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## Equitas Academy Charter School

### Minutes

#### June Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Thursday June 26, 2025 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

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**Topic: June Board Meeting**

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## Directors Present

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C. Langston (remote), L. Heisser, M. Gomez, P. Reddy (remote), R. McKenzie, S. Jauregui, T. Hollenberg

**Directors Absent**

D. Ortiz, T. Bell

**Directors who arrived after the meeting opened**

P. Reddy

**Directors who left before the meeting adjourned**

P. Reddy

**Guests Present**

A. Cruz, A. Pariano, B. Canosa-Carr, C. Melgares, J. Edelman, J. Freeman, J. Gonzalez, J. Rayas (remote), J. Rudolph, K. Farrar, L. Lofton, L. Mitre, N. Peters (remote), R. Spencer, S. Estilai, 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 Jun 26, 2025 at 3:53 PM.

**C. Approve Minutes**

M. Gomez made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Retreat Meeting on 05-31-25.

S. Jauregui seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**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

No Action was taken in closed session.

P. Reddy left at 3:53 PM.

### IV. Compensation

#### A. CEO Compensation

R. McKenzie made a motion to CEO Compensation for 25-26'.

T. Hollenberg seconded the motion.

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

##### Roll Call

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

### V. Public Hearing to Review Local Control Accountability Plans (LCAPs)

#### A. Local Control Accountability Plans (LCAPs)

#### B. Local Control Accountability Plans (LCAPs)

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for Equitas Academy, Equitas Academy 2, Equitas Academy 3, Equitas Academy 4, Equitas Academy 5 and Equitas Academy 6.

C. Langston seconded the motion.

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

##### Roll Call

|               |        |
|---------------|--------|
| T. Bell       | Absent |
| R. McKenzie   | Aye    |
| C. Langston   | Aye    |
| T. Hollenberg | Aye    |
| P. Reddy      | Absent |
| L. Heisser    | Aye    |

**Roll Call**

S. Jauregui Aye  
M. Gomez Aye  
D. Ortiz Absent

**VI. Organizational Updates**

**A. Review of California Dashboard '24-'25 Local Indicators**

Robert Spencer shared an update on Local Control Accountability Plan for each Equitas School - Hearing.

**B. Collegiate Merger Update & Agreement**

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve Collegiate Merger Agreement.

C. Langston seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**C. Board Resolution Confirming Merger-Related Lease and Intercept Amendments**

C. Langston made a motion to Approve Board Resolution Confirming Merger Related Lease & Intercept Amendments.

M. Gomez seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**D. Equitas Priorities**

Sofia Roditti, Robert Spencer, Jennifer Freeman and Bobby Canosa-Carr shared details on organizational priorities.

#### **E. EQ5 Charter Renewal**

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve EQ5 Renewal Resolution.

L. Heisser seconded the motion.

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

##### **Roll Call**

D. Ortiz Absent

T. Hollenberg Aye

P. Reddy Absent

C. Langston Aye

M. Gomez Aye

T. Bell Absent

R. McKenzie Aye

S. Jauregui Aye

L. Heisser Aye

P. Reddy arrived at 5:30 PM.

#### **F. '25-'26 Budgets**

T. Hollenberg made a motion to Approve the 25-'26' Budget.

L. Heisser seconded the motion.

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

##### **Roll Call**

P. Reddy Absent

C. Langston Aye

L. Heisser Aye

R. McKenzie Aye

T. Bell Absent

S. Jauregui Aye

M. Gomez Aye

T. Hollenberg Aye

D. Ortiz Absent

#### **G. Monthly Financials**

Monthly Financials were presented by Jason Rudolph. Not vote was required.

#### **H. Dinner Break**

#### **I. School Spotlight**

3 Equitas Alumni shared gratitude and updates on their college journey.

#### **J. School Business Services**

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve School Business Services Contract.

T. Hollenberg seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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

**K. Equitas Academy #3 and Equitas #3 LLC Inter-Agency Facilities  
Receivable/Payable Accounting and Reconciliation**

T. Hollenberg made a motion to Approve Equitas Academy #3 & Equitas Academy #3  
LLC Inter-Agency Facilities Receivable/Payable Accounting and Reconciliation.

R. McKenzie seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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

**L. '25-'26 Equitas Student & Family Handbook**

L. Heisser made a motion to Approve the '25-'26 Equitas Student & Family Handbook.  
M. Gomez seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**M. '25-'26 Equitas Employee Handbook**

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve '25-'26 Equitas Employee Handbook.

C. Langston seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

R. McKenzie Aye

T. Hollenberg Aye

T. Bell Absent

C. Langston Aye

P. Reddy Absent

D. Ortiz Absent

S. Jauregui Aye

L. Heisser Aye

M. Gomez Aye

**N. Credential Limited Assignment Options (LAO)**

R. McKenzie made a motion to Approve Credential Limited Assignment Options (LAO).

M. Gomez seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

P. Reddy Absent

R. McKenzie Aye

T. Hollenberg Aye

T. Bell Absent

M. Gomez Aye

L. Heisser Aye

S. Jauregui Aye

D. Ortiz Absent

C. Langston Aye

**O. Dyslexia Screener**

L. Heisser made a motion to Approve Dyslexia Screener.

M. Gomez seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

C. Langston Aye

R. McKenzie Aye

D. Ortiz Absent

P. Reddy Absent

T. Hollenberg Aye

T. Bell Absent

L. Heisser Aye

**Roll Call**

M. Gomez Aye  
S. Jauregui Aye

**P. Arc After School Program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

C. Langston made a motion to Approve Arc After School Program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

R. McKenzie seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**VII. Consent**

**A. Updated Annual Policies**

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve Updated Annual Policies.

S. Jauregui seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**B. Child & Adult Care Food Program Contract**

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve Child & Adult Care Food Program Contract.

S. Jauregui seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

P. Reddy Absent

**Roll Call**

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

**C. '25-'26 Equitas Fiscal Policies & Procedures**

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve '25-'26 Equitas Fiscal Policies & Procedures.

S. Jauregui seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**D. Education Protection Act Spending Plan '25-'26**

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve Education Protection Act Spending Plan '25-'26.

S. Jauregui seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**E. '24-'25 Spring Consolidated Application (Conapp)**

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve '24-'25 Spring Consolidated Application (Conapp).

S. Jauregui seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**F. Collective LAUSD Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Notification Letter**

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve Collective LAUSD Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Notification Letter.

S. Jauregui seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**G. Amendment to Equitas Academy #4 School Facilities Lease**

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve Amendment to Equitas Academy #4 School Facilities Lease.

S. Jauregui seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**H.**

**Amendment to Equitas Academy #5 School Facilities Lease**

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve Amendment to Equitas Academy #5 School Facilities Lease.

S. Jauregui seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**I. Amendment to Equitas Academy #6 School Facilities Lease**

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve Amendment to Equitas Academy #6 School Facilities Lease.

S. Jauregui seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**J. Amendment to Equitas Collegiate High School Facilities Lease**

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve Amendment to Equitas Collegiate High School Facilities Lease.

S. Jauregui seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

D. Ortiz Absent  
R. McKenzie Aye  
S. Jauregui Aye  
T. Bell Absent  
C. Langston Aye

**Roll Call**

L. Heisser Aye  
P. Reddy Aye  
T. Hollenberg Absent  
M. Gomez Aye

**VIII. Resource Development**

**A. Committee Goals**

Catie Langston shared updates on the 24-25' Resource Committee Goals.

**IX. Governance Committee**

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

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve Committee Member Recognition & Acceptance of Resignation.

L. Heisser seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**B. '25-'26 Board Calendar**

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve '25-'26 Board Calendar.

R. McKenzie seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**C. '25-'26 Nominating Slate**

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve '25-'26 Nominating Slate.

C. Langston seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**D. '25-'26 Board Goals**

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve '25-'26 Board Goals.

T. Hollenberg seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**E. 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 6:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
L. Heisser