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## Magnolia Public Schools

### Minutes

#### Regular Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Thursday August 11, 2022 at 5:30 PM

**Location**

<https://zoom.us/j/97856064990?pwd=MHhBZCtGT0xEMIZpNEZQZVJ3RDBPZz09>

**Meeting ID:** 978 5606 4990      **Passcode:** 021250

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**Board Members:**

Mr. Mekan Muhammedov, Chair

Ms. Sandra Covarrubias, Vice-Chair

Dr. Umit Yapanel

Dr. Salih Dikbas

Ms. Diane Gonzalez

Mr. Daniel Sheehan

Mrs. Esra Eldem Tunc

**CEO & Superintendent:**

Mr. Alfredo Rubalcava

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**Directors Present**

D. Gonzalez (remote), D. Sheehan (remote), E. Eldem Tunc (remote), M. Muhammedov (remote), S. Covarrubias (remote), S. Dikbas (remote), U. Yapanel (remote)

**Directors Absent**

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None

**Directors who arrived after the meeting opened**

D. Sheehan

**Directors who left before the meeting adjourned**

D. Gonzalez, D. Sheehan, S. Covarrubias

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Call the Meeting to Order**

M. Muhammedov called a meeting of the board of directors of Magnolia Public Schools to order on Thursday Aug 11, 2022 at 5:33 PM.

**B. Record Attendance and Guests**

Refer to attendance information recorded above.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

D. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

D. Sheehan seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

D. Gonzalez	Aye
D. Sheehan	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye
E. Eldem Tunc	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Aye
S. Dikbas	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye

**D. Public Comments**

No public comments at this time.

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

A.Rubalcava, CEO & Superintendent, announced that MSA-6 had its first day of school and that next week MSA-1 - MSA-SA will open their doors for their first day of school.

**F. Approval of Minutes from MPS Regular Board Meeting - July 14, 2022**

M. Muhammedov made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 07-14-22.

D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

D. Gonzalez	Aye
D. Sheehan	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
E. Eldem Tunc	Aye
S. Dikbas	Aye
M. Muhammedov	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Aye

**II. Information/Discussion Items**

**A. Brown Act & Conflict of Interest Training**

J.Simmons, Attorney at Young, Minney & Corr, LLP gave a Brown Act and Conflict of Interest Training to the Board, all questions were addressed. All Board Members were present during the training.

**III. Consent Items**

**A. Certification of Assurances, Protected Prayer Certification, Application for Funding**

S. Covarrubias left at 6:42 PM.

M. Muhammedov made a motion to approve the 2022-23 Certification of Assurances, 2022-23 Protected Prayer Certification, 2022-23 Application for Funding and General Assurances as presented.

U. Yapanel seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Dikbas	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Absent
M. Muhammedov	Aye
E. Eldem Tunc	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Aye
D. Sheehan	Absent

**IV. Action Items**

**A. Approval of MPS Board Committee Structure**

U.Yapanel, Board Member, described the process of creating the MPS Board Committee Structure and with the addition of D.Sheehan and E.Eldem-Tunc.

U. Yapanel made a motion to approve the changes to the MPS Board Committee structure to take effect August 12, 2022.

S. Dikbas seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

M. Muhammedov Aye  
S. Dikbas Aye  
D. Sheehan Absent  
D. Gonzalez Aye  
S. Covarrubias Absent  
E. Eldem Tunc Aye  
U. Yapanel Aye

**B. Approval of Findings to Conduct Virtual Meetings Pursuant to AB 361/Government Code Section 54953**

D. Sheehan left at 6:52 PM.

MPS Board of Directors discussed and reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency related to COVID-19 in which meeting in person can directly impact the ability of the Board in addition to the all standing Board Committees (Finance, Audit/Facilities, Academic, Stakeholder and Development & Nominating/Governance Committees) and public to meet safely. As such, local officials are still continuing to recommend measures to promote social distancing. Board Members questions were addressed by staff.

D. Gonzalez made a motion to adopt the findings relating to the ability of the MPS Board and all MPS Committees to conduct meetings due to teleconference during the State of Emergency, in reference to AB 361/Government Code Section 54953.

M. Muhammedov seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Covarrubias Absent  
M. Muhammedov Aye  
U. Yapanel Aye  
S. Dikbas Aye  
E. Eldem Tunc Aye  
D. Gonzalez Aye  
D. Sheehan Absent

**C. Approval of 2022-23 CEO Metrics**

M. Muhammedov made a motion to approve the 2022-23 Metrics for the CEO & Superintendent.

S. Dikbas seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Dikbas Aye  
E. Eldem Tunc Aye  
M. Muhammedov Aye  
D. Sheehan Absent

**Roll Call**

U. Yapanel        Aye  
D. Gonzalez       Aye  
S. Covarrubias   Absent

M.Muhammedov, Board Chair, went over the 2022-23 CEO Metrics and priorities for the CEO & Superintendent for the new fiscal year. The public had no questions. The Board had no questions.

**D. Approval of Agreement with Universal Awning to Build Two Shade Structures for Magnolia Science Academy-1 High School**

D. Sheehan arrived at 6:58 PM.

D. Sheehan left at 7:00 PM.

This item was previously presented to the MPS Audit/Facilities Committee Meeting. M.Muhammedov, Board Chair & Chair of the Audit/Facilities Committee, provided the Committee's perspective on this item. M.Sahin, Facilities Project Manager, gave further context to the Board. MSA-1 would build the two needed shade structures using ESSER funds which was granted approval from the State. It was decided to go with Universal Awning's proposal from the RFP process. Board Members questions were addressed. M. Muhammedov made a motion to approve the agreements with Universal Awning to build two shade structures on the rooftop of Magnolia Science Academy (MSA)-1 High School building with the proposed amount for both shade structures being \$272,322.00 and a contingency of 20%, or \$54,464.40 to cover permitting and other unforeseen expenses.

D. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

D. Gonzalez        Aye  
M. Muhammedov   Aye  
S. Dikbas           Aye  
E. Eldem Tunc     Aye  
D. Sheehan         Absent  
U. Yapanel         Aye  
S. Covarrubias     Absent

**E. Approval of Agreements with Zingo Construction to Upgrade the Plumbing Fixtures at Magnolia Science Academy-1, 7 and Santa Ana**

D. Gonzalez left at 7:09 PM.

This item was presented at the MPS Audit/Facilities Committee Meeting. M.Muhammedov, Board Chair & Chair of the Audit/Facilities Committee, gave the Committee's recommendation from the meeting. M.Sahin, Facilities Project Manager, provided further elaboration and the amounts awarded to MSA-1, 7 and Santa Ana from the CalSHAPE Program. RFP process was conducted in which only Zingo Construction provided their proposal. Staff is awaiting a response to some questions from CalSHAPE.

The proposal amounts were higher than the awarded amounts and the schools would have to pay the remaining balance out of its general funds with no negative impact on its budget. Board Members questions were addressed.

M. Muhammedov made a motion to approve agreements with Zingo Construction to upgrade the plumbing fixtures at Magnolia Science Academy- 1, 7 and Santa Ana according to CalSHAPE Plumbing Grant Requirements.

S. Dikbas seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Dikbas	Aye
D. Gonzalez	Absent
M. Muhammedov	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Absent
E. Eldem Tunc	Aye
D. Sheehan	Absent

**F. Approval of Revised MPS Independent Study Policy and Master Agreement**

E.Acar, Chief Academic Officer, & W.Gray, Director of Educational Services, presented the revisions made to the MPS Independent Study Policy. Those revisions include clarification on the requirements for special education students, synchronous instruction allowances and chronic attendance triggers for tiered re-engagement and signature timelines; updates on chronic absenteeism provisions, written agreement requirements, exemptions for students who participate in IS due to necessary medical treatments; updates to the definition of synchronous instruction and others.

S. Dikbas made a motion to approve the revised Magnolia Public Schools (MPS) Independent Study Policy and associated Master Agreement for Independent Study.

U. Yapanel seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Dikbas	Aye
S. Covarrubias	Absent
D. Sheehan	Absent
D. Gonzalez	Absent
M. Muhammedov	Aye
U. Yapanel	Aye
E. Eldem Tunc	Aye

**V. Closed Session**

**A. Public Announcement of Closed Session**

M.Muhammedov, announced that the Board will be going into Closed Session to discuss conference with legal council regarding anticipated litigation and would report out any actions taken.

**B. Conference with Legal Counsel —Anticipated Litigation § 54956.9(b) - One Case**

This item was discussed in Closed Session.

**C. Report Out of Closed Session**

M.Muhammedov announced in Open Session at 7:43pm that the Board discussed the item. No action was taken.

**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 7:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
M. Muhammedov