigated that attrition by admitting students on the wait list. There was a board question about the first day of school. Celia answered. Celia then discussed the staff retention numbers, which are officially reported out at LION year over year in September. There was a board question about how concerned we were with being competitive in the hiring market. Celia answered that

question. There was a board question about teacher certification. Celia answered.

Rosann Santos left the meeting at 6:18 PM.

The chair of the education committee, Deborah Dumont, asked if LION planned to overhire to mitigate attrition. Celia answered that question. Celia then discussed Summer Boost and the funds LION received due to meeting their attendance goals.

Leslie Rich, LION's CFO, then presented her financial report, which was shared via email along with the monthly financials before the meeting. She began by discussing the audit, which is progressing well and is scheduled to close at the end of this week. She called out audit entry adjustments that do not meet the materiality threshold. She believed that by the next board meeting, there would be a draft audit to review and approve. Leslie then discussed the July close with no prominent callouts. There will be a deeper dive into the reforecast in August. Leslie then highlighted updates to the FY'26 budget, including title funds no longer in flux. There was a board question about what BEDS day was. Leslie answered that question. Leslie ended her report with the finance team projects that were planned for this school year. There were no questions.

Julie Medler then asked for committee updates. Keveney McCrillis, Director of Communications and Strategic Projects, gave a facilities committee update, which included that LION has chosen an interior architect to serve as a designer to work on the 730 Bryant redesign project, Studio Modh. Ruth Jarmul, chair of the development committee, stated that Maya Severns will give her report every other meeting moving forward. Maya Severns reported LION was in the process of signing contracts with a website design company to change LION's website.

Julie Medler opened the meeting for public comment. There were no public comments.

Julie Medler called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 PM. Deborah Dumont seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Notes prepared by Keveney McCrillis.