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## Equitas Academy Charter School

### Minutes

#### Board Meeting

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##### **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

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### **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**

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

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

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

**VIII. Resource Development 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 details to come.

**B. Evaluations of Meeting**

Presenting the renewal dashboard helped with understanding the dashboard  
Marrying the hard data and the explanation was valuable. Exemplified 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