

**DRAFT Organizational Committee - Minutes**  
Lionheart Classical Academy Chartered Public School  
Thursday, July 11, 2024 @ 5pm

The Organizational Meeting was called to order at 4:59pm.

Attendees: Josh Prather, Bailey Sweet, Lori Finn, Kim Lavalley, Dennis McKenney

No public comments were made.

Lori Finn motioned to approve minutes from both the previous Organizational Committee meeting on July 1, 2024; Dennis McKenney seconded. No edits requested. Motion passed unanimously.

Bailey Sweet opened the meeting outlining the recommended changes to the Lionheart charter language as well as the by-laws, specifically Article V, as requested by the Board during the June 2024 meeting. These changes needed with two goals in mind:

- Update charter language to *clarify* LCA Board of Trustee make-up and areas of expertise for good governance
- Update by-law language to clarify and simply Article V to ensure consistency with charter language

The committee recommended adding language **the Board shall have at least five (5) board members, who are not of the same immediate family or related by blood or marriage** as it's written in RSA 194-B:5.

The committee recommended that the Board be an odd number, either seven (7) or nine (9) for voting purposes.

Parent Trustee is set at a "one-year term" moved from the end of the paragraph to the beginning of the paragraph following language about terms for all trustees and clarifying language added.

Remove "limit" and simplify to "terms" as language indicates tenure not term limits. The committee had a discussion around if there should be term limits. Advice was provided by ACE and RoundTable Funding for best practices around the country on limits of terms. Several members suggested 6-8 years may be a window of time served in total by any trustee, if a limit was needed. The committee determined they would not use term limit language at this time.

Add language in Vacancies section of Article V to ensure that any "new" member whether voted on initially or fulfilled a vacant role meets the highest standard as  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote: "trustees **may** elect a new Trustee to fill the vacancy **per the provisions of the charter and must be approved by a two-thirds vote.**"

By-laws reference back to charter language for consistency where possible.

Remove “not to exceed guidelines” and specific, numerical functions that don’t comply with RSA 194-B:5 language regarding parents and add:

**Trustees may include external community members and parents, but importantly, they are able to provide key areas of expertise such as Academics (Curriculum, Pedagogy), Finance and Accounting, Executive Leadership, or Legal. The Board of Trustees shall include no fewer than 25% or 2 parents of LCA students, whichever is greater.**

The final edits were completed during the meeting and sent recommended to the Board of Trustees for review.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43pm.

*The minutes were approved at the 7-24-24 Committee meeting.*