

Youth Policy Institute Charter Schools (YPICS)

Minutes

YPICS Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday July 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Location

The Meeting will be held at:

YPI Charter Schools
Learning and Support Center
10660 White Oak Avenue, Suite B101
Granada Hills, CA 91344

The Public may also access the live stream of the meeting at any of the four (4) YPICS locations or via the Zoom link below: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3813681855>

Presentations from the Public can only be made at one of the four YPICS locations listed.

Bert Corona Charter School
9400 Remick Avenue Pacoima, CA 91331

Bert Corona Charter High School
12513 Gain Street Pacoima, CA 91331

Monseñor Oscar Romero Charter School
2670 W. 11th Street Los Angeles, CA 90006

YPI Charter Schools
Learning and Support Center
10660 White Oak Avenue, Suite B101
Granada Hills, CA 91344

Trustees Present

C. Lopez, D. Cho, M. Keipp, W. Njboke

Trustees Absent

M. Green, S. Mendoza

Guests Present

K. Myers (remote), Nestor Garcia (remote), Y. King-Berg, Y. Zubia (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Keipp called a meeting of the board of trustees of Youth Policy Institute Charter Schools (YPICS) to order on Monday Jul 17, 2023 at 6:03 PM.

C. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

II. Public Hearing

A. Independent Study - California Education Code (EC) Section 51747

Public Hearing

Independent Study - *California Education Code (EC) Section 51747*: The Board will encourage participation from parents, teachers and community members prior to the adoption of written policies related to independent study to be implemented at the YPI Charter schools beginning in the 2023-2024 school year.

III. Communications

A. Presentations from the Public

There were no presentations from the Public.

IV. Items Scheduled for Information

A. YPICS Executive Director's Report

Renewal Extension

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and suspension of the California School Dashboard (Dashboard) in 2020, Assembly Bill (AB) 130 (Committee on Budget, Statutes of 2021) provided all charter schools whose petitions would have expired on or between January 1, 2022, and June 30, 2025, an automatic two-year extension of their charter petition

term. SB 114 extends the term by another year for those charter schools whose term expires on or between January 1, 2024, and June 30, 2027.

Abuse of Discretion AB 1505 (O'Donnell, Statutes of 2019) took effect on January 1, 2020. In combination with AB 1507 (Smith, Statutes of 2019), these bills provided the first comprehensive changes to charter school law since the inception of the Charter School Act of 1992. Among the changes was a new process for charter petition appeals.

Prior to AB 1505, the typical charter school would apply to a school district and, if denied, submit an appeal to the county board of education. If denied by the county board, it would then submit an appeal to the State Board of Education (SBE). In each case, the county board and SBE were effectively conducting their own independent review of the charter petition. With the implementation of AB 1505, this process changed drastically. While charter schools still submit the appeal to the applicable county board, if the county board denies the appeal and it is submitted to the SBE on appeal, the SBE can only reverse the denial of the charter petition if it determines that the school district and/or county board of education abused their discretion when denying the petition.

SB 114 makes a change to this language. Upon enactment, SB 114 states that the SBE can only reverse the denial of a charter petition if it determines that both the county board and school district abused their discretion. In other words, the denial stands if one or the other is not found to have abused their discretion. Further, SB 114 clarifies that abuse of discretion is the most deferential standard of review and, therefore, the SBE must give deference to the decisions of the two governing boards to deny the petition.

Local Control and Accountability Plan Along with a similar change for school districts and county offices of education, beginning with the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) adopted for the 2023-24 school year, charter schools will be required to present a midyear report on the LCAP Annual Update and Local Control Funding Formula Budget Overview for Parents on or before February 28 of each year. The report must be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board and will include an update on: 1) all available midyear outcome data related to the metrics identified in the current year's LCAP; and 2) all available midyear expenditure data on all actions identified in the current year's LCAP.

Nonclassroom-Based Charter School Moratorium

AB 1505 also placed a two-year moratorium on the approval of petitions for the establishment of new nonclassroom-based charter schools—from January 1, 2020, to January 1, 2022. AB 130 extended this moratorium for an additional three years to January 1, 2025. Now, SB 114 is extending the moratorium for another year to January 1, 2026.

In addition, by October 1, 2023, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) and the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) must study the processes used to

determine funding for nonclassroom-based charter schools. The study is meant to identify and make recommendations on potential improvements to the process, including enhancing oversight and reducing fraud, waste, and abuse. Further, by March 1, 2024, the LAO and FCMAT must report their observations and recommendations to the Legislature, the Department of Finance, the California Department of Education, and the executive director of the SBE.

Charter School Definitions

As a result of AB 1507, which required that charter schools—and any resource centers, satellite facilities, and/or meeting spaces—be located within the boundaries of their chartering authorities, new language was needed to address numerous newly configured charter schools (see “The 2020- 21 State Budget and Charter Schools—Part 2” in the July 2020 Fiscal Report). Definitions were created as part of SB 98 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Statutes of 2020) to address the newly configured charter schools and the impacts to school funding. One of these definitions was an “acquiring charter school,” which is a state charter school that is deemed a continuing charter school because it was wholly combined with one or more other affected state charter school(s). This language was originally operational through June 30, 2023, from which point any charter school meeting the definition would no longer be regarded as a continuing charter school. AB 181 (Committee on Budget, Statutes of 2022) extended the operational date through June 30, 2025. SB 114 extends the operational date by another year to June 30, 2026, and applies the extension to the various sections of the Education Code to which the definition applies.

B. YPICS Board of Directors Meeting Calendar

The Board of Directors reviewed the 23-24 school year Calendar.

C. Final Approved and Submitted LCAPs with Board Edits

The Board was presented with the Updated LCAPs approved on June 26, 2023, and uploaded to the LACOE Platform by 6/30/23.

V. Consent Agenda Items

A. Background

1. Recommendation to approve update to the YPICS Employee Handbook.

[YPICS Employee Handbook 23-24 update 7_17_23.pdf](#)

B. Consent Items

C. Lopez made a motion to approve the consent calendar.

D. Cho seconded the motion.

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

VI. Items Scheduled For Action

A. Recommendation to approve 23-24 Independent Study Policy

C. Lopez made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Independent Study policy.

W. Njboke seconded the motion.

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

B. Recommendation to Review and Certify Receipt of the LAUSD Oversight Reports

D. Cho made a motion to certify and receive the LAUSD oversight reports for 2023-2024.

W. Njboke seconded the motion.

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

VII. Closed Session

A. Government Code 54957 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION - evaluation of the Executive Director.

The Board moved into Closed Session at 6:21 PM.

VIII. Open Session

A. Action Taken in Closed Session

The Board reconvened the Open Session at 7:02 PM.

After reviewing the "Executive Director, Salary Study for 2022-2023, conducted by EXED and the Board ED Evaluation results, the Board of Directors gave the Executive Director (ED), King-Berg, an excellent review and voted to increase the Executive Director's base salary by 10% to \$240,350 and is retaining the \$500.00 per month car/mileage allowance and expense (health & Ins. benefits as defined for all employees from the year- to- year will also remain in the Employee Agreement) for the 2023-2024 school year, effective August 1, 2023.

Board Chair, Mary Keipp - Aye

Board Vice Chair, Cesar Lopez - Aye

Board Member, Walter Njboke - Aye

Board Member, Dean Cho - Aye

IX. Announcements

A. Closing Announcements

The next Board meeting will be held on August 28, 2023, and the Board Retreat will be on Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

X. 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 7:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Y. Zubia