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Equitas Academy Charter School

Minutes

Special Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday December 19, 2022 at 4:30 PM

Location
Topic: December Special Board Meeting
Time: Dec 19, 2022 04:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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

Directors Absent
D. Ortiz, F. Spindler, L. Heisser

Guests Present
Bobby Canosa-Carr (remote), C. Melgares (remote), E. Wyatt (remote), K. Farrar (remote), N. Peters (remote), R. Spencer (remote), S. Roditti (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

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

D. Krishna made a motion to Pass.
C. Langston seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

C. Call the Meeting to Order

T. Bell called a meeting of the board of directors of Equitas Academy Charter School to order on Monday Dec 19, 2022 at 4:35 PM.

II. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

No public comment.

III. Org Update

A. Universal Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Plan

P. Reddy made a motion to Pass.
C. Langston seconded the motion.
Our Why:

- Prepare four-year-olds for success in kindergarten

Promoting Kindergarten Readiness by:

- Ensuring equity and access
- Low scholar-to-adult ratios in TK classrooms
- Instill wonder and curiosity
- Focused on early literacy, writing, and foundational math concepts

Staffing in the UTK Classroom:

- Scholar to adult ratio of 12:1
- 1 teacher and 1 instructional aide for each classroom

Curriculum Alignment:

- California Preschool Learning Foundations and the State Standards

Enrollment & Staffing:

- One classroom for EQ, EQ3 & EQ5
- Two classrooms for EQ6

Questions:

- Catie - Do you have research for the demand of this program? *Yes, we've had interest over the past few years.*
- Alyssa - Do you have any concerns with filling staffing? *We can fill these positions with current staff.*

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

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

IV. 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 4:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. Bell