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EQUITAS ACADEMY

## Equitas Academy Charter School

### Minutes

#### September Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Thursday September 11, 2025 at 3:30 PM

**Location**

1612 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90015

Additional call-in locations:

1700 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90015

2723 W 8th St, Los Angeles, CA 90005

1050 Beacon Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015

2501 W 7th St, Los Angeles, CA 90057

3731 W 227th St, Torrance, CA 90505

645 W 9th St, Unit 213, Los Angeles, CA 90015

11100 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles CA 90025

1044 12th St. Santa Monica, CA 90403

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**

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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)

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

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

**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

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

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

### 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

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

## 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

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

### 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

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

**Roll Call**

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

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

**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**

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

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

**Roll Call**

T. Hollenberg Aye

**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