

**LEAP Board of Trustees Meeting
October 16, 2025
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order by Dr. Gloria Bonilla-Santiago at 5:10 pm.

Attendance:

Dr. Gloria Bonilla-Santiago	
Belianis Colon	
Dr. Matthew Closter	
Cal Maradonna	
Bette Mengesha	
Dr. Donna Nickitas	
Hector Nieves	
Brenda Ortiz	
Dr. Michael Palis	
Shaun Waters	

Excused:

Dr. Anthony Lowman
Margaret Manthe
Dr. Yozmeris Roman
Omar Samaniego

- I. Welcome/Declaration of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act:** Dr. Santiago called the meeting to order. She welcomed Board members, staff, and the public. She announced that it had been disseminated to the school community. Public comments can be submitted in writing via email at wandag@camden.rutgers.edu.
- II. Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2025:** Hector Nieves presented the following resolution:
- Item 1:** Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the September 18, 2025, meeting, as prepared by Wanda Garcia, Board Liaison.

Seconded by Dr. Donna Nickitas.

Roll Call:

	Item 1
Dr. Gloria Bonilla-Santiago	YES
Belianis Colon	YES
Dr. Matthew Closter	YES
Cal Maradonna	YES
Bette Mengesha	YES

	Item 1
Dr. Donna Nickitas	YES
Hector Nieves	YES
Brenda Ortiz	YES
Dr. Michael Palis	YES
Shaun Waters	YES

III. Chairperson's Report

A. Update on Charter Renewal Process: Dr. Santiago provided an update on the charter renewal process, with plans confirmed for a consultant who will support orientation for the site visit and interviews. The application for renewal was submitted. Information will be sent to the Board members who will participate in the Board interview.

B. Board Appointments: Dr. Michael Palis presented Itm 2 for approval:

Item 2: Resolved that the Board appoints Pauline Murfee as Parent Representative for a three-year term effective October 16, 2025, through October 15, 2028.

Seconded by Bette Mengesha.

Roll Call:

	Item 2
Dr. Gloria Bonilla-Santiago	YES
Belianis Colon	YES
Dr. Matthew Closter	YES
Cal Maradonna	YES
Bette Mengesha	YES
Dr. Donna Nickitas	YES
Hector Nieves	YES
Brenda Ortiz	YES
Dr. Michael Palis	YES
Shaun Waters	YES

C. Annual Fundraising Gala – Dr. Santiago reminded the Board of the upcoming Scholarship Fundraising Gala to be held this year in Puerto Rico n November 21st.

IV. Operational Report- Stephanie Rogers, COO/Lead Person: Stephanie Rogers presented the Operations Report covering the following areas:

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

- Fire Drills and Bus Drills

V. Finance Committee Actions: Dr. Palis presented the following resolutions for items 3-12.

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 July and August 2025 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 approves the Financial Reports for LEAP Cramer Hill LLC for July and August 2025.

C. LEAP Microenterprise Financials and LEAP Health and Wellness

Item 5: Resolved that the Board approves the Financial Reports for LEAP Microenterprise LLC and the LEAP Health Center for July and August 2025, as provided by the Chief Financial Officer/SBA.

D. LEAP Student Transportation

Item 6: Resolved that the Board approves the Financial Reports for LEAP Transportation LLC for July and August 2025.

E. Budget Transfers

Item 7: Resolved that the Board approve budget transfers for July and August 2025 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 July and August 2025, as follows:

**SUMMARY OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH
CHECK AND WIRE DISBURSEMENTS**

FUND	July 2025
10 General Current Expense	\$1,759,505.51
20 Special Revenue	\$61,969.32
30 Capital Projects	\$0
60 Enterprise	\$0
90 Agency	\$326,483.00
91 Payroll	\$527,052.58
95 Student	\$0
96 Parent Council	\$0
Total Disbursements:	\$2,675,010.41

FUND	August 2025
10 General Current Expense	\$2,693,980.20
20 Special Revenue	\$212,253.16
30 Capital Projects	\$1,038.00
60 Enterprise	\$13,129.66
90 Agency	\$344,091.16
91 Payroll	\$426,542.77
95 Student	\$0
96 Parent Council	\$0
Total Disbursements:	\$3,691,034.95

G. Contracts and Financial Transactions

Item 9: Acceptance of application submittal for NJ Cool Program and Literacy Coaching Grant

Resolved that the Board approve acceptance of funds and submission of application for the following grants:

- NJ Cool Program CAPP-00042431 for \$143,854.
- Cultivating Achieve through Coach in Lit Comp (Literacy Coach) - \$750,000 for 5 years, \$150,000/year.

Item 10: Approval of contracts with Rutgers

Resolved that the Board approve the contract with Rutgers, The State University for board, media and college services for FY26 for \$975,090.

Item 11: Canceling Outstanding Receivable

WHEREAS, the LEAP Academy University Charter School has carried an outstanding receivable in the amount of **\$154,719.96** from **LEAP Social Enterprise**, recorded under account 10-153; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the efforts made by all parties to resolve the outstanding balance, it has been determined that the receivable is no longer reasonably collectible and should be written off in accordance with sound financial practices; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the LEAP Academy University Charter School hereby authorizes the cancellation of the receivable in the amount of **\$154,719.96** from LEAP Social Enterprise, and directs the Business Office to make the appropriate accounting entries to reflect this action in the financial records of the School.

Item 12: Budget Approval (Federal Grants)

Resolved that the Board Move to approve the FY26 budgets for the following grants (see attached LEAP Grants):

Title I	\$1,646,301
Title I SIA	\$82,500
Title II	\$118,440
Title III	\$36,426
Title III Immigrant	\$6,473
Title IV	\$19,751
COACH	\$149,999
IDEA	\$368,506
Total:	\$2,428,396

Seconded by Hector Nieves.
Roll Call:

	Item 3	Item 4	Item 5	Item 6	Item 7	Item 8	Item 9	Item 8	Item 10	Item 11	Item 12
Dr. Gloria Bonilla-Santiago	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES ABS on payments to Rutgers and Metz	YES	YES	ABS	YES	YES
Belianis Colon	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Dr. Matthew Closter	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Cal Maradonna	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES ABS on payments to Rutgers	YES	YES	ABS	YES	YES
Bette Mengesha	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
Hector Nieves	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
Dr. Michael Palis	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES ABS on payments to Rutgers	YES	YES	ABS	YES	YES
Shaun Waters	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

VI. Personnel Committee: Bette Mengesha presented items 13-18 for Board approval.

A. New Appointments

Item 13: Resolved that the Board appoints the following individuals for employment for 25-26:

Name	Position	Effective Day	Compensation
Joshua Rivera	Vice Principal	October 20, 2025	\$ 110,000.00
Jelky Nova Reyes	Part-Time Custodian	October 16, 2025	16.00 per hour
Justino Nieves	Part-Time Custodian	TBD	16.00 per hour
Ezequiel Guzman	Part-Time Bus Driver	TBD	\$ 40,000.00

Name	Position	Effective Day	Compensation
Denise Groover	Substitute Teacher	September 29, 2025	200.00 per day
Angela Sanchez	Office Manager (Elementary School)	October 20,2025	\$ 37,000.00

B. FMLA

Item 14: Resolved that the Board approves the following requests for Family Leave:

Linda Ibeneche	09/30/2025-3/16/2026
Helen V. Redmond	08/25/2025-06/30/2026

C. Resignations

Item 15: Resolved that the Board accepts the following resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Vanessa Garica	9/26/25
Ana Cruz Villa	10/1/25
Lindsay Minton-Jack	12/5/25

D. Co-Curricular Appointments/Special Assignments

Item 16: Resolved that the Board approves the following co-curricular appointments:

Afterschool Group Facilitators	Assignments	Compensation
Cutt, Carletta	Extended Day/Title 1	26.00 per hour
Zoquiel, Sophia	Extended Day/Title 1	26.00 per hour
Rojas, Mildred	Extended Day/Title 1	26.00 per hour
Morales, Iris	Extended Day/CCLC	26.00 per hour
Perez, Marianna	Extended Day/Title 1	26.00 per hour
Palmyra, Dorys	Extended Day/Title 1	26.00 per hour
Rivera -Ferrera, Bartola	Extended Day/Title 1	26.00 per hour
DeJesus, Edwin	Extended Day/CCLC	26.00 per hour
Connors, Caroline	Extended Day/Title 1	26.00 per hour
Green, Danna	Extended Day/CCLC	26.00 per hour
Toro-Gacia, Yamila	Extended Day/CCLC	26.00 per hour
Diaz, Elsie	Extended Day/CCLC	26.00 per hour
Hunt, Sylvia	Extended Day/CCLC	26.00 per hour
Sophia -Zoquiel, Ana	Extended Day/CCLC	26.00 per hour
Correa, Juanita	Extended Day/CCLC	26.00 per hour
Loftland, Denise	Extended Day/CCLC	26.00 per hour
Nieves, Justino	Extended Day/CCLC	26.00 per hour
Watson, Maceo	Extended Day/CCLC	26.00 per hour
Marcado, Amanda	Extended Day/CCLC	26.00 per hour

Afterschool Group Facilitators	Assignments	Compensation
Napoleon, Lourdes	Extended Day/CCLC	26.00 per hour
Little, Monique	Extended Day/Title 1	26.00 per hour
Begley, Grace	Extended Day/CCLC	26.00 per hour
Latham, Jaquan	Extended Day/CCLS	26.00 per hour
Johnston, Lindsay	Extended Day/CCLS	26.00 per hour
<u>Afterschool Teacher/Tutors</u>		
Merrill, Darla	Extended Day 21st Centry CCLC	40.00 per hour
Soltys, Gwendolyn	Extended Day 21st Centry CCLC	40.00 per hour
Olius, Emmanuelle	Extended Day 21st Centry CCLC	40.00 per hour
Chohan, Divya	Extended Day 21st Centry CCLC	40.00 per hour
McCreesh, Kristen	Extended Day 21st Centry CCLC	40.00 per hour
Coles, Summer	Extended Day 21st Centry CCLC	40.00 per hour
Maire, George	Extended Day 21st Centry CCLC	40.00 per hour
Bell, Tara	Extended Day 21st Centry CCLC	40.00 per hour
Durney, John	Extended Day 21st Centry CCLC	40.00 per hour
<u>Afterschool Club Advisor</u>		
Edwards-Shakur, Taesha	Extended Day 21st Centry CCLC	750.00 Stipend per semester (2 payments)
Blackman, Daniel	Extended Day 21st Centry CCLC	750.00 Stipend per semester (2 payments)
Vasquez, Silva	Extended Day 21st Centry CCLC	750.00 Stipend per semester (2 payments)
Koch, Ryan	Extended Day 21st Centry CCLC	750.00 Stipend per semester (2 payments)
<u>Afterschool Site Coordinator</u>		
Perez, Yahaira	Extended Day 21st Centry CCLC	35.00 per hour
Rojas, Jessica	Extended Day 21st Centry CCLC	35.00 per hour
Rivera, Jasmin	Extended Day 21st Centry CCLC	35.00 per hour
<u>Afterschool Alternates</u>		
Solty, Gwendolyn (Alternate Teacher)	Extended Day 21st Centry CCLC	26.00 per hour*
Vasquez, Silva (Alternate General Club Advisor)	Extended Day 21st Centry CCLC	26.00 per hour*
Merrill, Darla (Alternate Teacher)	Extended Day 21st Centry CCLC	26.00 per hour*
Serje, Emris	Extended Day-Data Coordinator	12,000

E. Salary and Position Adjustments

Item 17: Resolved that the Board approves the following adjustments:

<u>Salary Adustment/Position Change</u>		Effective:	Previous Salary	New Salary
D. Chohan	Masters +15 Credits (+3000-	11/1/25	\$ 72,534.87	\$ 75,534.87

F. Performance Based Compensation Salaries for teachers for 25-26

Item 18:

Name		Effective Day	25-26 Compensation
SCOTT	DAVIS	8/21/25	\$ 73,460.09
ARTHUR	PARKER	8/21/25	\$ 56,948.90
EMMANUELLE	OLIUS	8/21/25	\$ 72,560.92
DARREN	HAGERMAN	8/21/25	\$ 61,964.26
JAMES	MOORE	8/21/25	\$ 62,218.07
ANDREW	GESSMAN	8/21/25	\$ 62,287.06
KATIE	DAVICSIN	8/21/25	\$ 57,096.47
MICHAEL	RHEA	8/21/25	\$ 75,183.14
MIKAYLA	HIDDEMEN	8/21/25	\$ 61,782.32
BRIGITTE	ORE	8/21/25	\$ 64,468.45
SILVIA	VASQUEZ	8/21/25	\$ 76,480.28
KYRA	JENKINS	8/21/25	\$ 74,813.51
DARLA	MERRILL	8/21/25	\$ 71,330.04
GEORGE	MAIER	8/21/25	\$ 72,802.39
MELLINA	BIZZELLE	8/21/25	\$ 62,124.54
SUMMER	COLES	8/21/25	\$ 70,148.23
DANIEL	BLACKMAN	8/21/25	\$ 70,360.44
DEANNA	QUIDACHAY	8/21/25	\$ 64,358.46
PATRICIA	REED	8/21/25	\$ 62,448.05
SA'MIYAH	WRIGHT	8/21/25	\$ 78,060.06
AMANDA	PICKARD	8/21/25	\$ 59,733.28
AMANDA	CARPENTER	8/21/25	\$ 75,600.22
CHRISTINE	MESLAR	8/21/25	\$ 90,086.60
DERICK	LOMBARDI	8/21/25	\$ 57,265.13
RYAN	KOCH	8/21/25	\$ 69,734.58
ISABEL	HOWELL	8/21/25	\$ 65,493.10
GWENDOLYN	SOLTYS	8/21/25	\$ 67,680.84
KIM	CUSICK-PLAGGE	8/21/25	\$ 67,434.81
RICHARD	MARINO	8/21/25	\$ 93,016.00
SARAH	BADIALI	8/21/25	\$ 80,449.17
ARFA	BAKER DEAN	8/21/25	\$ 68,267.80
JESSICA	MILLS	8/21/25	\$ 83,386.72
WILLIAM	MALONE	8/21/25	\$ 85,471.39
ZACHARY	ROSICA	8/21/25	\$ 67,751.71
ABDUL	QAYYUM	8/21/25	\$ 76,146.34
AMANDA	DACENKO	8/21/25	\$ 78,044.48
GLEN	BUTTERWORTH	8/21/25	\$ 77,557.76
KARELIS	PICKUS	8/21/25	\$ 62,264.52

Name		Effective Day	25-26 Compensation
RAKEISHA	WEIR	8/21/25	\$ 60,474.86
RAYMOND	ROSSI	8/21/25	\$ 102,123.01
ALEXANDRA	KEEFE	8/21/25	\$ 70,324.17
HARRISON	KAMPF	8/21/25	\$ 60,452.58
JOHN	DURNEY	8/21/25	\$ 79,769.11
SECLINDA	MURRAY	8/21/25	\$ 65,259.52
ALANA	JOHNSTON	8/21/25	\$ 85,597.11
HELEN	REDMOND	8/21/25	\$ 115,940.86
JEFFREY	PHILLIPS	8/21/25	\$ 104,339.69
JULIA	KOGAN	8/21/25	\$ 108,582.25
ALICIA	CRUMP	8/21/25	\$ 87,374.81
BRIANNE	CONNELLY	8/21/25	\$ 62,042.10
COURTNEY	LAVIN	8/21/25	\$ 62,744.18
EMILY	ANTRILLI	8/21/25	\$ 71,009.03
JESSE	BARTON	8/21/25	\$ 95,270.04
JOANNE	ORIO	8/21/25	\$ 62,537.26
KATHARINE	ODILLE	8/21/25	\$ 65,283.45
SHIRLEY	SAED	8/21/25	\$ 73,097.54
TAESHA	EDWARD-SHAKUR	8/21/25	\$ 74,151.22
VICTORIA	DEFRANCE	8/21/25	\$ 78,318.79
CAROLINE	CONNORS	8/21/25	\$ 64,899.00
AMY	SCHULTICE	8/21/25	\$ 76,435.78
HEATHER	SZYCHOSKI	8/21/25	\$ 65,216.67
MICHAEL	DINUOVA	8/21/25	\$ 100,403.84
RANDOLPH	SMITH	8/21/25	\$ 131,687.29
CRISTIN	MCCREESH	8/21/25	\$ 68,172.19
KIMBERLY	FRIZANO	8/21/25	\$ 62,583.11
LAUREN	MCKEOWN	8/21/25	\$ 64,429.13
LINDSAY	MINTON-JACK	8/21/25	\$ 68,621.06
LISSEL	VASILAKIS	8/21/25	\$ 82,472.76
SUZANA	YUZEKCHIEVA	8/21/25	\$ 71,659.71
DIVYA	CHOHAN	8/21/25	\$ 72,534.87
JASMINE	RIVERA	8/21/25	\$ 65,316.23
LAUREN	HOLGUIN	8/21/25	\$ 67,975.94
PATRICK	GARTLAND	8/21/25	\$ 71,993.05
SEDA	GUCUYENER OZCELIK	8/21/25	\$ 73,204.86
SUSAN	STONEBACK	8/21/25	\$ 70,373.31
MELVIN	MONTE	8/21/25	\$ 83,969.71
STEPHANIE	DATIZ	8/21/25	\$ 65,908.52
ASHLEY	HUDOCK	8/21/25	\$ 74,521.03
BRIELLE	NIEVES	8/21/25	\$ 65,523.50

Name		Effective Day	25-26 Compensation
MELISSA	CLOHERTY	8/21/25	\$ 85,219.91
MICHELE	PIERCE	8/21/25	\$ 81,719.50
SONIA	CHUGH	8/21/25	\$ 91,691.33
DEBRA	LONG	8/21/25	\$ 99,705.89
MARIA	ORLINA	8/21/25	\$ 96,043.84
NICOLE	MAENNER	8/21/25	\$ 108,803.51
RACHEL	CAIONE	8/21/25	\$ 74,496.07
STEPHANIE	ASPENBURG	8/21/25	\$ 105,035.31

Seconded by Belianis Colon.

Roll Call:

	Item 13	Item 14	Item 15	Item 16	Item 17	Item 18
Dr. Gloria Bonilla-Santiago	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Dr. Matthew Closter	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Beliani Colon	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Cal Maradonna	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Bette Mengesha	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Hector Nieves	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	ABS
Dr. Donna Nickitas	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Brenda Ortiz	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Dr. Michael Palis	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Shawn Waters	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

VIII. Curriculum Committee

A. Academic Progress Report – Jozian Molina, CAO and Nicole Kessler, and Dr. Fitchera

B. Action Items: Dr. Matt Closter presented items 19 and 2 for Board action.

Item 19: Resolved that the Board authorizes the following staff for participation in PD opportunity:

NAME	NAME OF WORKSHOP/ SEMINAR	ACADEMIC/ OPERATIONAL RATIONALE	LOCATION	DATE (S) & TIME	COST
Tugba Cinar Shapiro	Imagine Sondag System Webinar	The Sondag System materials incorporate the essential components of reading (phonemic awareness, phonological awareness, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension) and also integrates a systematic spelling component. When reading and spelling are taught together, progress is faster, learning is	Webinar	09/14/2025	\$375.00 x 5 = \$1,875

		more secure and the learner becomes a writer as well as a reader.			
Yusein Durakov	2025 USDA Foods Conference	This conference will allow me to take in an interactive session exploring the purpose and process behind the USDA's food distribution to schools. gathering will spotlight pivotal program updates and critical trainings as schools prepare to make diversion decisions for the following school year.	97 Sunfield Ave Edison, NJ 08837	12/04/2025	\$0
Amanda Mercado	HESSA financial aid workshop-(in person)	This Program supports the NJ core curriculum standards for 21 st century life and careers, particularly Standard 9.3 (career awareness, exploration, and preparation). Financial aid knowledge is essential for college and career readiness and this workshop equips me with the tools to help students make informed decisions about their postsecondary goals.	200 College Dr. Blackwood,, NJ 08102	10/29/2025	\$0
Dan Faris	Preserving Memory Through Storytelling and the Arts	Holocaust Law: N.J.S.A 18A:35-28 Every board of education shall include instruction on the Holocaust and genocides in an appropriate place in the curriculum of all elementary and secondary school pupils. The instruction shall further emphasize the personal responsibility that each citizen bears to fight racism and hatred whenever and whatever it happens	Brookdale Community College, 765 Newman Springs Rd, Lincroft, NJ 07738	12/05/2025	\$0

C. Field Trips

Item 20: Resolved that the Board approves the field trips as listed below:

Field Trips Requestor Departure & Return Time	Grade Level	Date of Trip	Cost	Student Learning Standard Aligned	Purpose of the Trip	Educational Outcome	Number of Students attending
<p>Grounds for Sculptors 80 Sculptors Way Hamilton, NJ 08619</p> <p>Mrs. Aspenburg</p> <p>9:45am – 2:30pm</p>	6	10/29/2025	1200	In Visual and Performing Arts (NJSLS-VPA 1.1, 1.2, 1.4), students will analyze works of art, explore different media and styles, and reflect on how artists convey meaning through sculptures.	Connect to ELA and Art classes.	We will demonstrate the implementation of the knowledge gained from this field trip by designing follow-up activities that connect directly to classroom learning.	120
<p>National Liberty Museum 321 Chestnut St Philadelphia, PA 19106</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Museum of Illusions 401 Market St Philadelphia, PA 19106</p> <p>Julia Kogan/Dr. Cogdell/ Ms. Thompson</p>	9-10-11	11/17/2025	2149.65 each child will pay 30 toward the trip	. Integrate and evaluate NJSLSA R7. Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively as well as in words.	To increase the intellectual capacity of our students and expose them to art, and historical topics that will help them become more well rounded.	Students will write an essay about what they have learned. Also have them think of ways that positive changes can occur in their own lives, and how they can improve themselves as individuals and collectively as a grade level.	100

Field Trips Requestor Departure & Return Time	Grade Level	Date of Trip	Cost	Student Learning Standard Aligned	Purpose of the Trip	Educational Outcome	Number of Students attending
<p>African American Museum</p> <p>701 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19106</p> <p>Julia Kogan Dr. Cogdell Ms. Thompson</p> <p>9:40am – 1pm</p>	9/10/11	11/20/2025	\$900	NJSLSA.R7. Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.	To increase the intellectual capacity of our students and expose them to art, and historical topics that will help them become more well-rounded.	They will write an essay about what they have learned. We will also have them think of ways that positive change can occur in their own lives, and how they can improve themselves as individuals and collectively as a grade level..	100
<p>Walnut Street Theatre 825 Walnut Street Philadelphia, PA 19107</p> <p>Ms. Nieves</p> <p>9:45am – 12:30pm</p>	7th	12/10/2025	\$1995	Standard R.I.7.7 where students are to compare and contrast a written story, drama, or poem to its audio, filmed, staged, or multimedia version, analyzing the effects of techniques unique to each medium.	Connect the play of a Christmas Carol to the book students will be reading in ELA	We will work on a comparative essay analyzing differences between the text provided by our Savvas curriculum and the stage production students watch.	125

Field Trips Requestor Departure & Return Time	Grade Level	Date of Trip	Cost	Student Learning Standard Aligned	Purpose of the Trip	Educational Outcome	Number of Students attending
<p>The Constitutional Walking Tour</p> <p>525 Arch St. Philadelphia, PA 19106</p> <p>Summer Coles</p> <p>8:45am – 12:00pm</p>	5 th	4/2/2026	3,260	<p>6.1.8.A.2.a Determine the roles of religious freedom and participatory government in various North American colonies.</p> <p>6.1.8.A.3.b Evaluate the effectiveness of the fundamental principles of the Constitution.</p>	<p>Students will experience more than 20 iconic sites such as Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Betsy Ross House, Franklin Court and the National Constitution Center.</p>	<p>Encourage students to sketch memorable sites or write brief entries tied to each location visited.</p> <p>Let students compose creative writing from the perspective of a historical figure or participant.</p>	120
<p>Battleship NJ</p> <p>62 Battleship Place Camden, NJ</p> <p>Melissa Cloherty</p> <p>8:15am – 11:00am</p>	4 th	12/5/25	\$0	<p>This supports NJSLs-Social Studies (6.1.5 History CC.6, 6.1.5 History UP.7, 6.15 CivicsPD.3 as students examine how historical events and experiences influence people’s lives and civic responsibility.</p>	<p>Explore animal species in their habitat</p>	<p>Students can demonstrate their knowledge through writing, presentations, creative projects. STEM activities, and civic connections.</p>	123

Field Trips Requestor Departure & Return Time	Grade Level	Date of Trip	Cost	Student Learning Standard Aligned	Purpose of the Trip	Educational Outcome	Number of Students attending
<p>Historic Cold Springs Village</p> <p>720 Rt 9 Cape May, NJ 08204</p> <p>Melissa Cloherty</p> <p>8:30am – 1:15pm</p>	6	05/15/2026	1,608	<p>Social Studies 6.1.4.D.2, 6.1.4.D.3, 6.3.4.D.1</p> <p>Students will analyze how communities in NJ have changed over time, explore the roles of individuals in improving their communities, and compare life long ago</p>	To gain first hand exposure to life as it was in our country in the early 19 th century	Students write essays explaining what they learned about daily life in 19 th -century NJ. Students compose diary entries or letters from the perspective of a child living in the 1800's	123
<p>Legoland</p> <p>Mall, Unit #1055 500 W Germantown Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462</p> <p>Lindsay Minton-Jack</p> <p>10am – 1:30pm</p>	1 st	12/04/2025	1,920	<p>1-ETSI-1: Ask questions, make observations, and gather information about a situation people want to change. 1-ETSI -2: Develop a simple sketch, drawing, or physical model to illustrate how the shape of an object helps it function.</p>	To expose the students to animals in their habitats which will go along with our science unit on animal habitats and diorama project.	Write and illustrate a personal narrative about their favorite building experience , recreate lego structures using measurement and shape identification.	120

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<p>Lincoln University</p> <p>1570 Baltimore Pike, Lincoln University, PA 19352</p> <p>Tamika Rice</p> <p>8:30am – 4:00pm</p>	10-11	11/04/25	\$0	Standard 9.2 develops career readiness, outlining the importance of being knowledgeable about one's interest and talents, and being well informed about postsecondary and career options.	Scholars experience a day in the life of a college student and learn firsthand knowledge of college expectations, campus preference and culture in order to make informed decisions about college.	Students will engage in a discussion highlighting what they experienced and articulating /writing about how experience impacts future goals/aspirations.	40
<p>Towson University</p> <p>800 York Rd. Towson, MD 21252</p> <p>Tamika Rice</p> <p>8am – 4pm</p>	10-11	11/19/2025	\$0	Standard 9.2 develops career readiness, outlining the importance of being knowledgeable about one's interest and talents, and being well informed about postsecondary and career options.	Scholars experience a day in the life of a college student and learn firsthand knowledge of college expectations, campus preference and culture in order to make informed decisions about college	Students will engage in a discussion highlighting what they experienced and articulating /writing about how experience impacts future goals/aspirations.	40

Seconded by Bette Mengesha.

Roll Call:

	Item 19	Item 20
Dr. Gloria Bonilla-Santiago	YES	YES
Dr. Matthew Closter	YES	YES

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Belianis Colon	YES	YES
Cal Maradonna	YES	YES
Bette Mengesha	YES	YES
Hector Nieves	YES	YES
Dr. Donna Nickitas	YES	YES
Brenda Ortiz	YES	YES
Dr. Michael Palis	YES	YES
Shawn Waters	YES	YES

IX. Public Comment

Dr. Santiago informed that any public comments should be submitted via email to wandag@camden.rutgers.edu. The Board will respond accordingly.

X. Meeting Adjournment: Dr. Nickitas presented motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Betty Mengesha.

Roll Call:

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	Item 21
Dr. Gloria Bonilla-Santiago	YES
Dr. Matthew Closter	YES
Belianis Colon	YES
Cal Maradonna	YES
Bette Mengesha	YES
Hector Nieves	YES
Dr. Donna Nickitas	YES
Brenda Ortiz	YES
Dr. Michael Palis	YES
Shawn Waters	YES

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Dr. Wanda Garcia
Board Liaison