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## Equitas Academy Charter School

### Minutes

#### April Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Thursday April 25, 2024 at 3:00 PM

**Location**

1612 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA

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1700 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90015

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**Topic: April Board Meeting**

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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

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

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

O. Bajracharya Aye

T. Bell Aye

C. Langston Aye

L. Heisser Absent

R. McKenzie Absent

P. Reddy Aye

S. Jauregui Aye

D. Ortiz Aye

T. Hollenberg Aye

A. Santino 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**

T. Bell Aye

C. Langston Aye

D. Ortiz Aye

L. Heisser Absent

A. Santino Aye

P. Reddy Aye

S. Jauregui Aye

R. McKenzie Absent

O. Bajracharya Aye

T. Hollenberg Aye

**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**

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

**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**

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

C. Langston Aye  
T. Bell Aye  
T. Hollenberg Aye  
P. Reddy Aye  
D. Ortiz Aye  
L. Heisser Absent

**Roll Call**

A. Santino Aye  
R. McKenzie Absent  
S. Jauregui Aye  
O. Bajracharya Aye

**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 Development 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**

C. Langston Aye  
T. Bell Aye  
A. Santino Aye  
O. Bajracharya Aye

**Roll Call**

S. Jauregui	Aye
P. Reddy	Aye
D. Ortiz	Aye
R. McKenzie	Absent
T. Hollenberg	Aye
L. Heisser	Absent

**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