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Youth Policy Institute Charter Schools (YPICS)

Minutes

YPICS Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday March 24, 2025 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/81196588214

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, M. Green, M. Keipp, W. Njboke

Trustees Absent
D. Cho, S. Mendoza

Guests Present
D. Rios (remote), E. LaVan, I. Castillo, J. Osorio, K. Favela-Barreras (remote), K. Gamez (remote), K. Myers, R. Bradford, R. Duenas, Sandra Mendoza (remote), V. Nutt, Y. King-Berg, Y. Zubia

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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 Mar 24, 2025 at 6:09 PM.

C. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

D. Approval of February 24, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

C. Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes from YPICS Regular Board Meeting on 02-24-25.
W. Njboke seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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

II. Communications

A. Presentations from the Public

There were no presentations from the Public.

III. Items Scheduled for Information

A. Board Committee Updates

1) Academics - Board Committee Chair Lopez; No report, as the next meeting is scheduled for May 2025.
2) Finance - Board Committee Chair Green; Actions reflected in the recommendations for today's fiscal agenda items.
3) Technology- Board Committee Chair Cho; Update at next meeting

B. YPICS Director of Special Education's Report

COMPLIANCE MONITORING

● *LAUSD*

■ Monseñor Oscar Romero will participate in the District Validation Review (DVR) this school year (2024-2025).

■ *Bert Corona School will participate in DVR during the 2025-2026 school year.

■ Bert Corona High School will participate in the District DVR during the 2028-2029 school year.

● *CDE*

■ Bert Corona Charter School, Bert Corona Charter High School, and Monseñor Oscar Romero were selected to participate in CDE Cyclical Monitoring Cycle B this school year. The CDE monitoring process runs for two school years as follows:

- ■ Year 1 (now) ● Self-review ● IEP implementation review FEB 2025
- ■ Year 2 ● Compliance and Improvement Monitoring Process (CIM)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The following professional development topics have been provided this year:

● Co-teaching PD - Co-Teaching Foundations: Setting the Stage for Success - January 13, 2025

● Paraprofessional PD - Engaging Effectively in Classrooms, September 23, 2024

● Special Education PD - Special Education 101-What Everyone Needs to Know About Special Education - August 2024

C. Bert Corona Charter School Executive Administrator's LCAP Mid Year Report

The Bert Corona Charter School LCAP Mid-Year Report, which provides an annual update to the local control and accountability plan and an overview of the local control funding formula budget for parents, is typically presented on or before February 28 of each year at a regularly scheduled meeting of the school district's governing board. Given the Fires and Governor Newsom's executive order extension, it was presented today. (B)

The report included both of the following: (i) all available mid-year outcome data related to metrics identified in the current year's local control and accountability plan. (ii) All available mid-year expenditure and implementation data on all actions identified in the current year's local control and accountability plan. The public was again provided an opportunity to provide feedback. The YPICS Board also provided input during the discussion.

Highlights:

Midyear LCAP Progress Report
-All teachers returning, facilities in good standing, strong relationships with families
-Survey data for non-instructional dept area for growth
-Math area for growth
-ELs improving ELPI and Reclass rate from last year
-CHIME Model for Math and co-teaching
-Alternatives to Suspension and improved culture have decreased referrals
Still working on…
-Full implementation of MTSS
-Engaging parents for involvement in MTSS and in decision making, parent voice
-TORCH Foundation

D. Monseñor Oscar Romero Charter School Executive Administrator's LCAP Mid Year Report

The Monseñor Ocar Romero Charter School LCAP Mid-Year Report, which provides an annual update to the local control and accountability plan and an overview of the local control funding formula budget for parents, is typically presented on or before February 28 of each year at a regularly scheduled meeting of the school district's governing board. Given the Fires and Governor Newsom's executive order extension, it was presented today. (B) The report included both of the following: (i) all available mid-year outcome data related to metrics identified in the current year's local control and accountability plan. (ii) All available mid-year expenditure and implementation data on all actions identified in the current year's local control and accountability plan. The public was again provided an opportunity to provide feedback. The YPICS Board also provided input during the discussion.

Highlights:
Goal 1 Parent concern– availability outside of class needs more tutoring
Goal 2 ELA Sped had the largest growth in ELA
Goal 3 Math: Need more after-school tutoring
Goal 4: No suspensions
Goal: 5 Chronic absenteeism decreasing

E. Bert Corona Charter High School Executive Administrator/ COO's LCAP Mid Year Report

The Bert Corona Charter High School LCAP Mid-Year Report, which provides an annual update to the local control and accountability plan and an overview of the local control funding formula budget for parents, is typically presented on or before February 28 of each year at a regularly scheduled meeting of the school district's governing board. Given the January fires in Los Angeles County and Governor Newsom's executive order extension, it was presented today. (B) The report included both of the following: (i) all available mid-year outcome data related to metrics identified in the current year's local control and accountability plan. (ii) All available mid-year expenditure and implementation data on all actions identified in the current year's local control and accountability plan. The public was again provided an opportunity to provide feedback. The YPICS Board also provided input during the discussion.

Highlights:

All teachers hired but may need to increase Sped teachers because of increase in enrollment

Facility is Prop 39

Working on MTSS under the Community Schools Grant
Goal 2

The youth mentors program is robust.

Goal 3 Math area for growth, co-planning

Growth areas: CTE development, dual enrollment

F. YPICS Chief Accountability Officer's Report

LCAP Midyear Progress Report
The Governor's Executive Order in response to the fires extends the deadline for presentation of the Midyear Progress Report to March 31, 2025. The YPICS Executive Administrators will complete their LCAP implementation status in the Document Tracking

Service (DTS). The Executive Administrators will present the Midyear Progress at tonight's meeting, as required by the Education Code.

2024-25 LAUSD Oversight Visits
Schools are currently gathering an extensive amount of documentation for their Annual Performance-Based Oversight Visits. The visit schedule is as follows:
● March 25 - Monseñor Oscar Romero
● April 3 - Bert Corona Middle (This in the newly scheduled date)
● April 25 - Bert Corona Charter High

AB1505 Charter Performance List Released
On March 14, the CDE released the charter performance categories based on the 2024 State Dashboard. Charter schools are designated as one of the following categories based on the last released Dashboard:
● Low-performance: Considered as "presumptive denial," however, the authorizer may approve the petition for a two-year term.
● Middle performance: Charter schools will be eligible for a five-year renewal term based on the factors established in the California School Dashboard. This mid-range category is where the majority of the charter schools fall.
● High-performance: Charter schools will enjoy a streamlined renewal process due to their ongoing excellence. Renewals may be approved for an additional 5 to 7-year term.

Based on the 2024 Dashboard, Bert Corona Middle and Monsenor Oscar Romero Charter have been categorized as "middle" performing. Bert Corona High has been classified as a "low-performing" school. It is essential to note that these categories are determined based on a single year of performance on the Dashboard and depend on an individual school's performance in comparison to the state for both school-wide and student group performance.

Looking Ahead
Renewal tracks
2026 Bert Corona MS next year
2027 Bert Corona HS

IV. Consent Agenda Items

A. Background

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a Board member for further discussion or removal from the agenda, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the Board's vote on them. The Executive Director recommends approval of all consent agenda items.

B. Consent Items

C. Lopez made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Receive and acknowledge the $500,000 Line of Credit renewal with Banc of CA and continue services with Think Together as the after-school provider for the ASES Program, for 95% of the GAN amounts received.
M. Green seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

V. Items Scheduled For Action

A. FY24-25 February YPICS Financials

M. Green made a motion to approve the February 2025 YPICS financials and check registers as submitted.
W. Njboke seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

Highlights:

- Attendance is up
- Enrollment is slightly up at all schools
- Still forecasting positive across the org, due in part to salaries for unfilled positions and staff members on leave.

B. FY2025-26 Audit Firm Selection

C. Lopez made a motion to Remain with CLA as the Audit firm for the school year ending June 30, 2025.

Recommendation by ExEd to remain with the CLA as the audit firm for the school year ending June 30, 2025. This is only our second year with Wade McMullen as our principal within the Firm. The CLA Pricing is $38750 if we combine audit and taxes.

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

C. FY25-26 Health Benefits

W. Njboke made a motion to approve Kaiser, Delta Dental, Delta VSP, Unum, and ThrivePass plans for benefit-eligible employees.
C. Lopez seconded the motion.
Rates for dental, vision, hospital, and group life each have rate passes for the 2025-2026 school year. Medical has a 4% increase, which, with the current enrollment of 104 employees, translates to an annual increase of approximately $ 4,160. ThrivePass, the proposed FSA carrier, has presented a three-year proposal that includes zero setup fees, two months of credit, no annual cost, and a monthly rate of $3.93 per enrollee. This roughly amounts to a savings of $1,200 for the year.

The Coordinator of HR & AP and the ED recommend that the Board of Trustees approve the Kaiser, Delta Dental, DeltaVision, Unum Group Life & Hospital, and ThrivePass FSA plans for the 2025-26 fiscal year.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Announcements

A. Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 28, 2025, at 6:00 PM at the Learning and Support Center, 10660 White Oak Avenue, Granada Hills, CA 91344.

B. YPICS LAUSD Spring Oversight Visits

Board Members were reminded of the upcoming LAUSD Oversight Visits.

- March 25 - Monseñor Oscar Romero
- April 3 - Bert Corona Middle (This in the newly scheduled date)
- April 25 - Bert Corona Charter High

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 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Y. King-Berg

Documents used during the meeting

- YPICS SPED Director Report 3_24_25.pdf
- 2025_LCAP_Mid-Year_Monitoring_Report_for_the_2024-25_LCAP_Bert_Corona_Charter_School_20250320.pdf
- 2025_LCAP_Mid-Year_Monitoring_Report_for_the_2024-25_LCAP_Monsenor_Oscar_Romero_Charter_Middle_School_20250320.pdf
- 24-25 MORCS EA BoD Report March 24, 2025.pdf
- 2025_LCAP_Mid-Year_Monitoring_Report_for_the_2024-25_LCAP_Bert_Corona_Charter_High_School_20250320.pdf
- 1. Banc of California Line of Credit Renewal Board Brief.pdf
- 2. Continuation of Services with Think Together for ASES Grants Board Brief.pdf
- Statement of Work - Audit Services - YPICS 24-25.pdf
- YPI Tax SOW 2025.pdf
- Recommendation to Approve 25-26 Health Benefits.pdf