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Equitas Academy Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday April 27, 2023 at 3:00 PM

Location
1612 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90015

Additional call-in locations:
4324 Franklin Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90027

Topic: **April Board Meeting**
Time: Apr 27, 2023 03:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Directors Present
A. Santino, C. Langston (remote), D. Krishna, L. Heisser, O. Bajracharya, P. Reddy, T. Bell

Directors Absent
D. Ortiz

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
C. Langston

Guests Present
Alaina Pariano, Amanda Pardo, Andres Figueroa, B. Rush, C. Lowry (remote), C. Melgares, Dakota Ortiz, J. Edelman, J. Rayas, Jason Huynh, Jennifer Freeman, Jose Gonzalez, Joyce Yoon, K. Farrar, K. Gouveia, Kawika Chun, L. Lofton, Mark Salinas, N. Peters, R. Spencer, S. Pacheco, S. Roditti

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

T. Bell called a meeting of the board of directors of Equitas Academy Charter School to order on Thursday Apr 27, 2023 at 3:04 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 02-23-23.
No vote was passed
The motion did not carry.

D. Approve Minutes

O. Bajracharya made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 06-17-22.
D. Krishna seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

D. Krishna	Aye
C. Langston	Absent
A. Santino	Aye
L. Heisser	Absent
P. Reddy	Aye
D. Ortiz	Absent
T. Bell	Aye
O. Bajracharya	Aye

II. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

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

III. Board Training & Development

A. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Antiracism (DEIA): Professional Development with National Equity Partners

Mark Salinas from the National Equity Project facilitated a professional development session with the Board.
C. Langston arrived at 3:22 PM.

B. Break

IV. Organizational Updates: CEO Report

A. "Finishing Strong"

Sofia Roditti and staff provide organizational updates highlighting the theme of finishing strong.

- Kyle Gouveia & Cecilia Melgares presented on CA school dashboard & renewal preparation.
- Alaina Pariano shared a presentation on the EQ3 annual initiatives.
- Jason Huynh, EQ4 assistant school director shared a presentation on the EQ4 annual initiatives.
- Sofia Roditti & Robert Spencer shared data related to the organizational dashboard and staffing/talent.
- Yug Fon presented data related to the 2022 audit findings.

B. Board Review of Monthly Financials

P. Reddy made a motion to Approve Monthly Financials.
A. Santino seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

O. Bajracharya	Aye
C. Langston	Aye
D. Ortiz	Absent
L. Heisser	Aye
D. Krishna	Aye
T. Bell	Aye
P. Reddy	Aye
A. Santino	Aye

C. Board Review and Approval of FY21-22 Audit

O. Bajracharya made a motion to Approve FY 21-22 Audit.
P. Reddy seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

L. Heisser	Aye
D. Ortiz	Absent
C. Langston	Aye
O. Bajracharya	Aye
P. Reddy	Aye
D. Krishna	Aye
A. Santino	Aye
T. Bell	Aye

D. 2023-2024 School Calendar

A. Santino made a motion to Approve 2023 - 2024 School Calendar.
L. Heisser seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

L. Heisser	Aye
C. Langston	Aye
P. Reddy	Aye
D. Krishna	Aye
A. Santino	Aye
D. Ortiz	Absent
T. Bell	Aye
O. Bajracharya	Aye

V. Academic Accountability Committee

A. Update on 22-23 Goals

Alyssa Santino shares an update on the 22-23 academic committee goals.

VI. Finance Committee

A. Update on 22-23 Goals

Prabhu Reddy shares an update on 22-23 finance committee goals.

VII. Governance Committee

A. Update on 22-23 Goals

Lindsey Heisser shares an update on the 22-23 Governance Committee goal progress including details about new committee members and upcoming practices regarding Board intent to stay.

B. June Board Meeting Date Change

O. Bajracharya made a motion to Approve June Board Meeting Date Change.
L. Heisser seconded the motion.
Board Meeting Date has been changed to June 29, 2023
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

T. Bell	Aye
D. Ortiz	Absent
A. Santino	Aye
L. Heisser	Aye
O. Bajracharya	Aye
D. Krishna	Aye
C. Langston	Abstain
P. Reddy	Aye

VIII. Resource Devlopment Committee

A. Update on 22-23 Goals

Deepa Krishna shares updates on the Resource Development Committee 22-23 Goals and the Give Give initiative.

IX. Culmination of Meeting

A. Announcements

The Board will need to calendar an LCAP public hearing with the Board prior to the June Board Meeting.

Tyler shares an announcement about topics that will be covered at the upcoming Board Retreat.

Kate shares that an optional advocacy conversation is coming with detais to come.

B. Evaluations of Meeting

Presenting the renewal dashboard helped with understanding the dashboard
Marrying the hard data and the explanation was valuable. Exampled in the data regarding EQ4.
Helps to have data contextualized in the room.
The tech team remained calm and collected during the technical challenges.
Board meetings continue to get better and better.

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 6:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. Bell