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Equitas Academy Charter School

Minutes

April Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday April 10, 2025 at 4:00 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 (remote), T. Bell

Directors Absent

R. McKenzie, T. Hollenberg

Guests Present

A. Cruz, A. Rojo, Aurora Corona, B. Canosa-Carr, C. Melgares, J. Freeman, J. Gonzalez, J. Montgomery, J. Rudolph, K. Farrar, K. Gouveia, L. Villasenor, N. Peters, R. Spencer, S. Estilai, S. Roditti

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 Apr 10, 2025 at 4:38 PM.

C. Poetry Awards: 3rd Annual Poetry Lives in Pico Union Event

Aurora Corona (Pico Union Neighborhood Council) presented Poetry Awards to two scholars for the "3rd Annual Poetry Lives in Pico Union" event.

D. Approve Minutes

T. Bell made a motion to approve the minutes from February Board Meeting on 02-13-25.

P. Reddy seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

II. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

1. Courtney, kindergarten teacher at EQ3, public comment regarding: staff are being affected by budgets. Courtney hopes to increase funds and reinstate these positions in the future. They are very valuable and necessary positions.

III. Public Report on Action Taken in Closed-Session

A. Public Report on Action Taken in Closed-Session

Lindsey Heisser reported out that the board discussed CEO performance during closed session.

IV. Organizational Updates

A. Principal Presentation

Lourdes Villasenor (EQ5/6 Principal) to present to the board on the following:

- Core Values
- Growth Cycle 3 (how are we moving our students forward?)
- Video shown academic interventions at EQ5/6
- Widly Important Goal: Math SBAC Proficiency

B. Verified Data & Renewal

Kyle Gouveia, Robert Spencer & Sofia Roditti presented **verified data and renewal** - the difference between iReady data, verified data and how iReady metrics are used.

C. Break

D. Equitas Priorities

Staff will answer questions, submitted by our board members, focused on the Equitas Approach Priorities:

- Academics
- Well-being
- Advocacy
- Sustainability

E. Monthly Financials

D. Ortiz made a motion to Approve the monthly financials.

T. Bell seconded the motion.

Jason Rudolph and Samira Estilai discuss the monthly financials for Equitas.

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

Roll Call

M. Gomez Aye

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

F. Second Interim Reports

C. Langston made a motion to Approve second interim reports.

M. Gomez seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

G. Name Selection of Equitas/Collegiate

C. Langston made a motion to Approve the name of Equitas/Collegiate.

L. Heisser seconded the motion.

Name: Equitas Collegiate High School

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

Roll Call

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

H. Consideration of Equitas & Collegiate Merger Agreement

Kate Farrar, Chief of Staff, presented advocacy efforts on Equitas and Collegiate merger.

V. Consent

A. '24-'25 Expanded Learning Opportunities Plan

T. Bell made a motion to Approve the '24-'25 Expanded Learning Opportunities Plan.

P. Reddy seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

B. Title III Plan

T. Bell made a motion to Approve Title III Plan.

P. Reddy seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

VI. Resource Development

A. Committee Goals

Catie Langston updated the board on Resource Development goals, including fundraising efforts. Sofia Roditti discussed reaching out to funders.

VII. Academic Accountability

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Committee Goals

Sylvia Jauregui update the board on Academic Accountability goals.

VIII. Finance

A. Committee Goals

Prabhu Reddy updated the board on Finance committee goals.

IX. Governance Committee

A. Committee Goals

Tyler Bell tabled this item.

B. Board Retreat Update

Tyler Bell updated the board on the annual board retreat.

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 6:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Heisser