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## Equitas Academy Charter School

### Minutes

#### Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Thursday May 27, 2021 at 6:00 PM

**Location**

Topic: May Board Meeting

Time: May 27, 2021 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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#### **Directors Present**

A. Perez (remote), A. Santino (remote), C. Langston (remote), D. Krishna (remote), F. Spindler (remote), O. Bajracharya (remote), P. Reddy (remote), T. Bell (remote)

#### **Directors Absent**

*None*

#### **Directors who arrived after the meeting opened**

F. Spindler, T. Bell

#### **Directors who left before the meeting adjourned**

F. Spindler

#### **Guests Present**

C. Belcher (remote), C. Casey (remote), J. Rayas (remote), L. Lofton (remote), M. Borrego (remote), M. Ford (remote), N. Orlando (remote), S. Estilai (remote), S. Sobkov (remote)

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### **I. Opening Items**

#### **A. Record Attendance and Guests**

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

O. Bajracharya called a meeting of the board of directors of Equitas Academy Charter School to order on Thursday May 27, 2021 at 6:02 PM.

#### **C. Approve Minutes**

C. Langston made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 04-22-21.

A. Perez seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Santino Aye  
T. Bell Absent  
P. Reddy Aye  
A. Perez Aye  
F. Spindler Absent  
O. Bajracharya Aye  
D. Krishna Aye  
C. Langston Aye

**II. Public Comment**

**A. Public Comment**

There were no members of the public present so no comment was made.

**III. Consent**

**A. Approval of 2019-2020 Tax Return.**

P. Reddy made a motion to Approve the 2019-2020 Tax Return.  
D. Krishna seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

D. Krishna Aye  
F. Spindler Aye  
C. Langston Aye  
A. Santino Aye  
T. Bell Absent  
P. Reddy Aye  
O. Bajracharya Aye  
A. Perez Aye  
F. Spindler arrived at 6:05 PM.

**B. Renewal of Lease for the Property at 631 S Commonwealth Los Angeles, CA 90005**

P. Reddy made a motion to Pass the Renewal of Lease for the Property at 631 S Commonwealth.  
D. Krishna seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

A. Santino Aye  
F. Spindler Aye  
P. Reddy Aye  
A. Perez Aye  
O. Bajracharya Aye

**Roll Call**

T. Bell            Absent  
D. Krishna       Aye  
C. Langston      Aye

**C. Renewal of Contract for General Insurance Policy**

P. Reddy made a motion to Approve Renewal of Contract for General Insurance Policy.

D. Krishna seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

O. Bajracharya Aye  
P. Reddy        Aye  
A. Santino      Aye  
A. Perez        Aye  
F. Spindler     Aye  
T. Bell          Absent  
D. Krishna      Aye  
C. Langston     Aye

**IV. Org Updates**

**A. CEO Update**

Malka Borrego provides the CEO update and shares on goal progress and review on re-organization.

Ms. Borrego includes insights on the the following:

- Supporting the Organization
- Supporting the Chief Team
- Supporting the Board

T. Bell arrived at 6:20 PM.

**B. Board Review of Monthly Financials**

P. Reddy made a motion to Approve the April 2021 Monthly Financials.

A. Perez seconded the motion.

Slav Sobkav reviews the April 2021 monthly financial package. Not much significant change from the previous forecast.

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

**Roll Call**

T. Bell            Aye  
C. Langston      Aye

**Roll Call**

P. Reddy Aye  
A. Perez Aye  
D. Krishna Aye  
A. Santino Aye  
F. Spindler Absent  
O. Bajracharya Aye  
F. Spindler left at 6:35 PM.

**C. Re-Entry Pay**

C. Langston made a motion to Approve Re-Entry Pay for CEO.  
P. Reddy seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

D. Krishna Aye  
A. Santino Aye  
T. Bell Aye  
F. Spindler Absent  
C. Langston Aye  
P. Reddy Aye  
A. Perez Aye  
O. Bajracharya Aye

**D. Expanded Learning Grant Plan**

A. Santino made a motion to Approve the Expanded Learning Grant Plan.  
D. Krishna seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

C. Langston Aye  
O. Bajracharya Aye  
D. Krishna Aye  
P. Reddy Aye  
A. Perez Aye  
T. Bell Aye  
A. Santino Aye  
F. Spindler Absent

**E. 21-22 Budget Outlook**

Margaret Ford shares the budget outlook. Ms. Ford shares that multiple stakeholders have been a part of the budget development process. She shares a presentation with details in the following areas:

- Guardrails

- COVID-19 Funding Timeline
- Allowable Uses for Funds (Not Exhaustive)
- Summary of One Time Funds
- Projected Equitas Enrollment
- Timeline for Budget Completion

## **V. Academic Accountability**

### **A. Update on Committee Goals**

Alyssa Santino shares an update on committee goals and the development of new structure within the committee.

Ms. Santino requests feed back on data, and proposals provided.

## **VI. Finance Committee**

### **A. Update on Committee Goals**

No update from the finance committee was given.

## **VII. Resource Development Committee**

### **A. Update on Upcoming Virtual Events & Campaigns**

Deepa Krishna gave a presentation on Virtual Events & Campaigns. Ms Krishna shares update that the Board has reached \$20,000 of the \$40,000 Give/Get goal.

Additional updates regarding virtual events and campaigns include:

- A fundraising link for the campaign was shared with all Board members.
- The Give/Get directly impacts scholarship for Equitas alumni. There are currently 350 alumni and there will be 500 alumni by 2022.

### **B. Volunteer Participation**

Deepa Krishna shares a presentation on the opportunities available to Board members to volunteer with Equitas scholars. Ms Krishna and Prabu Reddy both spend time volunteering with scholars. Additional Board members are scheduled to participate in volunteer opportunities.

Nik Orlando shares that he will be transitioning from Equitas at the end of this school year.

## **VIII. Governance Committee**

#### **A. Board Retreat Date**

Tyler Bell shares updates on the annual Board retreat. The retreat has been rescheduled in an effort to get 100% attendance from the Board. The Board collectively determined to hold the Board retreat on Saturday August 21, 2021 for a full day.

#### **B. Board progress towards goals**

Tyler Bell presents on Board process towards goals. Mr. Bell shares that in the June board meeting a more detailed presentation on the Board progress towards annual goals will be shared.

#### **C. 21-22 Board Calendar**

Tyler Bell requests that the discussion on the 21-22 Board Calendar be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Bell also shares the proposed Board Slate for the upcoming school year as follows:

- Chair: Tyler Bell
- Vice Chair: Deepa Krishna (Tyler having convo with her 1st)
- Treasurer: Prabhu Reddy
- Secretary: Catie Langston
- RD: Deepa Krishna
- Academic: Alyssa Santino, Oliver Bajracharya
- Governance: Frank Spindler, Tyler Bell
- Finance: Prabhu Reddy, Aaron Perez, Brett Snyder
- CEO Eval: Aaron Perez, Oliver Bajracharya, Tyler Bell, Prabhu Reddy (Tyler or Frank having convo with him 1st)
- Audit: Oliver Bajracharya
- Facilities: ask Maggie Ford

### **IX. CEO Support and Evaluation Committee**

#### **A. CEO Support and Evaluation Update**

Tyler Bell shares that the CEO Evaluation is being completed by all Board members.

### **X. 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 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
O. Bajracharya