

**LEMAN ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE  
Board Meeting  
Minutes**

**May 20, 2024**

**10:30 AM**

**6188 E. Pima St., Tucson, AZ 85712**

<p><b>Members Present -</b> Dr. Kevin Leman Wendell Neal Dennis O'Reilly</p>	<p><b>Members Absent-</b> Anthony Wingate</p>	<p><b>Others in Attendance -</b> Krissy O'Reilly</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item A: Roll Call</b></p>		<p>Dennis O'Reilly called the roll and confirmed a quorum.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item B: Call to the Public</b></p>		<p>No one from the public was in attendance to make a public comment</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item C: Current Meeting Agenda</b></p>		<p>The governing board reviewed the current meeting agenda.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion</b></p> <p>Wendell Neal made the motion to approve the current meeting agenda.</p> <p>Dr. Kevin Leman seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item D: Previous Meeting Minutes</b></p>		<p>The governing board reviewed the minutes of the October 23, 2023 board meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion</b></p> <p>Wendell Neal made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Kevin Leman seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p>

**Agenda Item E:  
Proposed Early Entry Kindergarten  
Requests for the 2024-25 school year**

There was discussion by the governing board regarding early entry Kindergarten requests for the 2024-2025 school year. Requests were made based on the parents having a desire to have their child enrolled for the upcoming school year even though the child's birthday falls between September 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

There were six applicants for early entry into Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year at the Lemman Academy Sierra Vista campus; there were also six applicants for early entry into Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year at the Lemman Academy East campus; there were ten applicants for early entry into Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year at the Lemman Academy Marana campus; there were four applicants for early entry into Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year at the Lemman Academy Mesa campus; finally, there were two applicants for early entry into Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year at the Lemman Academy Oro Valley campus. Lemman Central had no applicants for early entry into Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year.

Much consideration was given to each of the twenty-eight early entry Kindergarten candidates for the 2024-2025 school year, with consideration given to their demonstrated social and emotional maturity, preparedness, and academic skills related to the test score results on the readiness exam for Kindergarten. Of the twenty-eight families who requested consideration for early kinder acceptance at Lemman Academy campuses, twelve scholars were deemed ready and prepared and were accepted. Each of the families who requested consideration for early kinder acceptance were notified of the governing boards decision.

**Motion**

Dr. Kevin Lemman made the motion to accept the twelve scholars who were recommended for acceptance as early entry candidates into Kindergarten at the Lemman Academy campuses.

Wendell Neal seconded the motion.

**Motion passed unanimously**

<p><b>Agenda Item F: Leman Academy Curriculum Change and Adoption of New Math Curriculum</b></p>	<p>The Director of Curriculum &amp; Instruction brought to the attention of the board members in attendance changes that Leman Academy is making with its Math curriculum (moving away from Saxon Math a grade level ahead at specific Leman campuses) and what curriculum will be adopted (Into Math) starting in the 2024-2025 school year.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion</b></p> <p>Wendell Neal made the motion to accept the Math change to Leman Academy curriculum and to accept the adoption of Into Math.</p> <p>Dr. Kevin Leman seconded the motion.</p> <p><b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item G: Leman Academy Curriculum Change and Adoption of New ELA Curriculum</b></p>	<p>The Director of Curriculum &amp; Instruction brought to the attention of the board members in attendance changes that Leman Academy is making with its ELA curriculum (moving away from Journeys) and what curriculum will be adopted (Wit &amp; Wisdom, Really Great Reading &amp; Geodes) starting in the 2024-2025 school year.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion</b></p> <p>Wendell Neal made the motion to accept the Math change to Leman Academy curriculum and to accept the adoption of Into Math.</p> <p>Dr. Kevin Leman seconded the motion.</p> <p><b>Motion passed unanimously</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item H: Leman Academy Principal Reports</b></p>	<p>The Head of Schools discussed with the board members different topics (i.e., safety &amp; security, current and projected enrollment, staffing, etc...) of the Leman Academy Principal reports that were submitted by each of the Principals for Leman Academy of Excellence.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item I: Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Since there were no further agenda items, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Kevin Leman at 11:10 AM.</p>