



Jacksonville Classical Academy, Inc. (JXC – Riverside Campus) Jacksonville Classical Academy East, Inc. (JXCE – Ft. Caroline Campus)

Minutes for Joint Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Location: Jacksonville Classical Academy Resource Center, 2043 Forest Street, Jacksonville, FL 32204

June 5, 2025 11:30 AM

Board Approved

<u>Members in Attendance</u>	<u>School Personnel in Attendance</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>
☐ Mr. John D. Rood, Board Chairman	☐ Ms. Lindsay Hoyt, Executive Director	☐ Mr. Daryl Gottlieb, Secretary/Treasurer
☐ Dr. Allison DeFoor	☐ Ms. Sydnee Larsen, JXC Parent Liaison	☐ Mr. Len Allen, Vice Chair
☐ Ms. Rebecca Stubbs (via phone)	☐ Ms. Kate Richardson, JXCE Parent Liaison	
☐ Ms. Shantel Davis (via phone)	☐ Mr. Nick Barker, Principal (Riverside Campus)	
	☐ Ms. Claudia Shisler, Principal (Fort Caroline Campus)	
	☐ Ms. Lancy Hinson, Preschool Director	
	☐ Ms. Kelly Goddin, SFS Representative (via phone)	

1. Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Rood at 11:41 AM.
2. Attendance Roll Call recorded by Mr. Rood.
3. Adoption of Agenda
Motion to approve the adoption of agenda as amended to add item 14a. re: Update on loan between Vestcor Family Foundation and Jacksonville Classical Academy Inc. and Jacksonville Classical Academy East Inc. made by Dr. DeFoor, seconded by Ms. Davis. Motion unanimously approved by the Board.
4. Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve the 04/24/2025 Joint Regular Board Meeting minutes made by Dr. DeFoor, seconded by Ms. Stubbs. Motion unanimously approved by the Board.
5. Public Comments – NONE
6. Chairman's Report - John D. Rood
 - a. Chairman Rood shared exciting news about this year's academic progress at each school. The Fort Caroline campus focused heavily on reading, increasing their reading scores by 18 percentage points. Mr. Rood also shared that 60% of kindergarten to 2nd graders are at grade level. At the Riverside campus, reading scores for 3rd through 9th grade are at 70% at grade level, which is a 30-point increase from last year. Kindergarten through 2nd grade reading scores are at 77% at grade level, 27 points higher than Duval County. 3rd through 8th grade math scores are at 64% at grade level, while kindergarten through 2nd grade scores are at 82%, 30 points ahead of Duval County. See Attachment A for summary of test scores.
 - b. Chairman Rood also provided an update on school tours, funding for the reading initiative, and noted that the gymnasium is proceeding on budget and on schedule.
7. Executive Director's Report - Lindsay Hoyt
 - a. Ms. Hoyt shared information regarding pre planning for staff, which begins on July 28th. JXC has a variety of professional development opportunities planned for faculty and staff, including a session with Allyson Barnes. Mrs. Hoyt shared that 90% of the JXC/E staff are returning for the 25-26 SY.

- b. Mrs. Hoyt discussed the transition in leadership at the Fort Caroline campus, with Ms. Claudia Shisler stepping into her role as Interim Principal upon her return from leave. Ms. Shisler was officially named principal Monday, June 2nd.
- c. Mrs. Hoyt shared JXC and JXCE's Teacher of the Year, Brianna Bailey (FC) and Paula White (RS), voted on by their peers for going above and beyond in the classroom. Mrs. Hoyt also discussed the conclusion of the spring semester at each campus, with two pre-K graduations, field day, JXC's first band concert, and more.

8. Pre-K Director's Report – Lancy Hinson

- a. Ms. Hinson shared that JXC and JXCE hosted two very successful graduations, with the first graduation at the Fort Caroline campus. Ms. Hinson thanked Mr. Rood for his support at the Fort Caroline campus with pre-K scholarships.
- b. Mrs. Hinson discussed plans for the 2025-2026 school year for pre-K. The Riverside campus will be adding a fourth class, a 3-day option for families to enroll their pre-K students. Each class will have 17 students. The Fort Caroline campus will have 2 classes.

9. Principal's Report

Nick Barker

- a. Mr. Barker shared the amazing gains the school has made since Spring 2023 and highlighted the amazing staff that has brought the school to this point. Mr. Barker thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve in his role as Principal at JXC and will continue to strategize the best ways for the school to succeed.

Claudia Shisler

- b. Ms. Shisler thanked administration for the opportunity to serve in the Principal role and shared her excitement for future growth at the Fort Caroline campus. Ms. Shisler shared exciting testing results, including a 66% pass rate for Seventh Grade Civics EOCs and Second Grade being the top performing grade with state testing. Ms. Shisler is looking forward to next school year and the growth of the school.

10. Nominating Committee - NONE

11. Audit Committee

Since Chair Gottlieb could not attend the meeting, Mr. Rood provided a summary and discussed the loan and grant activity between the Vestcor Family Foundation and JXC and JXCE. A copy of this material was distributed to the board members for review and is attached as Exhibit B. Mr. Rood requested that the board review and approve the motions recommended by the Audit Committee.

- a. Approve the JXC Single Audit Report - VOTE
Motion to approve the Single Audit Report for JXC made by Dr. DeFoor, seconded by Ms. Stubbs. Motion approved unanimously by the Board.
- b. Approve FY26 Budget for JXC/JXCE - VOTE
Motion to approve the FY 26 Budget for JXC/JXCE made by Dr. DeFoor, seconded by Ms. Stubbs. Motion approved unanimously by the Board.
- c. Vestcor Family Foundation Loan Approval for JXC and JXCE - VOTE
Motion to approve a \$350,000 loan from Vestcor Family Foundation (VFF) to Jacksonville Classical Academy East for a one-year, prepayable term at 8% interest, with the condition that VFF donate the collected interest to JXCE. Also, approve a \$50,000 loan from VFF to Jacksonville Classical Academy for a one-year, prepayable term at the same conditions as previous VFF loans to JXC. The motion was made by Dr. DeFoor, seconded by Ms. Stubbs, and was unanimously approved by the Board after discussion. The Board reviewed the loan and donation activity between Mr. Rood and affiliates and JXC/JXCE.

12. Financial Report – Kelly Goddin

Ms. Goddin discussed the loans between the Vestcor Family Foundation and Jacksonville Classical Academy, Inc., and Jacksonville Classical Academy East, Inc.

She requested that The Vestcor Family Foundation consider providing a loan of up to \$3M for JXC's gym construction. This would be a one-year loan, to be repaid after the construction is completed. The terms would be a one-year, renewable, and prepayable loan with interest paid monthly at the minimum rate required by law.

Motion to approve a loan of up to \$3,000,000 at the minimum rate allowed by law, for one year and prepayable, between Vestcor Family Foundation and Jacksonville Classical Academy Inc., made by Dr. DeFoor and seconded by Ms. Davis. After discussion, the motion was approved unanimously by the Board.

As discussed in the audit committee report, The Vestcor Family Foundation will make a \$350,000 loan to Jacksonville Classical Academy East Inc. and a \$50,000 loan to Jacksonville Classical Academy Inc. to ensure adequate liquidity over the summer months.

13. Unfinished Business – NONE

14. New Business

- a. Approve Parent Liaison for JXC (Sydnee Larsen) & JXCE (Courtney Hughes) for FY2026 – VOTE
Motion to approve the Parent Liaison for JXC (Sydnee Larsen) & JXCE (Courtney Hughes) for FY2026 made by Dr. DeFoor, seconded by Ms. Stubbs. Motion approved unanimously by the Board.
- b. Election of JXC/JXCE Board Members & Officers – VOTE
Motion to nominate Mr. Gottlieb, Ms. Davis and Ms. Stubbs for a second 3-year term made by Dr. DeFoor, seconded by Ms. Stubbs. Motion approved unanimously by the Board.
Motion to approve a second 3-year term for Mr. Gottlieb, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Stubbs made by Dr. DeFoor, seconded by Ms. Stubbs. Motion approved unanimously by the Board.
Motion to nominate and approve slate of Governing Board officers, including Chair, Mr. Rood, Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. Gottlieb, and Vice Chair, Mr. Allen, made by Dr. DeFoor, seconded by Ms. Stubbs. Motion approved unanimously by the Board.
Motion to nominate and approve slate of Audit Committee members and officers. Daryl Gottlieb, Member and Chairman, John D. Rood, member and Vice Chair made by Dr. DeFoor seconded by Ms. Stubbs. Motion approved unanimously by the Board.
Motion to nominate and approve slate of Nominating Committee members and officers. Allison DeFoor, Member and Chairman, John D. Rood, Member and Vice Chair made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms. Dugger. Motion approved unanimously by the Board.
- c. Adopt Duval County Public School's Pupil Progression Plan for JXC/JXCE – VOTE
Motion to approve the adoption of Duval County Public School's Pupil Progression Plan for JXC/JXCE made by Dr. DeFoor, seconded by Ms. Stubbs. Motion approved unanimously by the Board.
- d. Approve JXC/JXCE Executive Director, Lindsay Hoyt, Contract for FY2026– VOTE
Motion to approve JXC/JXCE Executive Director, Lindsay Hoyt, contract for FY2026 made by Dr. DeFoor, seconded by Ms. Stubbs. Motion approved unanimously by the Board.
- e. Approve JXC/JXCE 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct – VOTE
Motion to approve the JXC/JXCE 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct made by Dr. DeFoor, seconded by Ms. Stubbs. Motion approved unanimously by the Board.
- f. Approve JXC/JXCE Comprehensive Evidence Based Reading Plan (CERP) – VOTE
Motion to approve the JXC/JXCE Comprehensive Evidence Based Reading Plan (CERP) made by Dr. DeFoor, seconded by Ms. Davis. Motion approved unanimously by the Board.
- g. Approve JXC/JXCE Accountant Contract for FY26 - VOTE

Motion to approve the JXC/JXCE Accountant Contract for FY26 made by Dr. DeFoor, seconded by Ms. Stubbs. Motion approved unanimously by the Board.

- h. Approve Updated JXC/JXCE Mission Statement, Virtues, and Motto - VOTE
Motion to approve the updated JXC/JXCE Mission Statement, Virtues, and Motto made by Dr. DeFoor, seconded by Ms. Stubbs. Motion approved unanimously by the Board.

15. Board Comments

Dr. DeFoor thanked everyone for a great meeting. Ambassador Rood thanked the board for their support.

16. Adjournment – 12:55 PM

Next Regular Joint Board Meeting – September 18, 2025 at 11:30am

Approved by the Governing Board on September 15, 2025.

Signed by:

Daryl Gottlieb

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Board Secretary

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