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## Magnolia Public Schools

### Minutes

#### Regular Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Thursday October 10, 2019 at 6:00 PM

**Location**

MSA-SD 6525 Estrella Ave. San Diego, CA 92120

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Board Members who participated remotely joined from the following sites and schools that remained open as remote locations:

- MSA-4 11330 W. Graham Place Los Angeles, CA 90064
- MSA-7 18355 Roscoe Blvd. Northridge, CA 91325
- MSA-SA 2840 W. 1st., Santa Ana, CA 92703 (Mr. Shohrat Geldiyev)

**Board Members:**

Mr. Haim Beliak, Vice-Chair

Ms. Diane Gonzalez

Ms. Sandra Covarrubias

Dr. Umit Yapanel

Mr. Serdar Orazov

Dr. Salih Dikbas

Mr. Shohrat Geldiyev

**CEO & Superintendent:**

Mr. Alfredo Rubalcava

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**Directors Present**

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D. Gonzalez, H. Beliak, S. Covarrubias, S. Dikbas, S. Geldiyev (remote), S. Orazov, U. Yapanel

### **Directors Absent**

*None*

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## **I. Opening Items**

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

H. Beliak called a meeting of the board of directors of Magnolia Public Schools to order on Thursday Oct 10, 2019 at 6:18 PM.

### **B. Record Attendance and Guests**

Please refer to attendance information reported above.

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

B. Torres, MPS Board Secretary, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **D. Approval of Agenda**

D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with the exception to remove item IV A.

S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.

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

### **E. Public Comments**

MSA-San Diego administrators introduced themselves to the board and informed the board of their recent accomplishments and academic growth. No other comments were made.

### **F. Communications: Board/Superintendent**

A. Rubalcava, MPS CEO & Superintendent, recognized the academic growth of the MSA-San Diego students and thanked staff for their efforts and dedication, he announced the resignation of the former MPS Board Chair, Dr. Saken Sherkhanov effective October 6, 2019, he thanked Dr. Sherkhanov for his dedication of over 17 years to MPS. A.

Rubalcava updated Board Members on the charter renewals for MSA-8 and MSA-San Diego, he invited them to participate in the board meeting and hearing of the two schools, he also invited the board to the upcoming MPS wide symposium and the MSA-1 ribbon cutting event. He thanked S. Orazov, MPS Board Member, for his commitment in supporting MPS and for visiting the home office and obtaining feedback from staff for improvements in the home office. H. Beliak, MPS Board Vice-Chair, stated his concern regarding the new legislation that prohibits having board meetings outside of LA County for MPS, he would like staff to look further into this new law.

**G. Approval of September 12, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 09-12-19 Regular Board Meeting on 09-12-19.

H. Beliak seconded the motion.

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

**H. Approval of September 16, 2019 Special Board Meeting Minutes**

D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve minutes from the Special Board Meeting on 09-16-19 Special Board Meeting on 09-16-19.

H. Beliak seconded the motion.

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

**I. Approval of September 22, 2019 Board Retreat Minutes**

D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Retreat on 09-22-19 Board Retreat on 09-22-19.

H. Beliak seconded the motion.

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

**II. Consent Items**

**A. Approval of Water Fountain Stations for MSA-2**

This item was moved from consent agenda for further discussion. The board discussed the cost of the water fountains and were concerned with LAUSD's restrictions of working with their vendor. Board Members suggested to contact the approved vendors and obtain a quote directly from them to compare prices. There were questions regarding the lifespan of the water fountains, and vandalism concerns. Due to the cost, the board decided to table this item until further analysis was completed.

S. Orazov made a motion to delegate approval of this item to the facility committee with the condition that further analysis on the cost, vendors and possible implementations be analyzed.

U. Yapanel seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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| S. Dikbas      | Aye     |
| S. Geldiyev    | Aye     |
| S. Covarrubias | Abstain |
| S. Orazov      | Aye     |
| U. Yapanel     | Aye     |
| H. Beliak      | Aye     |
| D. Gonzalez    | Aye     |

**III. Closed Session Items**

**A. Public Announcement of Closed Session**

H. Beliak, MPS Vice-Chair, announced the items that would be discussed in Closed Session.

**B. Conference with Legal Counsel-Potential Litigation- Five Matters**

These five matters were discussed in Closed Session.

**C. Report Out From Closed Session**

H. Beliak, MPS Board Vice-Chair, announced that matters were discussed in Closed Session, no actions were taken.

**IV. Action Items**

**A. Prop 39 Over-allocation Cost Payment From Reserve Funds**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**B. Approval of Field Supervisor Agreement for Counseling Interns**

E. Acar, MPS Chief Academic Officer, explained that the vendor being presented for approval is currently working with MPS but is near exceeding the amount that allows for only a CEO approval, therefore he is presenting it to the full board for approval in the case that amount were to exceed \$25,000. He went over the agreement terms and addressed all questions.

S. Dikbas made a motion to approve the Field Supervisor Agreement for the counseling interns.

H. Beliak seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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| H. Beliak      | Aye |
| S. Dikbas      | Aye |
| S. Geldiyev    | Aye |
| S. Orazov      | Aye |
| U. Yapanel     | Aye |
| D. Gonzalez    | Aye |
| S. Covarrubias | Aye |

**C. Approval of MSA-5 Additional Staff Member**

B. Plonka, MSA-5 Principal, requested an additional part-time aide for his campus and he explained that due to the additional enrollment at the site the position would be paid for by current revenue. All questions were addressed.

D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the hiring of one (1) part-time aide/paraprofessional using current year revenue generated by the additional enrollment MSA-5.

S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

H. Beliak Aye  
S. Orazov Aye  
S. Covarrubias Aye  
S. Geldiyev Aye  
S. Dikbas Aye  
U. Yapanel Aye  
D. Gonzalez Aye

**D. Appointment of MPS Board Officer(s)**

A. Rubalcava, MPS CEO & Superintendent, informed the board of the officer appointments that had to take place due to the resignation of former Board Chair S. Sherkhanov. H. Beliak, MPS Board Vice-Chair shared his concerns of the new regulations affecting charter schools and asked staff to look further into what could be done to minimize the effect on MPS. Board Members discussed possible nominations for the MPS Board Chair and Vice-Chair, the commitment of both officers and how staff should support whoever was appointed.

S. Orazov made a motion to appoint Mr. Haim Beliak to serve as the MPS Board Chair and Dr. Umit Yapanel as the MPS Vice-Chair.

S. Dikbas seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

D. Gonzalez Aye  
H. Beliak Aye  
U. Yapanel Aye  
S. Orazov Aye  
S. Geldiyev Aye  
S. Covarrubias Aye  
S. Dikbas Aye

**E. Approval of MPS Board Committee Membership Restructure**

B. Torres, MPS Board Secretary, explained to Board Members that due to the SB 126 regulations, the MPS Board Committee structure have to change in order to be in compliance with jurisdiction constraints. All questions were addressed.

S. Orazov made a motion to approve the restructured committee membership for all MPS Board Committees (i.e. governance/nominating, academic, finance, facility/audit, stakeholder).

D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

U. Yapanel Aye  
S. Orazov Aye  
D. Gonzalez Aye  
H. Beliak Aye  
S. Covarrubias Aye  
S. Dikbas Aye  
S. Geldiyev Aye

**V. Information/Discussion Items**

**A. Enrollment Update**

I. Soto, MPS Director of Development and Communications, went over the current enrollment numbers for each MPS school. A. Rubalcava, MPS CEO & Superintendent went over historical information regarding enrollment trends and gave further information of enrollment specifics. All questions were addressed.

**B. Finance Update- August 2019 Monthly Financials**

N. Montijo, MPS Chief Financials Officer, gave the board an overview on the MPS August financials, all questions were addressed.

**C. Facilities Updates**

P. Ontiveros, MPS General Counsel and Facilities Director, went over ongoing facility projects and addressed all questions asked by board members.

**D. Academic Update**

E. Acar, MPS Chief Academic Officer, gave an elaborate update on academic data that was previously reported. The board suggested to add the academic updates at the beginning of the discussion agenda in order to spend more time discussing the data. All questions were addressed.

**VI. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
D. Gonzalez