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EQUITAS ACADEMY

Equitas Academy Charter School

Minutes

September Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday September 11, 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

2723 W 8th St, Los Angeles, CA 90005

1050 Beacon Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015

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Topic: September Board Meeting

When: Sep 11, 2025 03:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Directors Present

D. Ortiz (remote), L. Heisser, M. Gomez, P. Reddy (remote), T. Bell, T. Hollenberg (remote)

Directors Absent

C. Langston, R. McKenzie, S. Jauregui

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned

T. Bell

Guests Present

A. Cruz, A. Pariano, A. Rojo, B. Canosa-Carr, B. Rush, Brooke Rios, C. Janssens, C. Melgares, Estella Zarate, J. Edelman, J. Freeman, J. Gonzalez, J. Montgomery, J. Rayas, J. Rudolph, K. Farrar, K. Gouveia, L. Lofton, L. Mitre, L. Villasenor, Luis Aguilar, Maria Garcia, Mariel Garcia, Marina Lopez, N. Peters (remote), S. Estilai, S. Roditti, Susana Sarceno, iPhone (261)(Guest), iPhone (Guest)

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 11, 2025 at 3:58 PM.

C. Presentation of Mirelle Ortega's Visit to EQ3

Jennifer Freeman shared a presentation about developing strong community partnerships.

D. Approve Minutes

T. Bell made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 08-01-25.
M. Gomez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

E. Approve Minutes

T. Bell made a motion to approve the minutes from June Board Meeting on 06-26-25.
L. Heisser seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

II. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

There was no public comment made during this time.

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.

IV. Organizational Updates

A. Principal Presentation

Corrie Janssens, principal of EQ2 shared a presentation and update with the the Board.

B. Organizational Dashboard Updates

Sofia Roditti shared organizational updates about the organizational dashboard along with other members of the Equitas team.

T. Bell left at 5:16 PM.

C. Equitas Priorities

Sofia Roditti shared updates on Equitas priorities.

D. Equitas Collegiate High School (ECHS) Updates

Brook Rios shared Equitas Collegiate High School (ECHS) Updates.

E. Break

F.

'24-'25 Unaudited Financials

T. Hollenberg made a motion to Approve '24-'25 Unaudited Financials.

M. Gomez seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

G. English Learner Master Plan

D. Ortiz made a motion to Approve English Learner Master Plan.

L. Heisser seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

H. Updated Reclassification Criteria

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve Updated Reclassification Criteria.

D. Ortiz seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

I. Adopted Core Curriculum

D. Ortiz made a motion to Approve Adopted Core Curriculum.

L. Heisser seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

V. Consent

A. '24-'25 LAUSD Oversight Reports

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve '24-'25 LAUSD Oversight Reports.

P. Reddy seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

B. Arts, Music, & Instructional Materials Block Grant Plans

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve Arts, Music, & Instructional Materials Block Grant Plans.

P. Reddy seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

S. Jauregui	Absent
D. Ortiz	Aye
L. Heisser	Aye
R. McKenzie	Absent

Roll Call

P. Reddy Aye
T. Hollenberg Aye
T. Bell Absent
C. Langston Absent
M. Gomez Aye

C. Equitas Academy Charter Schools – Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding '24-'25 Annual Reports

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve Equitas Academy Charter Schools – Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding '24-'25 Annual Reports.

P. Reddy seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

D. Certification of Signatures of Board Members and Authorized Signers

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve Certification of Signatures of Board Members and Authorized Signers.

P. Reddy seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

E. Resolution to Issue Funds

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve Resolution to Issue Funds.

P. Reddy seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

VI. Resource Development

A. Committee Goals

Dakota Ortiz shared updates on Resource Development Committee goals.

VII. Academic Accountability

A. Committee Goals

Lindsey Heisser shared updates on Academic Accountability Committee goals.

VIII. Finance

A. Committee Goals

Tom Hollenberg shared updates on Governance Committee goals.

IX. Governance Committee

A. Committee Member Recognition & Acceptance of Resignation

L. Heisser made a motion to Approve Committee Member Recognition & Acceptance of Resignation for Carmina Osuna.

D. Ortiz seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

Roll Call

S. Jauregui Absent

B. Committee Goals

Moises Gomez shared updates on Governance Committee goals.

C. Governance Training Updates

Moises Gomez shared updates on upcoming required board & committee trainings.

X. Board Updates

A. Board Goals

Lindsey Heisser shared updates on board goal monitoring for the 25-26 school year.

XI. Culmination of Meeting

A. Announcements

Is dinner still a desired portion of the Board Meeting and when?

Should closed sessions remain at the top of the meeting time?

Any new ideas for upcoming school year?

B. Evaluation of Meeting

XII. 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 6:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Heisser