LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2025 from 5:00-6:30 PM

The Lexington County School District One Educational Foundation Board of Directors convened Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 5:00 PM at Lexington Operations Center.

Board members: Chair Bridget Winston, Angie Douda, Brandi Keefer, Brent Clark, Harriet Coker, Jackie Kaminer, Julie Bartels, Katrina Bryant, Laura Amick, Lindsey Miles, Michael Boone, Michelle White, Missy Moore, Randy Cooper, Scarlet Taylor, and LCSD1 CCO, Libby Roof.
Absent: Beth Ancone, Chris Shealy, Jennifer White, LaMyron Jenkins, Lisa Phillips, Rebecca West, Will Salley, and LCSD1 Board Liaison Nicholas Pizzuti.

1.0 Call to Order – Bridget Winston, Chair called the meeting to order.

2.0 Minutes – September 11, 2025 Board meeting minutes were presented for approval. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously by all in attendance.

Motion	Second	Action
Cooper	Keefer	Approved

3.0 Committee Reports

3.1 Finance – Randy Cooper, Finance Committee Chair

3.1.1 Financial Report – 1st Quarter Fiscal Year 2025-2026 – Mr. Cooper reviewed the Balance Sheet and Revenue and Expenditure Report for the first quarter. Our balance sheet revenue is $850,231 in unrestricted funds, whereas our restricted funds totaled more than $1,145,131. Expenses included fall grants, summer expenses and scholarships and Higher Education Support Grant payments. Assets totaled $1,810,768.61.

3.1.2 Investments Report – 1st Quarter Fiscal Year 2025-2026 – The financial report detailed total revenue of $184,043 against total expenditures of $143,994. This resulted in a final cash and investment balance approaching $2 million. Furthermore, the LPL investment portfolio registered a gain of $235,911.22.

3.2 Allocations – Katrina Bryant, Allocations Committee Chair

3.2.1 Innovation Grants for K-8 Schools – January 30, 2026 deadline for RFP. Applications are available on the Foundation's website. Individual grants are up to $5,000 and allocated to creative endeavors that characteristically influence the greater part of the student body.

3.2.2 Higher Education Support Grants – Funding will be allocated this year to provide opportunities for eligible Lexington One graduates who demonstrate significant financial need. Seniors who apply do not have to have a college acceptance letter yet to be considered. FAFSA delays may again affect seniors

and the processing of financial aid award letters, which is needed to determine eligibility. The application deadline is March 20, 2026.

3.2.3 International Teacher Grants – Mrs. Bryant shared these nine need-based grants awarded to the district's new international teachers have been successfully completed. She noted that a detailed financial report was presented at the September board meeting, and the teachers have expressed their gratitude for this generous support.

3.3 Philanthropic Partnerships – Angie Douda, Committee Chair

3.3.1 Fore the Foundation Grand Golf Tournament 2025 – The annual tournament was a success. Total revenue generated was $43,307, comprising $32,835 in cash sponsorships and over $10,000 from other revenue streams. After accounting for tournament expenses of $8,364.87, the event yielded a net total of $34,942.13.

3.3.2 LEAP Campaign Results (Lexington Emergency/Education Assistance Plan) – The annual campaign, themed "Granting Wishes and Support in Lexington School District One," was highly successful, with nearly 2,000 employees participating. Total donations reached $118,000, with the majority of funds directed toward the Emergency Fund. While participation was strong, the total amount raised represented a slight decrease from the previous year.

3.3.3 Scholarships 2025-2026 – The annual scholarship program, which includes 16 scholarships this year, is underway. A master chart detailing qualifications was emailed to school and district leaders, and applications are due February 10, 2026. Leaders are asked to encourage any graduating seniors who are pursuing a college education next year to review our scholarships. Donor-established restrictions, such as college attendance location, were also reiterated.

3.3.4 Michelin VEX Robotics Grants 2025 Awards – Ten schools were awarded Michelin VEX Robotics Grants. Despite a few schools not fully meeting the initial grant requirements, the Foundation made an exception to its typical policy and allowed them to retain the unspent funds. This was contingent on the funds being spent appropriately this year, with no additional funding provided to those schools. The teams received $1,000 in foundation support. A special thank you was extended to Michelin's Lexington leadership team for their continued grant funding.

3.3.5 Giving Tuesday / Giving Schools Day is Tues., December 2, 2025. This day gives individuals a chance to donate online. Staff will promote on our social media pages. Mrs. Douda encouraged all to consider donating to the foundation.

3.3.6 Joseph M. Bedenbaugh Administrator of the Year Award – The call for nominations will be sent via emails in January and the award will be presented in May 2026. Employees in Lexington One can nominate administrators. The review process involves evaluating a large volume of comprehensive nomination packets, which include letters and supporting materials.

3.3.7 Celebration of Excellence in Education 2026 – The 2026 Celebration will be held Tuesday, March 4th at Lexington High School. Gilbert High is the host school,

however, their performing arts center is too small for the event guests. We need event sponsors, so please contact the Executive Director if you can assist in soliciting individuals or businesses for donations. We will also need board members and other volunteers to assist with the event. The format is again an awards night program with a dessert reception to follow. Each student will receive a foundation gift, certificate and recognition for the high academic achievement.

4.0 Executive Director Report – Julie Anderson Washburn

4.1 Annual Registration with SC Secretary of State & Audit – Mrs. Washburn has been working closely with Kim Little in the Finance department to finish up the audit and 990. The annual registration will be completed soon with the exception of the financial portion, which must wait until the audit is done.

4.2 Golf Tournament Thank You - Mrs. Washburn thanked the Board for their participation in and support of the golf tournament. It would not have been possible without their support.

4.3 Executive Director Resignation – Mrs. Washburn announced her final day will be December 5th. She stated she is collaborating with the Executive Committee and staff to prepare for her successor, reminding the Board that the Foundation's work with need-based and educational grants is vital to Lexington School District One. Chair, Mrs. Winston thanked Mrs. Washburn for her creativity and time invested into the foundation. The Executive Committee will provide support to staff during the transition period.

5.0 Adjourn – Mrs. Coker made a motion to adjourn with Mrs. Douda provided a second to adjourn the meeting at 5:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Randall Cooper
Randall Cooper (Mar 24, 2026 16:25:57 EDT)

Mr. Randy Cooper
Board Secretary/ Treasurer

Prepared By:

Mrs. Heather Johnson
Executive Secretary