



January 12, 2017

The Lorain Digital Academy, Lorain City, Lorain County, Ohio, met in regular session on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 1:35 pm at the Lorain Digital Academy, housed at 2700 Washington Ave., Lorain, Ohio, with the following members present:

Amber Knowles  
Dr. Ted Raponi  
Jean Wrice

**17-LDA-447      AMEND/APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES**

MOTION was made by Mrs. Knowles and seconded by Dr. Raponi to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting held November 17, 2016.

Ayes: Mrs. Knowles, Dr. Raponi, Ms. Wrice  
Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors**

Mic Becerra was in attendance

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TREASURER**

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2016**

**17-LDA-448**

It was recommended to approve the November 2016 Financial Reports.

**Summary:** We had an increase in student FTE from 81.13 to 90.30 which means increased revenue in the amount of roughly \$55,020 over the Fiscal Year. The Cash Balance is \$335,332.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Knowles and seconded by Dr. Raponi to approve the Financial Report for November 2016.

Ayes: Mrs. Knowles, Dr. Raponi, Ms. Wrice  
Motion carried.





**Item 3 Vote on Vice Presidency**

Mrs. Anderson voted for:	Absent
Mr. Arredondo voted for:	Absent
Mrs. Knowles voted for:	Amber Knowles
Dr. Raponi voted for:	Amber Knowles
Ms. Wrice voted for:	Amber Knowles

**Item 4 Declaration of Vice President**

The Board has approved Amber Knowles as Vice President of the Board of Directors for the 2017 calendar year.

**Item 5 OATH of Office**

The Oath of Office of Vice President was administered to Amber Knowles by Josh Hill, Treasurer.

17-LDA-451

**FIXING DAY, TIME and PLACE of BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING (R.C. 3313.35)**

It was recommended to approve the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm for the Board of Directors to meet at the Lorain K12 Digital Academy.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Knowles and seconded by Dr. Raponi to approve the Day, Time and Place of the Board of Directors Meetings for 2017.

Ayes: Mrs. Knowles, Dr. Raponi, Ms. Wrice

Motion carried.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

17-LDA-452

Item 1

It was recommended to approve the FY 2016 Community School Annual Report.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Knowles and seconded by Mrs. Wrice to approve the

Ayes: Mrs. Knowles, Dr. Raponi, Ms. Wrice

Motion carried.



**17-LDA-453**

**Item 2**

It was recommended to approve a contract with Day Ketterer and authorize Karen Mahan to enter into an engagement agreement with Day Ketterer.

Justification: HB2 requires the Governing Authority to employ an attorney independent from the sponsor of operation.

**MOTION** was made by Dr. Raponi and seconded by Mrs. Knowles to approve the contract with and the engagement agreement with Day Ketterer.

**Ayes:** Mrs. Knowles, Dr. Raponi, Ms. Wrice

**Motion carried.**

**17-LDA-454**

**Item 2**

It was recommended to approve a contract be entered into with an administrator of alternative assessment testing for Lorain Digital Academy Special Needs students.

**MOTION** was made by Dr. Raponi and seconded by Mrs. Knowles to approve the contract with an administrator of alternative assessment testing for LDA Special Needs students.

**Ayes:** Mrs. Knowles, Dr. Raponi, Ms. Wrice

**Motion carried.**

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **Current Enrollment** 97 students with 6 students scheduled for orientation  
No Orientations are scheduled next week due to OGT testing.  
LDA students were offered OGT Prep
- **Sponsor Rating**  
LCS received a poor sponsor rating. According to the LCS Liaison, there were 3 scenarios.
  1. LCS has appealed the decision, has a 30 day extension.
  2. ODE would become LDA's sponsor
  3. LCS would make LDA into a program



The BOD asked "What does this mean for LDA?"  
The Liaison stated that on March 7th, LCS will have a CEO.  
The Board asked. "How does this impact LDA? ie Autonomy"  
"If LDA is created as a program, what changes?"  
Liaison was vague.

- Seeking a LDA Treasurer  
The Interim LDA Treasurer, Josh Hill, suggested we revisit in February 2017.

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2017, at 1:30 pm.

17-LDA-455

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board,  
Motion was by Dr. Raponi and seconded by Ms. Wrice to adjourn the meeting at 2:22 pm.

Ayes: Mrs. Knowles, Dr. Raponi, Ms. Wrice  
Motion carried.

APPROVED:

President

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E. Jean Wrice".

Date:

2/16/17

Treasurer

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Josh Hill".