



## LHU Board of Directors Regular Meeting

**October 11, 2023 5:00 PM**  
**Sterling Montessori Academy and Charter School**  
**202 Treybrooke Drive, Morrisville, NC 27560**  
**Virtual via Google Meet**

### 1. COMMENCEMENT

Call to Order and Board Attendance w/Determination of Quorum  
 At 5:11pm

Quorum Present with following Board Members in Attendance:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>		<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>		<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>
Katie Brown	X		Ryan Hill			Rachel Richardson	
Kim Elliott	X		Kevin Hughes	X		Elizabeth Uzzell	X
Jessi Fasola	X		Dwayne Jones			Robert Wolfe	X
			Keisha Pressley	X		Lan Zhu	X

Reading of Mission Statement:

*“The mission of Sterling Montessori is to create a diverse educational community, grounded in the Montessori philosophy and teaching practices, that fosters curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking in its students. We strive to empower each student to become life-long learners who respect themselves, others, and their environment.”*

Conflict of Interest Statement

*“At this time, we ask all board members to make a statement to be recorded in the minutes should they know of any conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before them during this meeting. It is the duty of each board member to abstain from discussion and voting on such matters.”*



**Native Land Acknowledgement**

*“The LHU Board recognizes that Sterling Montessori sits on the ancestral land of the Tuscarora, Lumbee and Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Tribes. As we strive to become better stewards of the environment, we also strive to provide a more equitable and culturally responsive environment for all students, but especially Black and indigenous students of color.”*

**Agenda Items:**

*Including any related consent agenda items or discussion items added to agenda prior to consent vote.*

- Approval of Hires and Closed Session per NCGS to discuss Personnel matter. N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(6)

**Approval of Agenda**

At 5:12p, Lan Zhu moved to approve the agenda. Approved

Name	Aye	Nay	Abs		Name	Aye	Nay	Abs		Name	Aye	Nay	Abs
Katie Brown	X				Ryan Hill					Rachel Richardson			
Kim Elliott	X				Kevin Hughes	X				Elizabeth Uzzell			
Jessi Fasola	X				Dwayne Jones					Robert Wolfe	X		
					Keisha Pressley	X				Lan Zhu	M		

**2. CLOSED SESSION**

**Enter Closed Session**

Approval of Hires and Closed Session per NCGS to discuss Personnel matter

At 5:13p, Lan Zhu moved to go into closed session. Approved



Name	Aye	Nay	Abs		Name	Aye	Nay	Abs		Name	Aye	Nay	Abs
Katie Brown	X				Ryan Hill					Rachel Richardson			
Kim Elliott	X				Kevin Hughes	X				Elizabeth Uzzell			
Jessi Fasola	X				Dwayne Jones					Robert Wolfe	X		
					Keisha Pressley	X				Lan Zhu	M		

**Return to Open Session**

At 5:15p, Lan Zhu moved to return to open session. No action taken. Approved

Name	Aye	Nay	Abs		Name	Aye	Nay	Abs		Name	Aye	Nay	Abs
Katie Brown	X				Ryan Hill					Rachel Richardson			
Kim Elliott	X				Kevin Hughes	X				Elizabeth Uzzell			
Jessi Fasola	X				Dwayne Jones					Robert Wolfe	X		
					Keisha Pressley	X				Lan Zhu	M		

**3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

**Consent Item – Approval of Hires**

At 5:15pm, Lan Zhu moved to approve the hire of personnel as noted below and discussed in closed session. Approved



Full Name	Classroom/Section	Position (Year)	Action / Change	Note
Mary French	EC	EC PA	Hire	

Name	Ave	Nay	Abs	Name	Ave	Nay	Abs	Name	Ave	Nay	Abs
Katie Brown	X			Ryan Hill				Rachel Richardson			
Kim Elliott	X			Kevin Hughes	X			Elizabeth Uzzell			
Jessi Fasola	X			Dwayne Jones				Robert Wolfe	X		
				Keisha Pressley	X			Lan Zhu	M		

#### 4. CLOSED SESSION

##### Enter Closed Session

Approval of Hires and Closed Session per NCGS to discuss Personnel matter

At 5:17p, Lan Zhu moved to go into closed session. Approved

Name	Ave	Nay	Abs	Name	Ave	Nay	Abs	Name	Ave	Nay	Abs
Katie Brown	X			Ryan Hill				Rachel Richardson			
Kim Elliott	X			Kevin Hughes	X			Elizabeth Uzzell			
Jessi Fasola	X			Dwayne Jones				Robert Wolfe	X		
				Keisha Pressley	X			Lan Zhu	M		



**Return to Open Session**

At 5:42p, Elizabeth Uzzell moved to return to open session. No action taken. Approved

Name	Aye	Nay	Abs		Name	Aye	Nay	Abs		Name	Aye	Nay	Abs
Katie Brown					Ryan Hill					Rachel Richardson			
Kim Elliott	X				Kevin Hughes	X				Elizabeth Uzzell	M		
Jessi Fasola	X				Dwayne Jones					Robert Wolfe	X		
					Keisha Pressley	X				Lan Zhu	X		

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:43p, Elizabeth Uzzell moved to adjourn. Approved

Name	Aye	Nay	Abs		Name	Aye	Nay	Abs		Name	Aye	Nay	Abs
Katie Brown					Ryan Hill					Rachel Richardson	X		
Kim Elliott	X				Kevin Hughes	X				Elizabeth Uzzell	M		
Jessi Fasola	X				Dwayne Jones					Robert Wolfe	X		
					Keisha Pressley	X				Lan Zhu	X		



**Attendance:**

<b>Full Name</b>	<b>First Seen</b>	<b>Time in Call</b>
<b>+1 781-***-**97</b>	<b>10/11/2023 17:04</b>	<b>0:27:42</b>
<b>Elizabeth Uzzell</b>	<b>10/11/2023 17:35</b>	<b>0:07:42</b>
<b>Jessi Fasola</b>	<b>10/11/2023 17:04</b>	<b>0:38:48</b>
<b>Katie Brown</b>	<b>10/11/2023 17:04</b>	<b>0:25:19</b>
<b>Keisha Pressley</b>	<b>10/11/2023 17:04</b>	<b>0:38:48</b>
<b>Kevin Hughes</b>	<b>10/11/2023 17:04</b>	<b>0:38:42</b>
<b>Kim Elliott</b>	<b>10/11/2023 17:04</b>	<b>0:38:48</b>
<b>Lan Zhu</b>	<b>10/11/2023 17:04</b>	<b>0:38:48</b>
<b>Maureen Capillo</b>	<b>10/11/2023 17:10</b>	<b>0:07:15</b>
<b>Rachel Richardson</b>	<b>10/11/2023 17:20</b>	<b>0:23:12</b>
<b>Robert Wolfe</b>	<b>10/11/2023 17:04</b>	<b>0:39:11</b>