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Youth Policy Institute Charter Schools (YPICS)

Minutes

YPICS Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday December 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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

The meeting will be held at YPI Charter Schools Learning and Support Center.

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: Invite Link
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81830780138

Presentations from the Public can only be made at one of the four YPICS locations listed.
YPI Charter Schools
Learning and Support Center
10660 White Oak Avenue, Suite B101
Granada Hills, CA 91344

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

Trustees Present

C. Lopez, D. Cho, M. Green, M. Keipp

Trustees Absent
S. Mendoza, W. Njboke

Guests Present
E. LaVan, F. Zepeda, I. Castillo, R. Bradford, R. Duenas, V. Nutt, Y. King-Berg

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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 Dec 9, 2024 at 6:15 PM.

C. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

Due to the two members' time constraints, we will take action items first. Mary made a motion to move the action items to the beginning of the meeting, and Michael seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 No: 0
The motion passed unanimously.

There are no other additions or corrections to the agenda.

D. Approval of October 28, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

M. Green made a motion to approve the minutes from October 28, 2024 YPICS Regular Board Meeting on 10-28-24.
C. Lopez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

D. Cho	Aye
W. Njboke	Absent
M. Green	Aye
S. Mendoza	Absent
C. Lopez	Aye
M. Keipp	Aye

II. Communications

A. Presentations from the Public

There were no presentations from the public.

III. Items Scheduled for Information

A. Board Committee Updates

Lopez: Academic Update

The MORCS dashboard looks very good; only one area remains in the red.

BCCS had increases/ improvements in many areas but needs further analysis to determine the root causes of specific successes, such as the 16.9 growth in ELA. What was the cause? How can you replicate that again?

Keipp: Recommended setting the goal higher for increases in ELA for the 24-25 school year.

BCCHS: The verified data is scheduled to sunset before renewal. The second challenge is that the dashboard is built off of one grade level; therefore, you cannot see growth or process for ELA and Math test scores. The EA and COI will further analyze the data to begin tracking their data story over time to prepare for the next renewal cycle.

Green: No finance report because the next meeting is scheduled for the Winter of 2025.

Board Technology Committee Chair Cho attended the CITE Conference with the YPICS Director of Technology. AI is a hot topic, and guidelines are evolving. They need to include training for staff and teachers, security and protecting privacy, and current lawsuits involving E-Rate (we are in the last year of the funding cycle). Safety was also a popular topic.

A pilot program for cyber security was presented. When it is ready for testing, schools will be invited to join the pilot.

B. YPICS Director of Special Education's Report

Director of Special Education, Mr. Nutt, reported that one of the Resource Teachers from Monsenor Oscar Romero Charter School returned from maternity leave. The school will no longer need to pay for outside SPED contractors. He also shared an essential legal update from the Office of Special Education Programs (under-providing **and over-providing services are not compliant).**

C. YPICS Senior Director of Community Schools Partnerships' Report

YPICS COO Duenas reported that the Senior Direct of Community Schools Partnerships Favela-Barrajas—MTSS process and procedures document was created for rollout in January.
Think Together has had a staffing reorganization that will not impact YPI Charter schools. Instead, the changes are just the inner workings of the organization

D. Bert Corona Charter School Executive Administrator's Report

Dr. Myers was absent from this meeting, but his report was made available to the board. The BCCS COI, provided his report to the Board of Academic Committee at 5:00 PM today.

E. Monseñor Oscar Romero Charter School Executive Administrator's Report

This board report will highlight Monseñor Oscar Romero Charter School's (MORCS) recent achievements as reflected in the California Schools Dashboard and our ongoing Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) outcomes. Our school's progress is evident through improved performance in key areas, including English Language Arts, Mathematics, English Learner Progress, Chronic Absenteeism, and Suspension Rates.

In addition to these measurable improvements, this report will share the impact of our recent 5-part PLC series, which focused on Differentiated Instruction, Culturally Responsive Teaching, and Special Education Inclusion. Teachers have strengthened their instructional practices through collaborative study and strategy implementation, creating more inclusive and engaging learning environments for all students. These efforts underscore MORCS's commitment to continuous growth and educational excellence.

When looking at subgroup performance, we saw exciting growth across all subgroups, with the only exception being students with disabilities in Mathematics. In English Language Arts, ELs, LTELs, and SWD all scored in the Orange range, while Hispanic and Socioeconomically Disadvantage students scored in the Yellow range.

In Mathematics, ELs, Hispanic and Latino, LTELs, and Socioeconomically Disadvantaged students scored in the Orange range, while Students with Disabilities scored in the Red range. This year, our goal is to implement Mathematics Performance Tasks and Mathematics Interim Assessments to collect data that will allow us to address learning gaps accordingly in core classes and support classes. We aim to continue improving in Mathematics and promote growth for all subgroups so that we do not have any groups in the Red range for the 24-25 school year.

F. Bert Corona Charter High School Executive Administrator/ COO's Report

The California School Dashboard comparison data for BCCHS for 2023 and 2024 is below. Of the six indicators, four indicators are a positive change from one year to the next considering:

- improvement in color (red to orange)
- increased or declined appropriately in points or percentage
- Maintained status

Mathematics continues to be the most significant area of need for growth for our students.

G. YPICS Chief Accountability Officer's Report

The YPICS CAO Lavan was available to respond to questions from the Board Regarding her report. There was nothing new to add to the report that had already been provided.

H. YPICS Executive Director's Report

Executive Director King-Berg provided an article on enrollment trends in California from EdWeek. She also provided an update on the charter renewal for MORCS, which was unanimously approved by the LAUSD Board. She discussed the nuances of approval based on finances.

IV. Consent Agenda Items

A. Background

B. Consent Items

There were no items on the consent agenda.

V. Items Scheduled For Action

A. YPICS Financials

M. Green made a motion to Approve YPICS October Financials.
C. Lopez seconded the motion.
The report reflects financials through 10/31 and includes all three schools; the enrollment is better than budgeted.

Last month, we discussed the increase in revenues based on the ERC.
The LREBG funds will be expended over future years, and the schools must develop a plan for how they will be spent through 2028. The schools will conduct a Needs Assessment, which will be incorporated into the 20245-25 LCAP actions.
Schools will end the year with positive outcomes.

BCCS: The big change is due to the relocation of state revenue; expenses and revenues were slightly higher, as were payments to the ERC lawyer.

MORCS: Enrollment is 11 students higher; high revenues and cash

BCCHS: 10 students below budget, but ERC funds project positive– moving funds as needed toward the end of the year, and enrollment has increased from last year, to 224.

Check register questions:
-Student Teacher Residency Program $8k
-Panorama Education: used for MTSS Community Schs $18k

Board Chair Keipp has requested that Karina Favela-Barreras provide a presentation for the BoD on how many students are being served by the platform, how the platform is used, who uses it, etc.

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

B. YPICS FY 24-25 1st Interim Reports

The October financials have been provided to LAUSD, using their template, as the "First Interim Reports."

M. Green made a motion to Approve the YPICS 24-25 Interim Reports.
D. Cho seconded the motion.
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The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Approve the YPICS Fiscal Audit for the 23-24 Fiscal Year

C. Lopez made a motion to Approve the YPICS Fiscal Audit for the 23-24 Fiscal Year.
M. Green seconded the motion.
The audit is clean; NO FINDINGS!
Upon approval, we will report the audit to the California Finance Authority by the December 15th deadline.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Approve updated YPICS By-Laws

M. Green made a motion to Approve the updated YPICS By-Laws.
D. Cho seconded the motion.
Executive Director King-Berg explained the changes made to bylaws to clean up grammar and a few legal updates noted by YMC.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Approve YPICS Board Certification of Compliance Review

C. Lopez made a motion to Approve YPICS Board Certification of Compliance Review.
M. Green seconded the motion.
The Executive Director explained the Compliance Monitoring Certification by the BoD. The EAs have already met the compliance.
No discussion

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

F. Approve the Renewal of the Banc of CA Line of Crediit

C. Lopez made a motion to Approve the Renewal of the Banc of CA $500,000 LIne of Credit.
D. Cho seconded the motion.
Executive Director King-Berg reported that YPICS annually renews its line of credit with BoC. The $500K has not been touched since the pandemic, and the current line of credit is due to expire in January 2025.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Announcements

A. Next Board Meeting

The next regular YPICS Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2025.

VII. 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 7:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. LaVan

Documents used during the meeting

- YPICS SPED Director Report 12_09_24.pdf
- 12.09.24 Community Schools Board Report.docx (1).pdf
- 24-25 BCCS EA BoD Report (November-December).docx.pdf
- 24-25 MORCS EA BoD Report December 9, 2024.pdf
- 24-25 BCCHS EA BoD Report 12-9-24 (1).pdf
- 24-12-09 CAO BoD Report.pdf
- Factors and Future Projections for K-12 Decling Enrollment.pdf
- LAUSD 11-19-24RegBdOBpost.pdf
- 11-19-24-Monsenor-Oscar-Romero-Charter-Middle-Renewal-BR-095-15-Day-Posting.pdf
- MORCSrev LAUSD Board Action.pptx
- 24-25 YPICS Financials Board Packet 10.24.pdf
- 19-64733-0106872 BCCS 1st Interim Form 62.pdf
- 19-64733-0114959 MORCS 1st Interim Report.pdf
- 19-64733-0132126 BCHS 1st Interim Report.pdf
- YPICS Governance Communication Letter 12.5.2024 (1).pdf
- YPICS Financial Statement Draft 12.5.2025 (1).pdf
- BYLAWS YPI CHARTER SCHOOLS KR Rev. (4883-1272-7284.v4) (2).doc
- BCCS BoD - Charter School Compliance Monitoring 2024-2025.pdf
- BCCHS BoD - Charter School Compliance Monitoring 2024-2025.pdf