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Equitas Academy Charter School

Minutes

December Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday December 12, 2024 at 3:30 PM

Location
1612 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90015

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Directors Present
C. Langston, D. Ortiz, L. Heisser, M. Gomez, P. Reddy, S. Jauregui, T. Hollenberg

Directors Absent
R. McKenzie, T. Bell

Guests Present

C. Melgares, J. Edelman, J. Freeman, J. Rudolph, K. Farrar (remote), N. Peters, R. Spencer, S. Roditti

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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 Dec 12, 2024 at 3:35 PM.

C. Scholar Speakers

Two EQ2 scholars, Marcia Juarez and Violet Gonzalez, presented to the board on what they presented to the LAUSD board for the EQ2 charter renewal on 11/19/24.

D. Approve Minutes

C. Langston made a motion to approve the minutes from October Board Meeting on 10-24-24.
M. Gomez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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

II. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

No public comment.

III. Public Report on Action Taken in Closed-Session

A. Public Report on Action Taken in Closed-Session

Board met to discuss CEO mid-year review and there is no action taken.

IV. Organizational Updates

A. Key Strategies to Achieve Breakthrough Academic Results

Robert Spencer and Jennifer Freeman presented on key strategies to achieve breakthrough academic results for emergent bilingual scholars and scholars with disabilities.

B. Principal Presentation

Carla Perez (Principal at EQ2) presented on:

- Reading proficiency goals/wildly important goal.

C. Board Resolution

P. Reddy made a motion to Approve Board Resolution.
S. Jauregui seconded the motion.
Jason Rudolph present on board resolution and board to vote on submission of request for material revision regarding Equitas Academy Charter Schools, Inc. merger and acquisition of Collegiate Charter High School of Los Angeles.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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

D. CEO Fundraising Update

Sofia Roditti, CEO, presented to the board on fundraising goals and the amount to get to these goals for:

- TK-12 expansion
- Literacy and Language Acquisition

Sofia also presented on fundraising amount so far, this fiscal year.

E. Equitas Approach Priorities

Staff answered questions from the board on regarding:

- Organizational updates including iReady
- Reading proficiency
- Math SBAC Proficiency
- iReady
- Chronic Absenteeism
- Board support for WIG
- Student belonging
- Student Site Council (SSC)
- Parent Action Team

F. Break

G. '23-'24 Audit

D. Ortiz made a motion to Approve '23-'24 audit.
M. Gomez seconded the motion.
Lili Huang (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP) presented to the board on the '23-'24 financial audit.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

H. Monthly Financials

C. Langston made a motion to Approve monthly financials and first interim report.
P. Reddy seconded the motion.
Jason Rudolph (COO) presented on monthly financials.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

Roll Call

S. Jauregui	Aye

I. Sanctuary Policy

P. Reddy made a motion to Approve the updated sanctuary policy.
L. Heisser seconded the motion.
Dakota Ortiz introduced the policy to the board.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

J. Vision for Equity

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve Vision for Equity.
S. Jauregui seconded the motion.
Brittany Rush (Director of DEIA) provided an update on Vision for Equity policy, including

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

Roll Call

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

K. Equitas Academy #5 Renewal

Jason Rudolph (COO) presented to the board on Equitas Academy #5 renewal, which is fall of 2025.

L. Revised Classroom-Based Attendance Policy & Related Truancy Procedures

T. Hollenberg made a motion to Approve Revised Classroom-Based Attendance Policy & Related Truancy Procedures.

C. Langston seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

V. Consent

A. LAUSD Compliance Monitoring Document

P. Reddy made a motion to Approve LAUSD Compliance Monitoring Document.
S. Jauregui seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Annual Update of the School Safety Plan

P. Reddy made a motion to Approve Annual Update of the School Safety Plan.
S. Jauregui seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

Roll Call

L. Heisser	Aye

VI. Resource Development

A. Committee Goals

C.Langston encouraged everyone to ask their networks to donate.

VII. Academic Accountability

A. Committee Goals

S.Jauregui **shared that two potential committee members toured Equitas today.**

VIII. Finance

A. Committee Goals

T. Hollenberg shared that interest rates are dropping, it is important to prioritize cash investment strategy Q1. One time funds will run out and the school will need to make choices, so it would be helpful to get a multi-year financial model.

IX. Governance Committee

A. Recruitment Updates: New Committee Members

New Committee members have joined and they will be great supports for meeting the strategic goals. The board will vote to approve new committee members to join, the committee they will join still needs to be decided.
M. Gomez made a motion to Approve new committee members to join.
L. Heisser seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Committee Goals

X. 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 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Heisser