



Academic / Organizational Committee Meeting

Lionheart Classical Academy

Thursday, October 1, 2026

MINUTES

The first meeting of the Academic/Organizational Committee, held at 700 Dublin Rd, was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

Present: Mike Harner, Fiona Byrne, Sarah Paradis, Bailey Sweet, Lori Finn

There was no public comment.

Approval of June 4, 2026 Academic Committee Minutes

Sarah Paradis moved to approve the June 4, 2026 Academic Committee minutes. Lori Finn seconded the motion. Sarah Paradis, Lori Finn, and Bailey Sweet voted in favor. The motion carried.

Proposed LCA Graduation Requirements

Fiona Byrne presented a proposed draft of the [LCA graduation requirements policy](#). The committee reviewed the proposed requirements and discussed the amount of instructional time available during the school day. There was discussion regarding the need to fit the required courses into the available schedule and whether adjustments to class times would be necessary. ED Harner noted the New Hampshire limit of six hours of learning time per day.

New Hampshire state graduation requirements were reviewed, along with graduation requirements at other K-12 Hillsdale Member classical schools.

The committee discussed the possibility of offering an applied skills option in the future. The requirement for four years of mathematics was also discussed, including the possibility of offering different mathematics course options, likely statistics.

The committee agreed to offer two diploma designations:

- Diploma: Students who meet all New Hampshire graduation requirements.

- Diploma with Distinction: Students who complete all the full LCA course work requirements, as it fulfills the NH graduations requirements in addition to the completion of the classical trivium as designed.

The committee confirmed that a C- is considered a passing grade.

Ms. Byrne will revise the proposed graduation requirements based on the committee's discussion and present the revised requirements to the Board at the October regular Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.