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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lyons Township School Treasurer's Office June 17, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Trustee McGowan called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

	<u>In Attendance</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ms. Shakana L. Kirksey		X
Ms. Jessica A. Doherty		X
Ms. Carol A. McGowan	X	
Mr. Zachary T. Stokes	X	
Ms. Tonisha Sibley	X	
Mr. William G. Channell		X
Dr. Troy J. Whalen		X
Mr. Steven J. Smidl	X	
Ms. Catherine A. Hannigan		X
Mr. Griffin L. Sonntag	X	
Mr. Joseph M. Bonomo	X	
Mr. Ryan M. Leonard	X	
Dr. Joseph R. Rojek II	X	

Staff Members Present

Mr. Kenneth T. Getty, Treasurer

Other Guests Present

Ms. Claudia E. Castro, Attorney for LTTO

Ms. Cynthia Schilsky, LaGrange

Ms. Kathleen Graffam, Indian Head Park

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments—

None.

Trustee Sonntag motioned to appoint Trustee McGowan as President Pro-Tem for this meeting. **Trustee Sibley** seconded the motion. **Trustee McGowan** accepted the nomination.

Motion carried.

Trustee Sonntag motioned to approve the April 24, 2025 Open Session, April 24, 2025 Closed Session, May 6, 2025 Open Session, May 20, 2025 Open Session, and May 20, 2025 Closed Session meeting minutes. **Trustee Smidl** seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Treasurer Getty presented an informational chart outlining Pro Rata's outstanding receivables for FY2024.

Trustee Rojek motioned to schedule a Special Meeting on Monday, June 30, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. and reschedule the July 7, 2025 Regular Meeting to July 15, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.. **Trustee Leonard seconded the motion.**

Roll Call:	Ayes:	McGowan, Stokes, Sibley, Smidl, Sonntag, Bonomo, Leonard, Rojek
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	Kirksey, Channell, Whalen, Hannigan
	Abstain:	None

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01 - A RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF IMRF
AUTHORIZED AGENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS, TOWNSHIP
38 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS**

Trustee Sibley motioned to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01, as presented. **Trustee Sonntag** seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	McGowan, Stokes, Sibley, Smidl, Sonntag, Bonomo, Leonard, Rojek
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	Kirksey, Channell, Whalen, Hannigan
	Abstain:	None

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02 - A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH SIGNING
AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF THE LYONS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS**

The Trustees reviewed the draft resolution and provided feedback requesting that it be revised to designate President Shakana L. Kirksey, Trustee Dr. Joseph R. Rojek II, and Treasurer James T. Fitton as authorized signatories on behalf of the Lyons Township Trustees of Schools for FY2026. Board Attorney Claudia Castro will revise the resolution accordingly. The updated version will be included for action on the July 2025 meeting agenda. No action was taken at this meeting.

Lyons Township School Treasurer's Employee Insurance Benefits Renewal

Trustee Rojek motioned to approve the Lyons Township School Treasurer's Employee Insurance Benefits Renewal, as presented. **Trustee Smidl** seconded the motion.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	McGowan, Stokes, Sibley, Smidl, Sonntag, Bonomo, Leonard, Rojek
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	Kirksey, Channell, Whalen, Hannigan
	Abstain:	None

Motion carried.

Trustee Smidl motioned to approve the Cyber Liability Insurance Policy for Fiscal Year 2026, as presented. **Trustee Rojek** seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Trustee Smidl motioned to approve the Lyons Township School Treasurer's Surety Bond for Fiscal Year 2026, as presented. **Trustee Rojek** seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Trustee Sonntag motioned to approve the Lyons Township School Treasurer's Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, as presented. **Trustee Rojek** seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Trustee Sibley motioned to approve Intergovernmental Agreement with Western Springs District 101, as presented. **Trustee Rojek** seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stokes motioned to approve to approve Intergovernmental Agreement with LaGrange North District 102, as presented. **Trustee Sonntag** seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Trustee Stokes motioned to motion to approve Intergovernmental Agreement with LaGrange South District 105 with Approval Contingent Upon LaGrange South District 105 Board of Education Approval, as presented. **Trustee Sonntag seconded the motion.**

Motion carried.

Trustee Smidl motioned to motion to approve Intergovernmental Agreement with LaGrange Highlands District 106 with Approval Contingent Upon LaGrange Highlands District 106 Board of Education Approval, as presented. **Trustee Stokes** seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Trustee Smidl motioned to motion to approve Intergovernmental Agreement with Pleasantdale District 107 with Approval Contingent Upon Pleasantdale District 107 Board of Education Approval, as presented. **Trustee Sibley** seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Treasurer Getty presented an informational chart outlining District 204 Uncollected Pro Rata's outstanding receivables for FY2000-FY2021.

Trustee Sibley motioned to motion to approve the Treasurer's Position Contract Effective July 1, 2025, as presented. **Trustee Rojek** seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Matters related to the withdrawal of Member Districts from the Township Trustees of Schools, Township 38 North, Range 12 East, County of Cook, State of Illinois at the conclusion of FY2025

The Board engaged in a discussion regarding the ongoing withdrawal process for the five Member Districts scheduled to exit the Lyons Township Trustees of Schools at the conclusion of FY2025. Trustees emphasized the importance of ensuring that all fiscal reconciliations, closing procedures, and year-end transfers are accurate and reflect the most current financial data. A special meeting was scheduled for June 30, 2025, to approve final documents, wire transfers, and complete the transition process in a timely and compliant manner.

Trustee Smidl made a motion at 7:28 p.m. to suspend the Open Session Board Meeting for the purpose of entering Closed Session.

- *Illinois Open Meetings Act, (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)*, “Discussion on the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.”

Trustee Leonard seconded the motion.

Roll Call: **Ayes:** McGowan, Stokes, Sibley, Smidl, Sonntag, Bonomo, Leonard, Rojek
 Nays: None
 Absent: Kirksey, Channell, Whalen, Hannigan
 Abstain: None

Motion carried.

Motion to reconvene the Open Session Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Trustee Sibley motioned at 7:55 p.m. to reconvene the May 20, 2025, Open Session Board Meeting. Trustee Sonntag seconded the motion.

Roll Call: **Ayes:** McGowan, Stokes, Sibley, Smidl, Sonntag, Bonomo, Leonard, Rojek
 Nays: None
 Absent: Kirksey, Channell, Whalen, Hannigan
 Abstain: None

Motion carried.

Action as a Result of Closed Session

Trustee Rojek motioned to approve a 4% salary increase for LTTO employees for FY2026. Trustee Leonard seconded the motion.

Roll Call: **Ayes:** McGowan, Stokes, Sibley, Smidl, Sonntag, Bonomo, Leonard, Rojek
 Nays: None
 Absent: Kirksey, Channell, Whalen, Hannigan
 Abstain: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Stokes motioned at 7:56 p.m. to adjourn the June 17, 2025, Open Session Board Meeting. **Trustee Smidl** seconded the motion.

Motion carried.