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Equitas Academy Charter School

Minutes

August Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday August 31, 2023 at 3:00 PM

Location
1612 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA

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4324 Franklin Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90027
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Topic: August Board Meeting
When: Aug 31, 2023 03:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Directors Present
C. Langston (remote), D. Ortiz, O. Bajracharya, T. Bell

Directors Absent
A. Santino, L. Heisser, P. Reddy

Guests Present
Alaina Pariano, Andres Figueroa, B. Badillo, B. Canosa-Carr, C. Lowry, C. Melgares, J. Edelman, J. Freeman, J. Rudolph, Jose Gonzalez, Junior Rayas, K. Farrar, K. Gouveia, Kawika Chun, Luis Aguilar (remote), N. Peters, Prabhu Reddy, R. McKenzie (remote), R. Spencer, S.

Jauregui (remote), S. Pacheco, S. Roditti, Seidy Pacheco, Susan Sarceno (remote), T. Hollenberg, Vivian Pena (remote), Y. Chiquito

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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 Aug 31, 2023 at 3:12 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

O. Bajracharya made a motion to approve the minutes from June Board Meeting on 06-29-23.
D. Ortiz seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

II. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

No public comment.

III. Closed Session - CEO Performance

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Gov. Code section 54957(e). Title: Chief Executive Officer

Board met to perform CEO performance and no action was taken.

IV. Consent

A. '22-'23 Spring Consolidated Application (Conapp)

O. Bajracharya made a motion to Pass '22-'23 Spring Consolidated Application (Conapp).
D. Ortiz seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

B. Education Protection Act Resolution '23-'24 and Final Expenditures '22-'23

O. Bajracharya made a motion to Pass Education Protection Act Resolution '23-'24 and Final Expenditures '22-'23.
D. Ortiz seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

V. Organization Updates

A. Launch of “One Team, One Dream”

Sofia Roditti shared organizational updates, specifically: Organizational Spotlight: Summer Highlights and Launch of “One Team, One Dream”.

Robert Spencer shared on curriculum updates and answered questions from the Board.
Jessica Edelman shared on talent updates and answered questions from the Board.
Seidy Pacheco shared on enrollment/marketing and answered questions from the Board.
Sofia Roditti shared on strategic planning and answered questions from the Board.

B. '22-'23 LAUSD Oversight Reports

Cecilia Melgares presented on LAUSD Oversight Reports.

C. '22-'23 Unaudited Financials for Approval

D. Ortiz made a motion to Pass '22-'23 Unaudited Financials for Approval.
O. Bajracharya seconded the motion.
Yug Fon presented the '22-'23 Unaudited Financials for Approval.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Employee Retention Credit (ERC)

O. Bajracharya made a motion to Pass Employee Retention Credit (ERC).
D. Ortiz seconded the motion.
Jason Rudolph presented on Employee Retention Credit (ERC).
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

E. Updated Reclassification Criteria

C. Langston made a motion to Pass the Updated Reclassification Criteria.
O. Bajracharya seconded the motion.
Jennifer Freeman presented on Updated Reclassification Criteria.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

F. Break

VI. Resource Development

A. Committee Goals

Catie Langston presented on '23-'24 Resource Development committee goals.

VII. Academic Accountability

A. Committee Goals

Oliver Bajracharya presented on '23-'24 Academic Accountability committee goals.

VIII. Governance Committee

A. New Vice Chair Role

D. Ortiz made a motion to Pass New Vice Chair Role.
O. Bajracharya seconded the motion.
Tyler Bell presented on New Vice Chair role.

- Vice Chair Proposal:
  - Academic Accountability - Sylvia Jauregui
  - Resource Development - Ray McKenzie
  - Finance - Tom Hollenberg
  - Governance - Tyler Bell

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

Roll Call

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

B. New Board Member Appointments

D. Ortiz made a motion to Pass New Board Member Appointments.
C. Langston seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Board Calendar for '23-'24

O. Bajracharya made a motion to Pass Board Calendar for '23-'24 as amended for the board retreat as May 17-18, 2024.
C. Langston seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Committee Goals

Tyler Bell discussed committee goals for the Governance committee.

IX. Brown Act Training

A. Brown Act Training

Jason Rudolph, Esq. presented on the annual training on Brown Act training, which requires us to conduct all business in open sessions (except in limited circumstances).

X. Culmination of Meeting

A. Announcements

Tyler Bell made an announcement on what is a good board.

B. Evaluation of Meeting

XI. 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 6:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. Bell