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Equitas Academy Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday October 26, 2023 at 3:00 PM

Location
1612 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90015

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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
A. Santino, C. Langston (remote), D. Ortiz, L. Heisser, O. Bajracharya, P. Reddy, R. McKenzie (remote), S. Jauregui, T. Bell, T. Hollenberg

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Directors Absent
None

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
D. Ortiz, L. Heisser

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned
C. Langston, R. McKenzie, S. Jauregui

Guests Present
A. Figueroa, Antonio Vargas, B. Canosa-Carr, C. Melgares, Carla Perez, Edwin Garnica, J. Edelman, J. Freeman, J. Rayas, J. Rudolph, K. Farrar, Kaitlyn Vargas, L. Lofton, L. Mitre, Miriam Janet Pineda, N. Peters, R. Spencer, S. Roditti, Stephanie Leon, Sylvia Jauregui, V. Pena, 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 Oct 26, 2023 at 3:01 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

O. Bajracharya made a motion to Approve the minutes from August Board Meeting on 08-31-23.
C. Langston seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

R. McKenzie	Aye
A. Santino	Aye
L. Heisser	Absent
S. Jauregui	Absent
T. Bell	Aye
O. Bajracharya	Aye
C. Langston	Aye
D. Ortiz	Absent
T. Hollenberg	Aye
P. Reddy	Aye

II. Public Comment

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Public Comment

No public comment was made.

III. Closed Session

A. CEO Performance

L. Heisser arrived at 3:12 PM.
D. Ortiz arrived at 3:20 PM.

IV. Organization Updates

A. Organizational Spotlight: Alumni Update - Presentation

Lilia Mitre introduced Equitas Alumni Kaitlin Vargas, class 2026. She was the recipient of Equitas High School Scholarship.

Lilia introduced Equitas Edwin Garnica, Equitas Alumni, class 2030.

B. Alumni Profile Exercise

Consultant Mark Kleger-Heine lead the Board members through a strategic planning exercise developing the Equitas graduate profile.

C. Strong Start Updates

Strong Start Updates:

- Sofia Roditti shared an update on the organizational dashboard
- Robert Spencer and Jennifer Freeman shared an update and review of academic data.
- Jason Rudolph shared enrollment updates.
- Jessica Edelman shared updates talent and staff retention.
- Kate Farrar shared Alumni and High school partnership updates.
- Yug Fon shared a financial update.

D. Charter Renewal - Presentation

Jason Rudolph shared a presentation on the charter renewal process and current renewal legislation.
C. Langston left at 6:00 PM.
S. Jauregui left at 6:12 PM.

R. McKenzie left at 6:07 PM.

E. Break

F. Fiscal Updates

P. Reddy made a motion to Approve September '23 Monthly Financials.
T. Hollenberg seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

O. Bajracharya	Aye
P. Reddy	Aye
A. Santino	Aye
D. Ortiz	Aye
T. Hollenberg	Aye
L. Heisser	Aye
C. Langston	Absent
R. McKenzie	Absent
S. Jauregui	Absent
T. Bell	Aye

G. Facilities Holdings/Pico Union Collective - Presentation

P. Reddy made a motion to Approve Board Appointment Slate for PUC.
O. Bajracharya seconded the motion.
Valerie Bramea
Sofia Roditti
Eric Barlow
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

T. Bell	Aye
R. McKenzie	Absent
O. Bajracharya	Aye
C. Langston	Absent
S. Jauregui	Absent
P. Reddy	Aye
A. Santino	Aye
D. Ortiz	Aye
L. Heisser	Aye
T. Hollenberg	Aye

H. Closure of Pacific Western Bank Account(s)

A. Santino made a motion to Approve the closure of Western Bank Account(s).
P. Reddy seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

I. English Learner Master Plan

D. Ortiz made a motion to Approve Updates to the English Learner Plan.
T. Bell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

A. Santino	Aye
D. Ortiz	Aye
L. Heisser	Aye
C. Langston	Absent
R. McKenzie	Absent
T. Hollenberg	Aye
O. Bajracharya	Aye
P. Reddy	Aye
S. Jauregui	Absent
T. Bell	Aye

V. Governance Committee

A. Committee Goals

Lindsey Heisser gave an update on Bylaw amendments that are not necessary for upcoming action.

VI. 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 6:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. Bell