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EQUITAS ACADEMY

Equitas Academy Charter School

Minutes

February Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday February 5, 2026 at 3:30 PM

Location

1612 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90015

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Topic: February Board Meeting

When: Feb 5, 2026 03:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Directors Present

C. Langston (remote), L. Heisser, P. Reddy, R. McKenzie (remote), T. Hollenberg

Directors Absent

D. Ortiz, M. Gomez, S. Jauregui, T. Bell

Guests Present

A. Cruz, A. Pariano, A. Rojo, B. Canosa-Carr, C. Melgares, E. Rodriguez, J. Edelman, J. Freeman, J. Gonzalez, J. Montgomery, J. Rayas, J. Rudolph, K. Farrar, K. Gouveia (remote), N. Peters (remote), 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 Feb 5, 2026 at 3:39 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

T. Hollenberg made a motion to approve the minutes from December Board Meeting on 12-11-25.

R. McKenzie seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

Lindsey Heisser, Board Chair, reported that the board met in closed session to discuss the CEO performance.

IV. Organizational Updates

A. Principal Presentation

Joanna Montgomery, EQ3's principal presented on the following:

- First Joanna shared a short video of 4th graders performing: "Sing About Martin", a song about MLK Jr, racial equity, love, and peace.
- Growth Cycle 3 focusing on reading proficiency.

B. Renewal Process Update—EQ Flagship, EQ3, EQ4 & EQ6

Bobby Canosa-Carr, Kyle Gouveia and Jason Rudolph offered updates on the upcoming charter petition renewal processes for EQ Flagship, EQ3, EQ4 & EQ6 and the related charter renewal data summary.

C. Material Revision to Consolidate EQ6 into EQ5

Jason Rudolph updated the board on the potential material revision under consideration to consolidate EQ5 and EQ6, which was initially discussed during the 1/30/26 special board meeting.

D. Equitas Priorities

Staff answered questions, submitted by our board members, focused on the Equitas Approach Priorities, including:

- Academic Program
- Renewals & Mergers
- 2026-27 Enrollment
- 2026-27 Plan & Budget
- Finance

E. Break

Staff and board took a 5 minute break.

F. Form 700/Conflict of Interest

Form 700/Conflict of Interest will not be discussed during this meeting.

G. Declaration of Need

P. Reddy made a motion to Approve the '26-'27 school year: Equitas Academy Charter Declaration of Need and '25-'26 school year: Equitas Collegiate High School.

R. McKenzie seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

H. Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) MOY Review

Sue Andres-Brown provided an update on Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) mid-year review.

V. Consent

A. Monthly Financials

C. Langston made a motion to Approve monthly financials.

R. McKenzie seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

B. School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs)

C. Langston made a motion to Approve annual School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs).

R. McKenzie seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

R. McKenzie Aye

Roll Call

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

C. '26-'27 Academic Calendar

C. Langston made a motion to Approve '26-'27 Academic Calendar.

R. McKenzie seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

VI. Resource Development

A. Committee Goals

Catie Langston provided an update on goals for '25-'26 with a focus on circles of giving and the upcoming March Madness fundraiser.

VII. Academic Accountability

A. Committee Goals

Bobby Canosa-Carr 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

Lindsey Heisser and Kate Farrar provided an update on goals for '25-'26 with a focus on recruitment for new committee members and the project timeline.

X. Board Updates

A. Board Goals

Lindsey Heisser provided an update on overall board goals for '25-'26.

XI. Culmination of Meeting

A. Announcements

B. Evaluation of Meeting

Prabhu Reddy enjoyed the principal presentation from Joanna Montgomery (EQ3) - he thought it really brought things to life.

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 5:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Heisser