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## Equitas Academy Charter School

### Minutes

#### September Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Thursday September 19, 2024 at 3:30 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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2420 Mathews Ave #A, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

#### Topic: September Board Meeting

When: Sep 19, 2024 03:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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**Directors Present**

L. Heisser, M. Gomez, P. Reddy, T. Bell, T. Hollenberg

**Directors Absent**

C. Langston, D. Ortiz, R. McKenzie, S. Jauregui

**Guests Present**

Adriana Perez, Alaina Pariano, Alberto Rojo, Arlet Badillo, B. Canosa-Carr, B. Rush, C. Melgares, H. Greene, J. Edelman, J. Freeman, J. Gonzalez, J. Rayas, J. Rudolph, Joanna

Montgomery, K. Farrar, K. Gouveia, Kyle, L. Lofton, L. Mitre, Lourdes Villasenor, Luis Aguilar (remote), Mike Matlock, N. Peters (remote), R. Spencer, S. Estilai (remote), S. Roditti, V. Pena

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance and Guests

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

L. Heisser called a meeting of the board of directors of Equitas Academy Charter School to order on Thursday Sep 19, 2024 at 3:30 PM.

### C. Musical Performance - Flagship 4th Grade Scholars

Scholars from the Music class at EQ-Flagship joined the meeting and shared a musical performance with the Board.

### D. Approve Minutes

T. Bell made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Board Meeting on 08-08-24.

M. Gomez seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

T. Bell	Aye
P. Reddy	Aye
T. Hollenberg	Aye
M. Gomez	Aye
C. Langston	Absent
D. Ortiz	Absent
R. McKenzie	Absent
L. Heisser	Aye
S. Jauregui	Absent

## II. Public Comment

### A. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

## III. Public Report on Action Taken in Closed-Session

### A. Public Report on Action Taken in Closed-Session

There was no action taken in closed session. The closed session board meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

## IV. Organizational Updates

### A. Principal Presentation

Alaina Pariano, Equitas Flahship Principal shared a presentation on Academic Growth Cycles.

### B. Alumni Scholarships

Lilia Mltre shared a presentation on Alumni Scholarships.

### C. Community Schools & Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism (DEIA) Highlights

Brittany Rush and Jennifer Freeman presented DEIA Highlights.

### D. Presentation of Equitas 2030 Organizational Updates Deck

The 2030 Organizational updates were presented by Robert Spencer, Sofia Roditti, Jason Rudolph, and Jessica Edelman.

### E. Break

### F. '23-'24 LAUSD Oversight Reports

Cecilia Melgares presented on the '23-'24 LAUSD Oversight Reports.

### G. '23-'24 Unaudited Financials

T. Bell made a motion to Approving '23-'24 Unaudited Financials.

P. Reddy seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

L. Heisser	Aye
P. Reddy	Aye
D. Ortiz	Absent
R. McKenzie	Absent
T. Bell	Aye
T. Hollenberg	Aye
S. Jauregui	Absent
C. Langston	Absent
M. Gomez	Aye

### H. Adopted Core Curriculum

T. Hollenberg made a motion to Approve Adopted Core Curriculum.  
T. Bell seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

P. Reddy Aye  
D. Ortiz Absent  
L. Heisser Aye  
C. Langston Absent  
M. Gomez Aye  
S. Jauregui Absent  
T. Bell Aye  
T. Hollenberg Aye  
R. McKenzie Absent

**I. English Learner Master Plan**

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

**Roll Call**

D. Ortiz Absent  
L. Heisser Aye  
M. Gomez Aye  
R. McKenzie Absent  
P. Reddy Aye  
C. Langston Absent  
S. Jauregui Absent  
T. Bell Aye  
T. Hollenberg Aye

**V. Finance**

**A. Committee Goals**

Prabhu Reddy shared the the primary financial committee goals.

**VI. Governance Committee**

**A. Board Member Recognition & Acceptance of Resignation**

P. Reddy made a motion to Approve Board Member Recognition & Acceptance of Resignation of Oliver Bajracharya.  
M. Gomez seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

P. Reddy Aye

**Roll Call**

T. Hollenberg Aye  
R. McKenzie Absent  
T. Bell Abstain  
S. Jauregui Absent  
L. Heisser Aye  
D. Ortiz Absent  
M. Gomez Aye  
C. Langston Absent

**B. Committee Goals**

**VII. Culmination of Meeting**

**A. Announcements**

**B. Evaluation of Meeting**

Musical Performance was appreciated

Organizational updates were excellent and aligned with the 2030 goals.

**VIII. 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 5:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
L. Heisser