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## Equitas Academy Charter School

### Minutes

#### Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Thursday October 26, 2023 at 3:00 PM

#### Location

1612 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90015

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1700 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90015

2723 W 8th St, Los Angeles, CA 90005

1050 Beacon Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015

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#### Topic: August Board Meeting

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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**

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

**II. Public Comment**

**A.**

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

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

L. Heisser Aye  
A. Santino Aye  
T. Hollenberg Aye  
T. Bell Aye  
S. Jauregui Absent  
C. Langston Absent  
P. Reddy 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**

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