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Equitas Academy Charter School

Minutes

Board Retreat

Date and Time

Saturday May 16, 2026 at 9:15 AM

Location

431 W 7th St, Los Angeles, CA 90014

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1612 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90015

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2723 W 8th St, Los Angeles, CA 90005

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Topic: **May Board Meeting - Board Retreat**

When: May 16, 2026 08:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Directors Present

D. Ortiz, L. Heisser, M. Gomez, P. Reddy, S. Jauregui, T. Bell, T. Hollenberg

Directors Absent

C. Langston, R. McKenzie

Guests Present

A. Cruz, A. Rojo, A. Verma, B. Canosa-Carr, C. Melgares, H. Greene, J. Rudolph, K. Farrar, N. Peters, 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 Saturday May 16, 2026 at 9:17 AM.

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C. Motion to Adopt the Agenda

M. Gomez made a motion to Approve to adopt the agenda.

T. Hollenberg seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

D. Approve Minutes

D. Ortiz made a motion to approve the minutes from April Board Meeting on 04-23-26.

M. Gomez seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

Roll Call

T. Hollenberg Aye

D. Ortiz Aye

S. Jauregui Aye

II. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

No public comment

III. Board Retreat Session

A. Land Acknowledgement, Framing, Agenda & Objectives

Sofia Roditti and Kate Farrar presented a land acknowledgement, framing, agenda & objectives.

B. Equitas Approach: Academics

Bobby Canosa-Carr presented on belonging as a lever for opportunity and extraordinary learning.

C. Break

Attendees had a 15 minute break.

D. Equitas Approach: Advocacy and Sustainability

Jason Rudolph and Cecilia Melgares facilitated a discussion around enrollment, retention and strategic levers for sustainability.

E. Recommendation to Authorize the Opening of a Vanguard Treasury Money Market Fund Bank Account and to Close the Wells Fargo Vantage Sweep Accounts

T. Hollenberg made a motion to authorize the opening of the recommended Vanguard Treasury Money Market Fund Bank Account and close the existing Wells Fargo Vantage Sweep Account.

P. Reddy seconded the motion.

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

F. Lunch Break

Guests had a 30 minute lunch break.

G. 2026-27 Commitments

The board chair facilitated a discussion around 2026-2027 commitments including affirmation of service and board and committee goals for the upcoming year.

IV. Closing Items

A. Closing of Retreat

CEO Sofia Roditti offered gratitude and a closing focused on belonging.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Heisser