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## Scholarship Prep

# Minutes

## Regular Board Meeting

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### **Date and Time**

Thursday October 17, 2024 at 2:00 PM

### **Location**

4070 Mission Ave.

Oceanside, CA, 92057

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### **Zoom Meeting Information:**

**Meeting ID: 847 7579 6164**

**Passcode: 212359**

Scholarship Prep Orange County (17th Street) - 1010 West 17th Street, Santa Ana, CA 92706  
Legacy Room

Scholarship Prep Orange County (Grand Ave) - 1821 N Grand Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92705  
Admin Office

Scholarship Prep Oceanside - 4070 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, CA 92057  
Admin Office

Scholarship Prep South Bay- 24910 S. Avalon Blvd., Wilmington, CA 90744  
First-floor Kindergarten Classroom

Additional Teleconference Location: 1902 West Chestnut Avenue, Santa Ana CA 92703

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### **Directors Present**

B. George (remote), C. Friedrichs, J. Ing (remote), M. Toan (remote), P. Watson (remote)

### **Directors Absent**

*None*

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Quorum Check**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

C. Friedrichs called a meeting of the board of directors of Scholarship Prep to order on Thursday Oct 17, 2024 at 2:02 PM.

### **C. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **D. Reading of the Scholarship Prep Mission Statement**

### **E. Approval of the Agenda**

B. George made a motion to Approve.

J. Ing seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

J. Ing        Aye  
M. Toan      Aye  
C. Friedrichs Aye  
B. George    Aye  
P. Watson    Aye

**F. Invitation to Address the Board on Items on the Agenda**

**G. Invitation to Address the Board on Items Not on the Agenda**

**II. Information Section**

**A. Scholarship Prep - South Bay Campus Update**

Principal, Allison Vann, provided the South Bay campus update covering the following topics: new teachers this school year, three new lead teachers, back to school night, one dollar Chromebook sales, Hispanic Heritage month celebrations, the dance room upgrade, annual family movie night, trunk or treat event, class dojo stores, shoutout to arc (after school partner), and competitive and rally dance teams.

**B. Organization Update**

Executive Director, Jason Watts, provided an organization update regarding the capacity interview with the SDCOE Charter division staff for the charter renewal. The interview went well and Jason believes Scholarship Prep was in a good place at the end of the interview. The public hearing will take place on Wednesday, November 13th and the decision is scheduled for December 11th. Jason also provided an enrollment update: the Oceanside campus has 625 students, Orange County has 613 students, and South Bay has 421 students.

**C. Homeless and Foster Youth Supports Presentation**

Deputy Director, Andrew Crowe, presented on the supports provided to our students experiencing homelessness and foster care. Andrew first gave an overview of Scholarship Prep's journey, conferences our staff has presented at, and the California Department of Education and WestEd Case Study.

The community school model has four components including providing basic needs to students, SEL and mental health education, trauma informed practices, and community partnerships.

Lastly, Andrew reviewed the percentage of students experiencing homelessness and foster care at each of our campuses: Orange County is at 27.3%, Oceanside is at 13.2%, and South Bay is at 11.6% of the student population.

Board member and secretary, Maribel Toan, asked if there is a way that we are keeping track of how our families are coming out of their situation. Kristen Crow commented that there are many outside circumstances and factors that we have zero control over, the major one is always going to be housing. We try to provide assistance like connecting families to housing agencies, job support, and covering costs for mobile phones and gas. Many of our families remain in doubled-up living situations but manage to maintain their daily lives. Although we have seen some success stories of families securing their first apartments.

Charles also asked if the foundation does to help in this situation and how the foundation impacts these families. Kristen continued sharing about the vital support provided by the foundation in helping families facing financial hardships, particularly regarding utility bills. Many families are at risk of eviction and struggle to balance rent payments with mounting utility costs. The foundation assists by covering some urgent utility bills, which allows families to prioritize paying rent.

#### **D. Financial Update by Charter Impact**

Jason Sitomer at Charter Impact provided the Financial update. This presentation included updates and highlights for the Oceanside, Orange County, and South Bay school sites as well as an update on all bond covenants, which are all projected to be met.

Board member, Pete Watson, asked Jason Sitomer to clarify some numbers shared in regards to the Oceanside and Orange County Campuses. Jason went on to explain that the existing staff at the Oceanside site was bale to support the students without adding more staff. The Orange County budget added more positions after the original budget.

John Ing asked if the calculation for the bond coverage is the standard calculation for debt service and Jason confirmed that while every bond is going to be unique, this calculation is standard and conservative.

### **III. Consent Calendar**

#### **A. September 19th Regular Meeting Minutes**

B. George made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 09-19-24.

J. Ing seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

M. Toan     Aye

J. Ing       Aye

B. George   Aye

C. Friedrichs Aye

**Roll Call**

P. Watson Aye

**B. October 3rd Special Meeting Minutes**

B. George made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Board Meeting on 10-03-24.

J. Ing seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

J. Ing Aye

P. Watson Aye

M. Toan Aye

B. George Aye

C. Friedrichs Aye

**C. August Financials and Check Register**

**D. Updated Independent Study Policy**

**E. Local Assignment Resolution No. 1 2024-2025**

**F. Approval of Consent Calendar**

B. George made a motion to Approve.

J. Ing seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

B. George Aye

C. Friedrichs Aye

P. Watson Aye

M. Toan Aye

J. Ing Aye

**IV. Action Items**

**A. El Dorado SELPA Participation Agreement**

P. Watson made a motion to Approve.

B. George seconded the motion.

Jason Watts explained this is the entry approval for the Eldorado, SELPA for our Riverside site. Except for our South Bay School, all of our schools are in the El Dorado SELPA for special education. Our Riverside site has to apply to be able to be part of that SELPA and this application that you would be approving will allow us to do that.

Charles asked if our South Bay site has to be under La unified SELPA for Special Ed, and Jason confirmed.

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

**Roll Call**

J. Ing        Aye  
C. Friedrichs    Aye  
B. George     Aye  
M. Toan       Aye  
P. Watson     Aye

**V. Closing Items**

**A. Board Comments and Future Agenda Items**

**B. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
C. Friedrichs

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**THE ORDER OF BUSINESS MAY BE CHANGED WITHOUT NOTICE**

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### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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