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Equitas Academy Charter School

Minutes

April Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday April 25, 2024 at 3:00 PM

Location
1612 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA

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Directors Present
A. Santino (remote), C. Langston (remote), D. Ortiz, O. Bajracharya, P. Reddy, S. Jauregui, T. Bell, T. Hollenberg

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Directors Absent
L. Heisser, R. McKenzie

Guests Present
Amanda Pardo, B. Canosa-Carr, C. Melgares, Carla Perez, Carla Perez, Corrie Janssens, J. Edelman, J. Freeman, J. Gonzalez, J. Rayas, J. Rudolph, Julie Chang, K. Farrar, K. Gouveia, Kawika Chun, L. Lofton, N. Peters (remote), R. Spencer, S. Roditti, Samira Estilai, 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 Apr 25, 2024 at 3:17 PM.

C. EQ5 & EQ6 Scholar Performance

EQ5/6 scholars shared a drum performance with the Board.

D. Approve Minutes

D. Ortiz made a motion to approve the minutes from February Board Meeting on 02-22-24.
C. Langston seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

E. Approve Minutes

D. Ortiz made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Board Meeting on 03-19-24.
C. Langston seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

II. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

There was no public comment made during this meeting.

III. Public Report on Action Taken in Closed-Session

A. Student Discipline, Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, and Conference with Legal Counsel--Anticipated Litigation

There was no action taken in closed session.

IV. Organization Updates

A. Principal Presentations

Robert Spencer and 3 school directors presented updates on their respective school dashboards.

B. EQ2 Renewal Update

Carla Perez, Jason Rudolph and Robert Spencer shared updates on the EQ2 charter renewal process.

C. Strategic Planning Update

Sofia Roditti presented an update on the the Strategic Planning Process.

D. Finish Strong

Robert Spencer and Jason Rudolph shared details on the CA Distinguished School status awarded to EQ2 and EQ4.
Jessica Edelman shared updates on talent data.
Jason Rudolph shared updates on enrollment and absenteeism.
Jennifer Freeman shared updates on academic supports and after school programming.

E. Break

F. Monthly Financials

P. Reddy made a motion to Approve February 24' Monthly Financials.
S. Jauregui seconded the motion.
Yug Fon Chiquito presented a fiscal update.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

G. Second Interim Reports

T. Hollenberg made a motion to Approve Second Interim Reports.
P. Reddy seconded the motion.
Yug Fon Chiquito presented second interim reports.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

H. '24-'25 Network Fee Structure

T. Hollenberg made a motion to Approve Updated Network Fee Structure.
O. Bajracharya seconded the motion.
Jason Rudolph presented updates on the updated Network fee structure.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

I. FY22-23 Audit Report

This is not a voting item; audit previously approved by board.

J. School Safety Plan Updates

C. Langston made a motion to Approve School Safety Plan Addendum.
O. Bajracharya seconded the motion.
Cecilia Melgares shared details on the safety plan addendum.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

K. English Learner Master Plan

O. Bajracharya made a motion to Approve the English Learner Master Plan.
P. Reddy seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

R. McKenzie	Absent
T. Hollenberg	Aye
C. Langston	Aye
D. Ortiz	Aye
P. Reddy	Aye
S. Jauregui	Aye

Roll Call

O. Bajracharya	Aye
A. Santino	Aye
T. Bell	Aye
L. Heisser	Absent

L. Woodcraft Rangers Summer Program Contract

Jennifer Freeman provided updates on the Woodcraft Rangers Summer Program Contract.

M. Afterschool Program Request for Proposals ("RFPs")

Jennifer Freeman provided updates on the After School Program RFP process.

V. Resource Devlopment Committee

A. Update on '23-'24 Goals

Catie Langston provided updates on the 23-24 Resource Development Goals.

VI. Academic Accountability Committee

A. Update on '23-'24 Goals

Alyssa Santino Academic committee updates.

VII. Finance Committee

A. Update on '23-'24 Goals

Prabhu Reddy and Tom Holland shared Financial Committee updates.

VIII. Governance Committee

A. Update on '23-'24 Goals

Committee provided updates on committee goals.

B. New Board Member Appointment

O. Bajracharya made a motion to Approve Moises Gomez as New Board Appointment.
S. Jauregui seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

P. Reddy	Aye
R. McKenzie	Absent
D. Ortiz	Aye
C. Langston	Aye

Roll Call

T. Hollenberg	Aye
S. Jauregui	Aye
L. Heisser	Absent
O. Bajracharya	Aye
T. Bell	Aye
A. Santino	Aye

C. Board Retreat Update

Shared updates on the Board Retreat scheduled on May 17-18th at the LA Athletics Club.

IX. 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 6:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. Bell