

**LEAP Board of Trustees Meeting
March 28, 2024
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 5:10 pm.

Attendance:

Dr. Gloria Bonilla-Santiago
Dr. Anthony Lowman
Margaret Manthe
Bette Mengesha
Dr. Donna Nickitas
Héctor Nieves
Brenda Ortiz
Dr. Michael Palis
Dr. Yosmeriz Roman
Omar Samaniego

Excused:

Dr. Mathew Closter
Cal Maradonna
Margo Venable
Bryanna Lester (Student Rep – nonvoting)

I. Welcome/Declaration of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act:

Meeting was announced and disseminated to school community.
Due to the COVID-19 precautions, the meeting will be held using a virtual platform.

We will proceed with the meeting.

Public comments can be submitted in writing via email at wandag@camden.rutgers.edu. For the duration of the business portion of the meeting, I ask that you mute your computer or phones to avoid noise.

- II. Welcome/Declaration of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act:** Dr. Santiago opened the meeting and indicated that the meeting was announced with the Open Public Meetings Act. Members of the public were asked to submit any public comments via email to the Board Liaison for prompt attention. Dr. Santiago thanked everyone in the Board, the staff and the public for the support and flexibility.

III. Approval of Minutes of February 22, 2024: Hector Nieves presented the following resolution:

Item 1: Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the meeting of February 22, 2024, as prepared by Wanda Garcia, Board Liaison.

Seconded by Dr. Donna Nickitas.

Roll Call:

Motion:

Seconded:

Roll Call:

	Item 1
Dr. Gloria Bonilla-Santiago	YES
Dr. Anthony Lowman	YES
Margaret Manthe	YES
Bette Mengesha	YES
Dr. Donna Nickitas	YES
Hector Nieves	YES
Brenda Ortiz	YES
Dr. Michael Palis	YES
Dr. Yosmeriz Roman	YES
Omar Samaniego	YES

IV. Chairperson's Report

- **PR expansion of LSE and LEAP Schools:** Dr. Santiago shared that the LEAP Social Enterprise has continued its growth and expansion strategy and that it has been approved to operate 4 additional schools in August to be located in Carolina and Bayamon.
- **Alumni Engagement:** Dr. Santiago shared that she has been working on establishing an Alumni Advisory Committee. A breakfast has been planned for Mary 3rd to hold a first meeting.
- **Parent Representation:** Dr. Santiago asked for the Parents Council to identify parents to be considered for appointment as Parent Representatives on the Board. The Board needs three parents.

V. Operational Report- Stephanie Rogers, COO/Lead Person: Stephanie Rogers provided progress reports on the following areas:

- Building Infrastructure and Maintenance
- Health Center
- Family Support/Parent Engagement
- Fire Drills and Bus Drills
- Enrollment, Recruitment and Retention

Dr. Gloria Bonilla-Santiago presented the Item 2 for Board adoption.

Item 2: RESOLVED that the Board establish an ad hoc working committee to develop and implement an Emergency Plan to immediately address ongoing retention and recruitment issues. The Plan shall identify the key causal relationships and present detailed objectives to resolve school violence, parental disinvolvement, and other significant contributors to retention issues. And, where recruitment is concerned, develop new markets and targeted advertising campaigns. The committee will be comprised of school management personnel, a

representative of the Early College Program and the High School Principal with oversight by the Finance Committee, as follows:

Stephanie Weaver-Rogers
Dana Rivas
Tamika Rice
Amanda Beltran
Theodore Johnson
Leda Hernandez
Maria Cruz
Diana Crespo

Further resolved that the board appoint Tamika Rice as Director of School Culture and Climate-K-12 to oversee and implement a school wide strategy for improving culture and climate.

The Plan shall be submitted to the Board not later than the April 2024 Board meeting.

Seconded by Hector Nieves.

Roll Call:

	Item 2
Dr. Gloria Bonilla-Santiago	YES
Dr. Anthony Lowman	YES
Margaret Manthe	YES
Bette Mengesha	YES
Dr. Donna Nickitas	YES
Hector Nieves	YES
Brenda Ortiz	YES
Dr. Michael Palis	YES
Dr. Yosmeriz Roman	YES
Omar Samaniego	YES

VI. Finance Committee Actions: Margaret Manthe presented Items 3-17 for Board approval:

A. Approval of Line-Item Status Report

Item 3: Whereas, the members of the LEAP Board of Trustees, voting on this resolution, have reviewed the Board Secretary's and Monthly Financial Reports for the month January 2024 and have consulted with the Chief Financial Officer/SBA as deemed appropriate.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the members of this Board of Trustees voting (By recorded Roll call) on this Resolution do hereby certify that based on the monthly certification of the Board's Secretary concerning "Budgetary Line Item Status" N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c) 3 no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a) 3 and based on such report and the status of budgetary amount and expenditures as of the date of the adoption

of this Resolution there appears to be at this time sufficient funds available to meet the School's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

B. LEAP Cramer Hill LLC Financials

Item 4: Resolved that the Board approve the Financial Reports for the LEAP Cramer Hill LLC for the month of January 2024 as prepared by the CFO/SBA.

Further resolved that the Board approve a donation of \$3,500 to the LEAP Academy University Charter School for purposes of covering the costs for NJPCSA 2024 gala.

C. LEAP Microenterprise Financials and LEAP Health and Wellness

Item 5: Resolved that the Board approve the Financial Reports for the LEAP Microenterprise LLC and for the LEAP Health Center for the month of January 2024 as provided by the Chief Financial Officer/SBA.

D. LEAP Student Transportation

Item 6: Resolved that the Board approve the Financial Reports for the LEAP Transportation LLC for the month of January 2024 as provided by the Chief Financial Officer/SBA.

E. Budget Transfers

Item 7: Resolved that the Board approve budget transfers for the month of January 2024 as provided by the CFO/SBA.

F. Approval of Expenditure Report/Bill List

Item 8: Whereas, the Business Administrator certifies that there are sufficient funds to pay bills and payroll for the month of January 2024;

Resolved that the Board approve payment of bills, as follows:

FUND	January 2024
10 General Current Expense	\$2,224,073.38
20 Special Revenue	\$194,854.64
30 Capital Projects	\$0
60 Enterprise	\$3,223.85
90 Agency	\$571,330.64
91 Payroll	\$842,629.16
95 Student	\$0
96 Parent Council	\$6,664.34
Total Disbursements:	\$3,842,776.01

G. Adoption of FY 2024-2025 School Budget

- **Presentation of FY 24025 School Budget – Yusein Durakov**

Item 9: Resolved that the Board approves the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and Finance Committee of the LEAP BOT to approve the 2024-2025 School Year Budget and submit to the NJDOE Office of Charter Schools.

H. Contracts and Financial Transactions

Item 10: Resolved that the Board adopt following policies:

- 6115.01 - FEDERAL AWARDS/FUNDS INTERNAL CONTROLS - ALLOWABILITY OF COSTS (M)
- 6115.02 - FEDERAL AWARDS/FUNDS INTERNAL CONTROLS-MANDATORY DISCLOSURES (M)
- 6115.03 - FEDERAL AWARDS/FUNDS INTERNAL CONTROLS-CONFLICT OF INTEREST (M)
- 6115.04 - FEDERAL FUNDS – DUPLICATION OF BENEFITS (M)

Item 11: Resolved that the Board increase the FY24 CLC Rutgers tutoring contract by \$62,250 to a total of \$202,250 for tutoring services paid with 100% federal funds, RFP21-8.

Item 12: Resolved that the Board accept a donation of \$3,500 from LEAP Cramer Hill, LLC to the LEAP Academy University Charter Schools for purposes of covering the costs for NJPCSA 2024 gala.

Item 13: Resolved that Board accept, with sincere gratitude, a donation of sports equipment valued at \$5000 from The Gift of Sport.

Item 14: Resolved that the Board approve resolution to renew membership in the NJ Schools Insurance Group, as follows:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq., enables boards of education to join with other boards of education in school board insurance trusts for the purpose of forming self-insurance pools;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group (“NJSIG”) is a joint insurance fund authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq. to provide insurance coverage and risk management services for its members;

WHEREAS, the [LEAP Academy University Charter School], herein after referred to as the “Educational Institution,” has resolved to apply for and/or renew its membership with NJSIG;

WHEREAS, the Educational Institution certifies that it has not defaulted on a claim, and has not been cancelled for non-payment of insurance premium for a period of at least two (2) years prior to the date of its application to NJSIG;

WHEREAS, the Educational Institution desires to secure protection, services, and savings relating to insurance and self-insurance for itself and its departments and employees; and,

WHEREAS, the Educational Institution finds that the best and most efficient way of securing this protection and services is by cooperating with other boards of education in the State of New Jersey.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

- 1) This agreement is made by and between NJSIG and the Educational Institution;
- 2) The Educational Institution joins with other boards of education in organizing and becoming members of NJSIG pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-3(a), for a period of three years, beginning on July 1, 2024, and ending July 1, 2027, at 12:01a.m.;
- 3) In consideration of membership in NJSIG, the Educational Institution agrees that for those types of coverage in which it participates, the Educational Institution shall jointly and severally assume and discharge the liabilities of each and every member of NJSIG to such agreement arising from their participation in NJSIG. By execution hereof the full faith and credit of the Educational Institution is pledged to the punctual payment of any sums which shall become due to NJSIG in accordance with the bylaws thereof, the plan of risk management, this Agreement and any applicable statute or regulation;
- 4) The Educational Institution and NJSIG agree that NJSIG shall hold all monies paid by the Educational Institution to NJSIG as fiduciaries for the benefit of NJSIG claimants all in accordance with applicable statutes and/or regulations;
- 5) NJSIG shall establish and maintain Trust Accounts in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq. and such other statutes and regulations as may be applicable;
- 6) By adoption and signing of this resolution, the Educational Institution is hereby joining NJSIG in accordance with the terms of this Indemnity and Trust Agreement and Resolution to Join / Renew Membership, effective the date indicated below, for the types of insurance as indicated in the Insurance Binder issued by NJSIG;
- 7) The Educational Institution hereby ratifies and affirms the bylaws and other organizational and operational documents of NJSIG, and as from time to time amended by NJSIG and/or the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking and Insurance, in accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations as if each and every one of said documents were re-executed contemporaneously herewith;
- 8) The Educational Institution agrees to be a participating member of NJSIG for the period herein provided for and to comply with all of the rules and regulations and obligations associated with said membership, including, but not limited to the NJSIG's Plan of Risk Management;

9) The Educational Institution under its obligations as a member of NJSIG agrees to allow for safety inspections of its properties, to pay contributions in a timely fashion and to comply with the bylaws and standards of participation of NJSIG including the plan of risk management;

10) If NJSIG, in the enforcement of any part of this Agreement, shall incur necessary expense or become obligated to pay attorney's fees and/or court costs, the Educational Institution agrees to reimburse NJSIG for all such reasonable expenses, fees and costs on demand;

11) The Business Administrator is hereby authorized in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq., to execute such contracts and documentation with NJSIG as is necessary to effectuate this resolution; and,

12) The Business Administrator is directed to send a certified copy of this Indemnity and Trust Agreement and Resolution to Join / Renew Membership to NJSIG.

Item 15: Resolved that the Board reject all bids received for Bid24-2 527 Cooper Construction and GC for the second time, because the price substantially exceeds the board's appropriation, per 18A:18A-22.b. Bids received as follow:

vendor name	amount
TESTER CONSTRUCTION GROUP	\$ 3,399,000.00
NACOM COMPANIES, INC	\$ 3,448,078.00
GARY F GARDNER, INC	\$ 3,859,154.00
MADINA RESTORATION INC	\$ 3,897,824.00

Further,

Whereas, The Board previously advertised this project and at its meeting on 3/24/2022 the bid received from Gary F. Gardner, Inc for \$3,761,981 for Bid22-5 was rejected per 18A:18A-22.b. and;

Whereas, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(c), the Board may negotiate a contract after having bids rejected twice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorize the Business Administrator and the Architect to negotiate a contract for the project in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(c), in the best interests of the School.

Item 16: Resolved that the Board appropriate \$2,500,000 from General fund to Capital Projects Fund.

Item 17: Resolved that the Board approves the engagement of Barbara Murphy as Board Treasurer effective April 1, 2024, at the rate of \$800/month.

**Seconded by Hector Nieves.
Roll Call:**

	Item 3	Item 4	Item 5	Item 6	Item 7	Item 8	Item 9	Item 10	Item 11	Item 12	Item 13	Item 14	Item 15	Item 16	Item 17
Dr. Gloria Bonilla-Santiago	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES Abs on payments to Rutgers and Metz	YES	YES	ABS	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Dr. Anthony Lowman	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES Abs on payments to Rowan	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Margaret Manthe	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Bette Mengesha	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Dr. Donna Nickitas	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES Abs on payments to Rutgers	YES	YES	ABS	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Hector Nieves	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Brenda Ortiz	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES ABS on payments to Rutgers	YES	YES	ABS	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Dr. Michael Palis	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES ABS on payments to Rutgers	YES	YES	ABS	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Dr. Yozmeris Roman	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Omar Samaniego	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

VII. Personnel Committee: Bette Mengesha presented items 18-22 for Board approval.

A. New Appointments:

Item 18: Resolved that the Board approves the following new appointments:

Name	Position	Effective Day	Compensation	Account Code
Stephanie Datiz (McFerren)	Teacher of Elementary	3/30/24	\$63,000.00	11-110-100-101-01-043
Dr. Maisha Bryant (C.Edward)	Teacher of Elementary	3/30/2024	\$70,000.00	11-110-100-101-01-043

Name	Position	Effective Day	Compensation	Account Code
Johana Abril (A. Cotton)	Teacher of ESL	3/30/24	\$58,000.00	11-110-100-101-01-043
Johana Abril (A. Cotton)	One Time Sign-on-bonus	3/30/24	\$5,000.00	11-130-100-101-02-043
Danna Green (A. Nashofer)	Teacher Fellow - Special Ed	3/30/24	\$45,000.00	11-110-100-101-01-043
Darrin Johnson (A. Torres)	PT Custodian	3/30/24	\$15.00/hour	11-000-266-110-PT-066
Dnea Johnson (S. Santiago)	PT Ed. Safety Monitor	3/30/24	\$15.00/hour	11-000-262-100-PT-066

B. Position Upgrades and Adjustments

Item 19: Resolved that the Board approves the following position and salary modifications:

Name	<u>From - To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Account Code</u>
Tamika Rice	Director of School Culture and Climate – K-12	April 1, 2023	\$125,000	

C. Payment of Stipend

Item 20: Resolved that the Board approves payment of teacher stipend as follows:

Name	Assignment	Effective Period	Not to Exceed \$5,000.00	Account Code
Amanda Dacenko	Safety Ambassador Program (SAP)	2023-2024 SY	\$45/hour	20-235-100-110-24

D. Resignations

Item 21: Resolved that the Board accepts the following resignations:

<u>Resignation</u>		
Caitlyn Pollock	PT CST-School Social Worker	3/7/24
Julian Damiani	Teacher of English (HS)	3/22/24
Jacqueline Floyd	Special Education Teacher (Jr. High)	4/9/24
Christopher Scheid	Teacher of Social Studies (HS)	4/17/24
Stephanie Wilcox Williams	Behavior Coordinator	4/30/24

E. Teacher/Staff Recruitment Strategy

Item 22: Resolved that the Board approves implementation of teacher/staff recruitment strategy to improve the pool of applicants and ensure the school is fully staffed for the 24-25 school year.

The Board approves the following components:

1) Referral Incentives:

- Chief or Principal-level Positions – \$5,000
- Assistant Principals, Directors, Supervisors – \$2,500
- Certified Teachers – \$1,000
- Social Workers, Speech Language Pathologists – \$1,000
- All Other Full-Time Roles – \$500

2) Contracting a Talent Acquisition/Recruiter to work alongside the administration in launching aggressive campaign to find qualified candidates.

- Contract not to exceed \$8,000.

Seconded by Hector Nieves.

Roll Call:

	Item 18	Item 19	Item 20	Item 21	Item 22
Dr. Gloria Bonilla-Santiago	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Dr. Anthony Lowman	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Margaret Manthe	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Bette Mengesha	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Hector Nieves	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Dr. Donna Nickitas	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Brenda Ortiz	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Dr. Michael Palis	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Dr. Yozmeris Roman	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Omar Samaniego	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

VIII. Curriculum Committee: Dr. Donna Nickitas presented item 23 for Board approval:

A. Academic Progress Report – Jozian Molina and Nicole Kessler presented a progress report on academic and teaching and learning.

B. Action Items: Dr. Donna Nickitas presented item 23 for Board approval:

Item 23: Resolved that the Board approve the following field trips (including those that are retroactive):

Field Trips Requestor Departure & Return Time	Grade Level	Date of Trip	Cost	Student Learning Standard Aligned	Purpose of the Trip	Funding Number	Number of Students attending
2024 OWLympiad Math Competition 1755 Nth 13 th St. Philadelphia, PA 19122 Katherine Jankowski Helen Uttarotai 8:15am – 1:30pm	11th	5/20/24	\$7.50 (toll)	The math covered in the competition (algebra, statistics, calculus) will address several of the NJ Learning curriculum content standards. A.CED.A.1,F. IF.B.4, A. SSE.A.2	To compete in the math competition		8
Jefferson University 4201 Henry Ave Philadelphia, PA 19144 Julia Kogan & Ted Johnson 9am – 1:45pm	11th	3/26/24	\$0	Will prepare students for Career Readiness, Life Literacies & Key Skills Rapid advancements in technology and subsequent changes in the economy have created	To see Jefferson University East Falls campus and talk to the campus admissions about going to this university, and specifically about their		60

Field Trips Requestor Departure & Return Time	Grade Level	Date of Trip	Cost	Student Learning Standard Aligned	Purpose of the Trip	Funding Number	Number of Students attending
				opportunities for individuals to compete and connect on a global scale. In this increasingly diverse and complex world, the successful entrepreneur or employee must not only possess the requisite education for specific industry pathways, but also employability skills necessary to collaborate with others and manage resources effectively in order to establish and maintain stability and independence.	medical arts program.		

Field Trips Requestor Departure & Return Time	Grade Level	Date of Trip	Cost	Student Learning Standard Aligned	Purpose of the Trip	Funding Number	Number of Students attending
Lincoln Financial Stadium Tour One Lincoln Financial Field Way Philadelphia, PA 19148 Kimberly Frizano 9am – 12pm	10 th -11th	5/14/24	\$200.00	The stadium tour covers common global issues with their “Go Green” program, including their solar energy production and recycling efforts which ties into standard 1.1.12 CHSS7.8	To provide local fitness knowledge and career pathways through promotion of lifelong fitness opportunities and increase student awareness of global climate issues.		25
Temple University 2020 Nth 13 th St Philadelphia, PA 19122 Julia Kogan & Ted Johnson 9:30am-2:30pm	11th	4/19/24	\$0	This document outlines concepts and skills necessary for New Jersey’s students to thrive in an ever-changing world. Intended for integration throughout all K-12 academic and technical content areas, the 2020 New	To tour Temple University and speak to the campus admissions regarding attending this university, specifically about their business, medical, and arts program.		60

Field Trips Requestor Departure & Return Time	Grade Level	Date of Trip	Cost	Student Learning Standard Aligned	Purpose of the Trip	Funding Number	Number of Students attending
				Jersey Student Learning Standards — Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills (NJSLS-CLKS) provides the framework for students to learn the concepts, skills, and practices essential to the successful navigation of career exploration and preparation, personal finances and digital literacy.			
Ritz Theater White Horse PK, Oaklyn, NJ Ms. C Meslar 9:15am – 11:30am	3rd	5/16/2024	\$1,152	The play will tie into these standards: NJ.1.1. (Aesthetics) All students will use	Teachers will be able to refer back to the play when teaching mood, character trait,		126

Field Trips Requestor Departure & Return Time	Grade Level	Date of Trip	Cost	Student Learning Standard Aligned	Purpose of the Trip	Funding Number	Number of Students attending
				<p>Aesthetic knowledge in the creation of and in response to Dance, Music, Theater, and Visual Art.A.1. Knowledge: Compose simple works of art in response to stylized characteristics observed in the dance, music, theater, and visual art of various cultures and time periods.A.2. Knowledge: Communicate ideas reflecting on the nature and meaning of art and beauty.A.3. Knowledge: Recognize works of art and art</p>	<p>setting and dialogue. The students can see the importance of adding detail to their writing. They may refer to the setting of the play when they are adding a setting to their writing.</p>		

Field Trips Requestor Departure & Return Time	Grade Level	Date of Trip	Cost	Student Learning Standard Aligned	Purpose of the Trip	Funding Number	Number of Students attending
				<p>elements designed to imitate systems in nature.B.1. Skills: Apply basic domain-specific arts language to communicate personal responses to dance, theater, music, and visual art.B.2. Skills: Compare and contrast works of art that communicate significant cultural meanings.B.3. Skills: Apply qualitative terms when responding to works of art.B.4. Skills: Create an arts experience that communicates a significant emotion or feeling. C.4.</p>			

Field Trips Requestor Departure & Return Time	Grade Level	Date of Trip	Cost	Student Learning Standard Aligned	Purpose of the Trip	Funding Number	Number of Students attending
				<p>Theater: Project an understanding of the intent of dialogue by performing from a script. W.3.3.B Use dialogue and descriptions of actions, thoughts, and feelings to develop experiences and events or show the response of characters to situations. Use actions and dialogue to understand characters (3-M.2) Add descriptive details to sentences (3-AA.1) Show character emotions and traits (3-AA.2)</p>			

Field Trips Requestor Departure & Return Time	Grade Level	Date of Trip	Cost	Student Learning Standard Aligned	Purpose of the Trip	Funding Number	Number of Students attending
Rowan College Gloucester Campus Tanyard Rd, Sewell NJ Ted Johnson 9am – 2:30pm	11 th -12th	4/30/24	\$0	This document outlines concepts and skills necessary for New Jersey’s students to thrive in an ever-changing world. Intended for integration throughout all K-12 academic and technical content areas, the 2020 New Jersey Student Learning Standards — Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills (NJSLS-CLKS) provides the framework for students to learn the concepts, skills, and practices	For Junior Achievement		25

Field Trips Requestor Departure & Return Time	Grade Level	Date of Trip	Cost	Student Learning Standard Aligned	Purpose of the Trip	Funding Number	Number of Students attending
				essential to the successful navigation of career exploration and preparation, personal finances and digital literacy.			
<p>Washington DC African American Museum</p> <p>1400onstitution Ave Washington, DC 20560</p> <p>Theodore Johnson</p> <p>10:35am – 8pm</p>	9th	2/26/24	\$0	To expose students to the rich history of African Americans in the USA.	The social studies focuses on deep understandings of concepts that enable students to think critically and systematically about local, regional, national and global issues. Authentic learning experience that enables students to apply content knowledge, develop social studies skills,		60

Field Trips Requestor Departure & Return Time	Grade Level	Date of Trip	Cost	Student Learning Standard Aligned	Purpose of the Trip	Funding Number	Number of Students attending
					and collaborate with students from around the world prepare NJ students for college, careers and civic life.		
Johnsons Farm 133 Church Rd, Medford NJ 08055 Divya Chohan 9:15am – 12:30pm	1 st	\$2,295	\$0	Teachers will incorporate science and social studies lessons that are relevant to the trip. i.e: plant life cycle, production and consumption, learn about their state and community, compare a rural farm to that of suburban and urban life.	Expose students to an agricultural environment and educate students on the life cycle of aa fruit and to learn about the process of farm to table crops.		123

Second by Brenda Ortiz.
Roll Call:

	Item 23
Dr. Gloria Bonilla-Santiago	YES
Dr. Anthony Lowman	YES
Margaret Manthe	YES
Bette Mengesha	YES
Hector Nieves	YES
Dr. Donna Nickitas	YES
Brenda Ortiz	YES
Dr. Michael Palis	YES
Dr. Yozmeris Roman	YES
Omar Samaniego	YES

IX. Public Comment

Dr. Santiago indicated that all members of the public wishing to send public comments can submit them to Wanda Garcia (Bord Liaison to: wandag@camden.rutgers.edu).

No comments were received.

X. Meeting Adjournment: Hector Nieves presented Item 24 for approval.

Seconded by Bette Mengesha.

Roll Call:

	Item 24
Dr. Gloria Bonilla-Santiago	YES
Dr. Anthony Lowman	YES
Margaret Manthe	YES
Bette Mengesha	YES
Hector Nieves	YES
Dr. Donna Nickitas	YES
Brenda Ortiz	YES
Dr. Michael Palis	YES
Dr. Yozmeris Roman	YES
Omar Samaniego	YES

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wanda Garcia, Ph.D., Board Liaison