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## Magnolia Public Schools

### Minutes

#### Regular Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Thursday May 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM

**Location**

<https://zoom.us/j/984444956149?pwd=RIhLTm93aG5abUNJVHJOOTBHSVBKUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 984 4495 6149    **Passcode:** 145037

**One tap mobile:** +16699009128,,984444956149# US (San Jose)

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**Board Members:**

Mr. Haim Beliak, Chair

Dr. Umit Yapanel, Vice-Chair

Dr. Salih Dikbas

Ms. Diane Gonzalez

Ms. Sandra Covarrubias

Mr. Mekan Muhammedov

**CEO & Superintendent:**

Mr. Alfredo Rubalcava

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**Directors Present**

D. Gonzalez (remote), H. Beliak (remote), M. Muhammedov (remote), S. Covarrubias (remote), U. Yapanel (remote)

**Directors Absent**

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S. Dikbas

**Directors who arrived after the meeting opened**

U. Yapanel

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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 May 13, 2021 at 6:05 PM.

**B. Record Attendance and Guests**

Refer to attendance information reported above.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

H. Beliak made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

U. Yapanel	Absent
H. Beliak	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye
S. Dikbas	Absent
M. Muhammedov	Aye

**D. Public Comments**

Pio Pico Middle School teachers and staff gave their remarks concerning MPS moving to their campus.

**E. Approval of Minutes from MPS Special Board Meeting- March 18, 2021**

U. Yapanel arrived at 6:15 PM.

H. Beliak made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Board Meeting on 03-18-21.

S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

H. Beliak	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Aye
S. Dikbas	Absent
S. Covarrubias	Aye

**Roll Call**

D. Gonzalez     Aye  
U. Yapanel     Aye

**F. Approval of Minutes from Regular MPS Board Meeting- March 29, 2021**

H. Beliak made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 03-29-21.

S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Covarrubias   Aye  
H. Beliak        Aye  
U. Yapanel       Aye  
D. Gonzalez     Aye  
S. Dikbas        Absent  
M. Muhammedov  Aye

**G. Approval of Minutes from MPS Special Board Meeting- April 9, 2021**

H. Beliak made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Board Meeting on 04-09-21.

S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

M. Muhammedov  Aye  
H. Beliak        Aye  
D. Gonzalez     Aye  
S. Dikbas        Absent  
S. Covarrubias  Aye  
U. Yapanel       Aye

**H. Approval of Minutes from MPS Special Board Meeting- April 22, 2021**

H. Beliak made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Board Meeting on 04-22-21.

S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Dikbas        Absent  
M. Muhammedov  Aye  
D. Gonzalez     Aye  
H. Beliak        Aye  
S. Covarrubias  Aye  
U. Yapanel       Aye

**I.**

**Approval of Minutes from MPS Special Board Meeting- April 29, 2021**

H. Beliak made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Board Meeting on 04-29-21.

S. Covarrubias seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Dikbas	Absent
U. Yapanel	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Aye
H. Beliak	Aye

**J. Announcements from CEO & Superintendent and Board Members**

H. Beliak, Board Chair, recognized the observance of Ramadan. He also extended best wishes to Pio Pico teachers and staff who made public comments and to MPS staff for their continued work. U. Yapanel, Board Vice-Chair, shared his experience in observing Ramadan.

**II. Action Items**

**A. Approval of College and Career Access Pathways Partnership (CCAP) Agreement between Magnolia Public Schools and Los Angeles Valley College**

E. Acar, Chief Academic Officer, presented the agreement to move forward in partnership with Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC). AB 288, gives the opportunity for Community Colleges to partner with High Schools and establish college and career pathways to give students the path of an easier transition to colleges. Z. Ocel, Principal at MSA-3, shared his experience regarding the benefits this would have for his students whom are 9-12th graders. Students do not pay for these classes and credits that will be earned are towards them receiving their Associates/Bachelors Degree. The agreement was reviewed by P. Ontiveros, General Counsel & Director of Facilities. The list of classes given to the students, and presented in this report, were based on a survey sent to students to address their needs. Board Members questions were addressed by MPS staff.

H. Beliak made a motion to authorize the College and Career Access Pathways Partnership Agreement between Magnolia Public Schools and Los Angeles Valley College.

M. Muhammedov seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

H. Beliak	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Aye

**Roll Call**

D. Gonzalez	Aye
S. Dikbas	Absent

**B. Approval of Updated Health and Safety Policy and Injury and Illness Prevention Plan (IIPP) COVID-19 Addendum**

D.Hajmeirza, Director of Human Resources, brought to the Board the updated Health and Safety Policy and IIPP COVID-19 addendum. The updates were received by the state and county who provided the guidelines. She reported all up-to-date updates which included MSA-1,6 & 7 following CDPH testing cadence guidance which recommended symptomatic and response testing only for students and employees; and the school reserving the right to request proof of vaccination for COVID-19 before allowing the individual in campus. There is no mandate to require personnel to get the vaccination. Board Members requested staff to follow-up with the health and safety officials to address their questions and get more clarification.

H. Beliak made a motion to approve the updated MPS Health & Safety Policy and the updated Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) COVID-19 addendum.

M. Muhammedov seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Covarrubias	Abstain
M. Muhammedov	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye
H. Beliak	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
S. Dikbas	Absent

**C. Creation of the MPS Development and Stakeholder Committee**

D. Gonzalez, Stakeholder Committee Chair, reported out of the Stakeholder Committee from earlier this week. She reported combining philanthropic efforts to the Stakeholder Committee by adding the Developmental piece as part of the committees core functions. As presented in the report, it discussed the functions of the committee. Moving forward the committee will work with the whole Board regarding fundraising efforts for MPS and lead the charge alongside staff.

S. Covarrubias made a motion to approve the creation of the new "Development & Stakeholder Committee," a revised version of the Stakeholders and Community Engagement Committee that will now include development as a key function. The committee members would remain the same. They include Dr. Umit Yapanel, Ms. Diane Gonzalez-current chair, Ms. Sandra Covarrubias, and Mekan Muhammedov as the alternate. The revised committee would support major areas of the MPS Home Office - Development and Communications Department including development, communications, stakeholder surveys, advocacy, and parent and community engagement in addition to personnel items.

U. Yapanel seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Dikbas	Absent
M. Muhammedov	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye
H. Beliak	Aye

**III. Closed Session**

**A. Public Announcement Of Closed Session**

H. Beliak announced that the Board will be going into Closed Session to discuss public employee performance evaluation and anticipated initiation of litigation and would report out any actions taken.

**B. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Initiation of Litigation ((§ 54956 (b)))**

This item was discussed in Closed Session.

**C. Report Out Of Closed Session**

H. Beliak announced in Open Session at 7:18pm that board directed staff on several items.

**IV. 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 7:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
H. Beliak