

Sheboygan Leadership Academy
Charter School

Governance Board Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2025

6:00 – 7:00pm

Sheboygan Leadership Academy

The regular meeting of the Governance Board of Sheboygan Leadership Academy will meet at the school located at 1305 St. Clair Avenue on August 25th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Please note that some Board members may be participating in this Board meeting via teleconference or other remote access technology. Members of the public who attend the meeting will be able to hear any open session dialogue between such members and the Board members present. In addition, the school is offering audio and video access to the meeting via phone connection by calling with access code (US) +1 515-329-5373 PIN: 205 386 429# or video <https://meet.google.com/cof-gpmb-kzc> (Please be aware that a Google account is needed in order to access the meeting from this link.)

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm
2. **Roll Call:** In attendance: Christopher Schnelle, Cris Formolo, Michelle Miller, Laura Studee (Principal), Sandra Bayona, Karen Grupe

Absent: Andrew Morgan, Joe Sheehan
3. **Approval of Agenda (action):** Sandra motioned to approve the August agenda. Michelle seconded. All ayes.
4. **Open Session**
 - a. Public Comment: Aricelli and Emma is present from the public
5. **Approval of Minutes (action):** Karen motioned to approve the June minutes. Michelle seconded. All ayes.
6. **Virtue Pick:** *Perseverance* read by President, Chris Schnelle
7. **Principal's Report**
 - a. School Update – Laura Studee (information/possible action)
 - i. In service started today, celebrating two new teachers – 4th grade and the new Dean of Students/Phy Ed teacher, and one new EA
 - ii. SLA website will move under the SASD umbrella: new SASD email addresses for all staff/students
 - iii. Marketing: summer billboards around the city targeting enrollment.
 - iv. Enrollment: currently at 202. Interested families are still calling, along with ongoing tours.
 - v. Third Friday Count is September 19th
 - vi. Transportation: No Prigge's busing. Majority of families are able to use the Tripper bus.
 - vii. Financial:
 1. \$325 increase/student from State for this school year

2. Special Ed reimbursement went up to 42% from 30%
3. Open enrollment went up \$1000/student
4. Overall Wisconsin is not keeping up with inflation
5. SASD enrollment is declining across the board
6. Federal funding freezes continue
- viii. Curriculum: updated Math to Desmos, updated Social Studies to TCI for elementary grades
- ix. Decision to change our annual fundraiser to a Sunday. This school year's date: Sunday, May 3rd, 2026

8. General Report

- a. Board Oversight & Charter Contract Compliance - Chris Schnelle

9. Committee Reports

- a. Executive – Christopher Schnelle (information / possible action): nothing to report
- b. Finance – Sandra Bayona (information / possible action)
 - i. Approval of June, July Financials (information / possible action):
 1. Karen motioned to approve June + July Financials. Michelle seconded the motion. All ayes.
 - ii. Large expense on laptops for administration
 - iii. Busing refund
 - iv. Crunching numbers on KidStop
- c. Facilities – Chris Schnelle (information / possible action) - no action
 - i. Dan + Van did lots of things for our school this summer. Building looks amazing!
 - ii. New LED lighting
 - iii. Shuffled some classrooms around to accommodate enrollment
 - iv. Flooring was updated in a few areas of the school
 - v. Update of concrete in the front of the school. Removal of ramp on the East side of the building, replaced with stairs.
- d. Personnel & Recruitment – Joe Sheehan (information / possible action)
 - i. Formalized some processes with 1.5 positions of secretaries for better communication overall.
 - ii. Karen motioned to approve both personnel + support staff/teacher handbook. Sandra seconded. All ayes.
- e. Parent Outreach - Michelle Miller / Laura Studee (information)
 - i. There were some playdates over the summer.
 - ii. Upcoming meeting on September 18th.

10. Unfinished Business

- a. Strategic Planning Summary - Chris Schnelle (information / possible action)

- i. Laura supplied a SWOT Analysis
- ii. Proposed an additional Strategic Planning date

11. New Business

- a. Election of Community members - Chris Schnelle (possible action)
 - i. Aracelli Roman and Emma Hansen have expressed interest. Karen made the motion to elect them both to the Governance Board as Community Members. Michelle seconded. All ayes.

12. Adjourn (Action): Motion to adjourn by Cris. Michelle seconded. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.

The next SLA Governance Board Meeting will be on Monday, September 22, 2025.

The mission of the Sheboygan Leadership Academy is to inspire students to become leaders through their academic achievement, moral development, and service to others.