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Equitas Academy Charter School

Minutes

December Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday December 15, 2021 at 11:30 AM

Location

Topic: December Board Meeting

Time: Dec 15, 2021

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Directors Present

A. Santino (remote), C. Langston (remote), D. Krishna (remote), D. Ortiz (remote), L. Heisser (remote), O. Bajracharya (remote), P. Reddy (remote)

Directors Absent

A. Perez, F. Spindler, T. Bell

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

C. Langston, D. Ortiz

Guests Present

M. Ford

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Board findings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)

D. Krishna made a motion to The Charter School Board of Directors determines, in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(B), that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3), the Board has also reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency declared by the Governor on March 4, 2020, and finds the State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Directors to meet safely in person and/or that State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

O. Bajracharya seconded the motion.

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

C. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Krishna called a meeting of the board of directors of Equitas Academy Charter School to order on Wednesday Dec 15, 2021 at 11:35 AM.

D. Approve Minutes

O. Bajracharya made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 12-02-21.

P. Reddy seconded the motion.

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

C. Langston arrived at 11:36 AM.

II. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

No members of the public were present at the meeting so no comment was made.

III. Org Update

A. Approve Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Plans for each Equitas Academy Charter School

P. Reddy made a motion to he Educator Effectiveness Block Grant (EEBG) is a program providing funds to county offices of education, school districts, charter schools, and state special schools to provide professional learning and to promote educator equity, quality, and effectiveness. As a condition of receiving funds for educator effectiveness, LEAs shall develop and adopt a plan for expenditure of funds, which requires the plan to be explained in a public meeting of the governing board of the school district, county board of education, or governing body of the charter school before its adoption in a subsequent meeting. These plans were presented for public hearing at the December 2, 2021 meeting of the Equitas Academy Charter School Board. The Board moves to adopt these plans for all six schools as presented.

C. Langston seconded the motion.

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

B. Update on Audit

Due to delays at the State and Federal level the audit due date has been delayed until 1/31. We will delay the review of the audit until January.

D. Ortiz arrived at 11:46 AM.

IV. XI. Closed Session - CEO Performance and Ongoing Feedback

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE (Gov. Code section 54957(b)(1).

D. Krishna made a motion to The bonus compensation to be increased from 10% to 15% in this fiscal year to account for the additional duties outside of the scope of work.

P. Reddy seconded the motion.

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

V. 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 12:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
D. Krishna