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# Bridges Charter School

# Minutes

## Board Meeting

**Date and Time**
Monday September 13, 2021 at 6:15 PM

**Location**
Due to COVID-19, this meeting will be held via teleconference only. Members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment using the information below:

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**Directors Present**
A. Lennon (remote), K. Wheeler (remote), M. Bleckley (remote), M. Louderback (remote), O. Gunday Heerma (remote), S. Trowbridge (remote)

**Directors Absent**
*None*

**Guests Present**

Aaron Ramirez (remote), April Sutton (remote), Ashley Bradley (remote), Berkley Gray (remote), Bridgette Weilert (remote), C. McCarthy (remote), Carly Tedeski (remote), Craig Long (remote), Emily Smurda (remote), Fata-Notghi (remote), Jennifer Lew (remote), Jess Starwood (remote), Jon Boyle (remote), K. Hans (remote), K. Simon (remote), M. Hartsuyker (remote), Megan Elmore (remote), Megan Mulligan (remote), Michelle Murphy (remote), Patrick Doane (remote), Patti Reis (remote), R. Calasin (remote), Rachel Radebaugh (remote), Rebekah Schletewitz (remote), Richelle (remote), Robin Broad (remote), Smith Long (remote), Tina Lorch (remote), mike (remote)

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Louderback called a meeting of the board of directors of Bridges Charter School to order on Monday Sep 13, 2021 at 6:22 PM.

### B. Record Attendance and Guests

### C. Approval of Agenda

O. Gunday Heerma made a motion to approve the agenda as amended to remove the 6-14 minutes and the Consolidated Reporting.
A. Lennon seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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|---|---|
| O. Gunday Heerma | Aye |
| K. Wheeler | Aye |
| M. Louderback | Aye |
| S. Trowbridge | Aye |
| A. Lennon | Aye |
| M. Bleckley | Aye |

### D. Approve Minutes from 6-14-2021 Board Meeting~

This item was removed from the agenda.

## II. Presentations

### A. Marlo Hartsuyker - VCOE Charter School Oversight~

### B. PAC Report

The PAC: has been doing well with it's fundraisers and family donations are coming in. There will be a hairspray fundraisere this Friday and a monthly restaurant night. The next one will be held on 9/29 at The Great Steak and Hoagy in Simi Valley.

### C.

**Math Committee Presentation**

Teacher Marsi Gore represented the math committee and shared their progress.

### D. Academic Excellence Committee Presentation

Dr. Kelly Simon shared the Academic Excellence Committee progress and the work it's doing regarding WASC.

## III. Public Comments

### A. Public Comments

Rachel Radebaugh spoke to the Board about masking, vaccines and testing of staff and volunteers.
Patrick Doane spoke to the Board about his views on masks for kids.
Jennifer Lew spoke to the Board about testing and unvaccinated volunteers on campus.
Emily Smurda spoke to the Board about allowing unvaccinated volunteers on campus.
Robbin Broad spoke to the Board about her views on masks for kids.
Carly Tedeski spoke to the Board about mask mandates.
Aaron Ramirez spoke to the Board about vaccine requirements for volunteers.
Michelle Murphy spoke to the Board about allowing unvaccinated volunteers on campus.
Dr. Saba Notghi spoke to the Board about needing to do what is best to reduce the virus risk on campus.
Megan Elmore spoke to the Board about trust in CDC guidelines and testing concerns.

## IV. Reports

### A. Governing Board

Board Member Reports

- There were no reports.

### B. Director and Assistant Director

Dr. Kelly Simon, Director

- Board Training Updates -- Dr. Simon shared upcoming board trainings available to our board of directors in the areas of board governance, Brown Act, and Chain of Communication
- AB 130 Updates -- Dr. Simon reported on key changes expected in the TK-12 Education Cleanup Budget Bill.
- COVID Updates in Ventura County -- Dr. Simon shared updated information about the trends of COVID and updated mandates from local health authorities.

## V. Consent Items

### A. Consent Items

A. Lennon made a motion to approve the consent items.
K. Wheeler seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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|---|---|
| M. Louderback | Aye |
| K. Wheeler | Aye |
| S. Trowbridge | Aye |
| M. Bleckley | Aye |
| A. Lennon | Aye |
| O. Gunday Heerma | Aye |

## VI. Business and Operations

### A. Approval of Consolidated Application – Spring Release~

This item was removed from the agenda.

### B. Approval of Budget - Unaudited Actuals 2020-2021~

O. Gunday Heerma made a motion to approve the Unaudited Actuals 2020-2021.
S. Trowbridge seconded the motion.
Rudy Calasin, Director of School Business Services, Ventura County Schools Business Service Authority led the Board in a discussion about budget.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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|---|---|
| M. Bleckley | Aye |
| S. Trowbridge | Aye |
| K. Wheeler | Aye |
| M. Louderback | Aye |
| O. Gunday Heerma | Aye |
| A. Lennon | Aye |

### C. Approval of Final 2020-2021 Proposition 30 Spending Report~

S. Trowbridge made a motion to approve the final 2020-2021 Proposition 30 Spending Report~.
A. Lennon seconded the motion.
Rudy Calasin, Director of School Business Services, Ventura County Schools Business Service Authority, led the Board in a discussion about the Prop 30 spending report.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| O. Gunday Heerma | Aye |
| A. Lennon | Aye |

**Roll Call**

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|---|---|
| S. Trowbridge | Aye |
| M. Bleckley | Aye |
| K. Wheeler | Aye |
| M. Louderback | Aye |

## VII. Curriculum and Instruction

### A. Approval of Revised Bell Schedule and Instructional Minutes 2021-2022~

S. Trowbridge made a motion to approve the revised Bell Schedule and Instructional Minutes 2021-2022.
O. Gunday Heerma seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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|---|---|
| S. Trowbridge | Aye |
| K. Wheeler | Aye |
| M. Louderback | Aye |
| M. Bleckley | Aye |
| A. Lennon | Aye |
| O. Gunday Heerma | Aye |

## VIII. Special Projects/Programs

### A. Consideration of COVID Safety Plan for Staff, Parents, and Students

A. Lennon made a motion to approve the COVID Safety Plan for Staff, Parents, and Students.
S. Trowbridge seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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|---|---|
| M. Bleckley | Aye |
| S. Trowbridge | Aye |
| A. Lennon | Aye |
| O. Gunday Heerma | Abstain |
| K. Wheeler | Aye |
| M. Louderback | Aye |

### B. Public Comments Regarding Covid Safety Plan

Jennifer Lew spoke to the Board about volunteers being held to the same standards as the teachers regarding vaccinations.

### C. Revision of COVID Prevention Plan

A. Lennon made a motion to approve the revised COVID Prevention Plan.
K. Wheeler seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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|---|---|
| M. Bleckley | Aye |
| K. Wheeler | Aye |
| M. Louderback | Aye |
| O. Gunday Heerma | Abstain |
| S. Trowbridge | Aye |
| A. Lennon | Aye |

## IX. Charter Policies

### A. Employee and Volunteer Vaccination Policy

This item was tabled to gather more information.
O. Gunday Heerma made a motion to to table this motion until a further date.
S. Trowbridge seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| S. Trowbridge | Aye |
| A. Lennon | Aye |
| M. Bleckley | Aye |
| O. Gunday Heerma | Aye |
| M. Louderback | Aye |
| K. Wheeler | Aye |

### B. Public Comments Regarding Employee and Volunteer Vaccination Policy

Emily Smurda spoke to the Board about safety concerns regarding vaccinations and the safety of wearing masks.
Jennifer Lew spoke to the Board about not being able to get medical exemptions.
Smith Long spoke to the Board about discomfort with unvaccinated parents in classrooms.
Stephanie Boyle spoke to the Board about vaccine exemption clarifications.
Megan Elmore spoke to the Board about the privilege of being in school during a pandemic.
Rachel Radebaugh spoke to the Board about the limited number of schools allowing volunteers and the safety of the children.

### C. Consideration of Extending the Meeting~

S. Trowbridge made a motion to extend the meeting.
K. Wheeler seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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|---|---|
| M. Bleckley | Aye |
| O. Gunday Heerma | Aye |

**Roll Call**

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| A. Lennon | Aye |
| K. Wheeler | Aye |
| M. Louderback | Aye |
| S. Trowbridge | Aye |

### D. First Reading of BP 3552 Food Allergies~

Dr. Kelly Simon led the Board in a discussion about the proposed BP 3552 Food Allergies.

## X. Closed Session

### A. Business Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9~

The Board went into closed session at 9:30 p.m.

### B. Return to Open Session

The Board returned to open session at 9:45 pm.

## XI. Open Session

### A. Report Taken on Actions in Closed Session~

There was no report.

## XII. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

A. Lennon made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
S. Trowbridge seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| M. Louderback | Aye |
| O. Gunday Heerma | Aye |
| M. Bleckley | Aye |
| A. Lennon | Aye |
| K. Wheeler | Aye |
| S. Trowbridge | Aye |

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
K. Hans