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Equitas Academy Charter School

Minutes

June Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday June 26, 2025 at 3:30 PM

Location

1612 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90015

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Directors Present

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

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

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

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

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

L. Heisser	Aye
C. Langston	Aye
R. McKenzie	Aye
T. Hollenberg	Aye
T. Bell	Absent
M. Gomez	Aye

Roll Call

P. Reddy	Absent
D. Ortiz	Absent
S. Jauregui	Aye

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

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

P. Reddy Absent

S. Jauregui Aye

T. Bell Absent

R. McKenzie Aye

T. Hollenberg Aye

M. Gomez Aye

L. Heisser Aye

D. Ortiz Absent

C. Langston 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

S. Jauregui Aye

R. McKenzie Aye

T. Hollenberg Aye

M. Gomez Aye

T. Bell Absent

P. Reddy Absent

L. Heisser Aye

C. Langston 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll Call

S. Jauregui Aye
M. Gomez 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roll Call

L. Heisser Aye
R. McKenzie Aye
M. Gomez Aye
S. Jauregui 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

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

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

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

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

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