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Equitas Academy Charter School

Minutes

December Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday December 11, 2025 at 3:30 PM

Location

1612 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90015

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Topic: December Board Meeting

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

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Directors Present

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

Directors Absent

None

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

D. Ortiz, T. Bell

Guests Present

N. Peters

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 Dec 11, 2025 at 3:35 PM.

C. EQ5 Student Speakers

D. Approve Minutes

M. Gomez made a motion to approve the minutes from October Board Meeting on 10-23-25.

P. Reddy seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

Staff discussed CEO performance and student discipline during closed-session.

IV. Organizational Updates

A. '24-'25 Audit

Jason Rudolph and CLA Team (Lili Huang, Tyler Roberts, and Bethany King) presented on the Equitas '24-'25 audit and findings.

- T. Bell arrived at 3:49 PM.
- D. Ortiz arrived at 3:56 PM.
- P. Reddy made a motion to Approve '24-'25 Equitas Audit.
- C. Langston seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

B. FY2025 Audit Report for Collegiate Charter High School of Los Angeles

D. Ortiz made a motion to Approve FY25 Collegiate Charter High School of Los Angeles audit.

M. Gomez seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

C.

Principal Presentation

Alaina Pariano (EQ Principal) presented on phonics and how it relates to Growth Cycle 2.

- Dibbles assessment
- Progress monitoring

D. Key Strategies to Achieve Breakthrough Academic Results

Jennifer Freeman and Melissa Lawrence present on key strategies to achieve breakthrough academic results for students with disabilities, including distinctions between meeting IEP goals and SBAC goals.

Highlights:

- Increase of SPED services at Equitas
- Increase of autism across the country
- SBAC data (ELA & Math)
- Supportive team

E. Equitas Approach Priorities

Staff answered questions submitted by our board members, focused on: Equitas 2030 Priorities. Questions included:

- Kindergarten enrollment, focus on TK and K
- Attendance rate
- Attendance and supporting chronic absenteeism
- Charter renewal
- Driver action plans
- High school redesign
- Equitastic strategies: elementary vs. secondary, change process

F. Break

Staff and board members took a 5 minute break.

G. Outcomes of the California Dashboard

Bobby Canosa-Carr presented on the Outcomes of the California Dashboard. Dashboard metrics include:

- Chronic Absenteeism Suspension Rate
- English Learner Progress
- English Language Arts

- Mathematics
- Graduation Rate (HS only)
- College / Career (HS only)

H. Equitas Collegiate High School (ECHS) Updates

M. Gomez made a motion to Change agenda item to IV. F.

T. Hollenberg seconded the motion.

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

Chris Copolillo presented on the following ECHS updates:

- Enrollment & Attendance
- Recruitment & Applications
- Semester 2 Planning
- ECHS advisory committee is sunsetting

I. Community Schools Implementation Plan

Jennifer Freeman presented on the Community Schools implementation plan, including goals and implementation plan actions.

V. Consent

A. Monthly Financials (FY26 First Interim)

D. Ortiz made a motion to Approved Monthly Financials (FY26 First Interim).

T. Bell seconded the motion.

Jason Rudolph presented on monthly financials (FY26 first interim), including budget, enrollment, revenue, and reserves.

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

Roll Call

T. Hollenberg Aye

R. McKenzie Aye

T. Bell Aye

M. Gomez Aye

S. Jauregui Aye

D. Ortiz Aye

P. Reddy Aye

C. Langston Aye

L. Heisser Aye

B. LAUSD Compliance Monitoring Document

D. Ortiz made a motion to Approve LAUSD Compliance Monitoring Document.
T. Bell seconded the motion.
LAUSD checklist that completes our compliance documents.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Annual Update of the School Safety Plan

D. Ortiz made a motion to Approve Annual Update of the School Safety Plan.
T. Bell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

VI. Resource Development

A. Committee Goals

Catie Langston provided an update on goals for '25-'26 with a focus on circles of giving.

VII. Academic Accountability

A. Committee Goals

Sylvia Jauregui provided an update on goals for '25-'26.

VIII. Finance

A. Committee Goals

Tom Hollenberg provided an update on goals for '25-'26.

IX. Governance Committee

A. Committee Goals

Tyler Bell provided an update on goals for '25-'26, including reaching out to networks to join a committee.

X. Board Updates

A. Board Goals

Lindsey Heisser provided an update on overall board goals, including reaching out to networks and supporting ECHS.

XI. 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 5:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. Heisser