



## Approved on 4/26/2022

**California Online Public Schools (CalOPS)**  
A California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation  
**BOARD MEETING**

**GOVERNING BOARD for:**  
**CalCA Central Coast**  
**CalCA Central Valley**  
**CalCA Monterey Bay**  
**CalCA North Bay**  
**CalCA NorCal**  
**CalCA Southern California**

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. PT

**Telephone Conference Call Locations:**

CalCA NorCal: 580 N. Wilma Avenue, Suite G, Ripon, CA 95366  
CalCA SoCal: 33272 Valle Road, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675  
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**I. Call to Order**

In Ms. Pavlich's absence, Ms. Rivas called the meeting to order at 2:42 p.m. when all participants were present and able to hear each other. It was noted that both the SoCal and NorCal offices were open to the public to attend the meeting.

**II. Roll Call**

Board Members Present at Roll Call: Diana Rivas, Mike Henjum, Brooke Watkins and Paul Hedrick (all via phone);

Board Members Absent: Elaine Pavlich and Adam Pulsipher;

Guests Present: Franci Sassin (in person at the SoCal Office); Richie Romero, Interim Executive Director; Marcus White, Lauren Weed, Lachelle Carter, Tara Mannis and Leslie Dombek, School staff; Laura Johnson, Melissa Brown,

Donna Kozub and Megann Arthur, Pearson Virtual Schools staff (all via phone).

**III. Public Comment**

There were no public comments at this time.

**IV. Routine Business**

a. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Rivas asked the Board to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting, and posted by March 18, 2022 in compliance with the Brown Act requirements. There being no changes noted, the following motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the March 22, 2022 Board Meeting, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion was approved unanimously via a roll call vote.

**V. Oral Reports**

a. Interim Executive Director's Report

Mr. Romero provided the Board with a brief update on school activities and key updates.

i. WASC & LCAP Update

Dr. Romero advised the Board of the recent Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation visit for all six (6) schools. He indicated that the visit had been successful, and the term information is expected to be received prior to the fall start of the next school year. The school anticipates a likely six (6) year term for WASC accreditation; he thanked all who contributed to the visit process.

Mr. Romero further advised the Board that the LCAP has been incorporated into the WASC action plan, that the plans were one in the same as part of the process moving forward. He advised that this should streamline many of the school's strategic goals.

ii. Covid-19 Update

Mr. Romero provided the Board with an update on current statewide protocols with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic. He discussed recent physical fitness testing, as well as expected protocols for this year's graduation ceremony.

b. Principals' Report

Ms. Rivas referred Board members to the written Principals' Reports, as included in the Board materials. She lauded the school for the positive trends in enrollment for multiple schools.

c. CalCA Financial Report

Ms. Carter reviewed the financial report with the Board. She provided the Board with an update on bank account processes and procedures. Ms. Carter also advised the Board regarding the recent submission of the Interim financial reports to the state.

Ms. Carter also provided the Board with an update on the budget development process completed to date, and the anticipated timing for Board consideration of next school year's budget.

d. Policy and Compliance Report

Dr. Sassin reviewed with the Board Policy and Compliance updates since the last meeting.

i. Enrollment and Lottery Update

Dr. Sassin advised the Board that the enrollment process had begun, and that the systems were in place and working well to begin accepting applications for next school year. She further described the resources available to prospective families on the website about the school, program and potential lottery process, as well as timing for the application and enrollment process.

ii. Form 700 Update

Dr. Sassin provided the Board with a reminder on their annual filing process for the Form 700.

Dr. Sassin also provided the Board with an overview of the recent California Charter Schools Conference (CCSC), indicating that CalCA had a great presence and those in attendance had reported back many takeaways.

**VI. Consent Items**

Ms. Rivas asked Board Members whether there were any items from the Consent Items that they wished to have moved to Action Items for discussion. The Board asked a clarifying question on the General School Handbook revisions. There being no changes noted, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, the Consent Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes from the February 22, 2022 Board Meeting, February 24, 2022; Continued Board Meeting, and March 9, 2022 Continued Board Meeting;

- b. Approval of 2022-2023 School Year General School Handbook;
- c. Approval of California Calendars for the 2022-2023 School Year: Attendance, School, and Administrative;
- d. Ratification of the Second Interim Financial Reports; and
- e. Approval of Granting High School Diplomas to Students who meet the Requirements of AB 104; are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously via a roll call vote.

## **VII. Action Items**

- a. Approval of A-G Completion Improvement Grant Plan

Ms. Dombek noted some minor allocation changes for the schools, as well as the focus on ACT and SAT prep, and some other areas of focus within the grant plan. She advised that the majority of substantive pieces of the Plan have not changed since the Board's last consideration. There being no additional discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the A-G Completion Improvement Grant Plan, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously via a roll call vote.

## **VIII. Information Items**

- a. School Success Partner (SSP) Update

Ms. Johnson reviewed the Intent to Return (ITR) process that PVS has been working on with school staff recently, and the positive results to date. She further reviewed course selections and other preparations that are ongoing for next school year.

- b. Academic Success Partner (ASP) Update

Ms. Brown briefly discussed upcoming leadership development opportunities for school staff.

- c. Sponsoring District(s) Update

- i. CalCA Ripon/NorCAL Name Change Update

Dr. Sassin updated the Board that the name change process was ongoing, that the name change request had been submitted to the Dept. of Education; she further discussed the additional updates still to be completed.

## **IX. Adjournment and Confirmation of the Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. PT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. PT.

Agenda publicly posted by:

Friday, March 18, 2022

At: <https://www.connectionsacademy.com/california-online-school/overview/governance>

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