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Palisades Charter High School

Minutes

Special Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday March 24, 2025 at 5:00 PM

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Notice is hereby given that the order of consideration of matters on this agenda may be changed without prior notice. All items may be heard in a different order than listed on the agenda.

Trustees Present
Amir Ebtehadj (remote), Andrew Paris (remote), Jessica Recinos (remote), Kiumars Arzani (remote), Kristina Irwin (remote), Maggie Nance (remote), Martha Monahan (remote), Minh Ha Ngo (remote), Nicholas Albonico (remote), Sara Margiotta (remote)

Trustees Absent
Roger Crystal

Ex Officio Members Present
Dr. Pam Magee (remote)

Guests Present
Alessandra Santini (remote), Jeff Roepel (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Sara Margiotta called a meeting of the board of trustees of Palisades Charter High School to order on Monday Mar 24, 2025 at 5:17 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

C. Public Comment

Kevin: Father of a cross country runner, expressed support for reinstating Coach Rob and voiced concerns about a lack of transparency regarding the coach's removal. Indicated he does not feel trust in the process and was told there would be further information.

Farnaz: Expressed support for Coach Rob and reported having reached out regarding his termination without receiving a response. Stated that parents feel disrespected by the process and believes students do not need this disruption at this time. Noted no reason has been provided for the coach's dismissal.

Amrita Bessin: Mother of a sophomore long-distance runner, acknowledged being validated but stated she has not received any new information regarding the coach's termination. Requested a meeting with school administration and asked for reconsideration of the termination decision. Thanked the administration for their work during this challenging time.

Zachary Cohen: A cross country runner who expressed feeling excluded from communications about the situation with no explanation provided. Stated that students don't feel heard and requested a reason for the coach's termination.

Danielle Fern: Spoke in support of Coach Rob, citing universal support from runners, families, and the community. Expressed concern that the lack of explanation is harmful to students.

Kate Butler: Parent of track and cross country runners who demanded an explanation from the board regarding the coach's termination.

Brian Butler: Echoed previous sentiments and requested that board meetings return to an in-person format.

Loes: Stated that Coach Rob was a key reason her daughter chose to attend Pali and noted his support of students following the fire. Remarked that she had never encountered a coach or teacher who was so universally appreciated. Expressed being puzzled, frustrated, and emotional about his dismissal, and worried about the impact on students.

GOOGLE FORM RESPONSES:

Lisa Saxon: Lisa Saxon: Disputed an administrator's claim that she attempted to enter campus on March 10, stating she only walked the perimeter with an LA Times photographer for a journalism program story. Despite losing her home, car, and classroom to fire damage, she has continued supporting students' journalism efforts and arranged opportunities for student athletes. She expressed disappointment that while outside organizations reached out supportively, from Pali she received only unfounded allegations. Her request for an apology has gone unanswered.

John Shaver: Mr. Shaver, minister of Palisades Methodist, expressed concerns about the administration's treatment of Cross Country and Track teams. He stated the school had failed to facilitate promised conversations regarding coaching changes and criticized Assistant Principal Licea's response that 'change is never easy' when students had already endured COVID and fire disruptions. Mr. Shaver urged trustees to question administrator attendance at track meets and reconsider the decision about Coach Rob for students' wellbeing.

D. Announce items for closed session, if any.

The board entered closed session at 5:37pm.

II. Open Session

A. Return to Open Session

The board returned to open session at 7:28pm.

B. Report Out on Action Taken In Closed Session, If Any.

The board had nothing to report out at this time.

III. Contract – Charter Impact

A. Contract – Charter Impact

The EDP shared an overview regarding the Charter Impact contract, which provides financial and back-office support services for PCHS. The additional support is needed to address both fire-related issues and regular operations, which now require heightened attention to accounting and management processes.
Martha Monahan made a motion to approve the Charter Impact contract for financial services.
Amir Ebtehadj seconded the motion.
Kiumars Arzani recused himself from the vote.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Jessica Recinos Aye

Roll Call

Nicholas Albonico	Abstain
Roger Crystal	Absent
Kristina Irwin	Aye
Sara Margiotta	Aye
Maggie Nance	Abstain
Amir Ebtehadj	Aye
Martha Monahan	Aye
Minh Ha Ngo	Absent
Andrew Paris	Abstain

IV. Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Agreement

A. LACCD Agreement

The College and Career Access Pathways agreement with Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) renews the existing partnership that enables PCHS students to take dual enrollment courses and earn college credits while still in high school. This joint agreement has no fiscal impact on the school and is routinely renewed on an annual basis.

Nicholas Albonico made a motion to approve the LACCD Agreement.

Kiumars Arzani seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Amir Ebtehadj	Aye
Martha Monahan	Aye
Kristina Irwin	Aye
Nicholas Albonico	Aye
Sara Margiotta	Aye
Minh Ha Ngo	Absent
Jessica Recinos	Aye
Roger Crystal	Absent
Andrew Paris	Aye
Maggie Nance	Aye
Kiumars Arzani	Aye

V. Consent Agenda

A. Finance Items: School Organized Conferences and Trips

Amir Ebtehadj made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Kristina Irwin seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Sara Margiotta	Aye
Kiumars Arzani	Aye

Roll Call

Maggie Nance	Aye
Kristina Irwin	Aye
Roger Crystal	Absent
Nicholas Albonico	Aye
Minh Ha Ngo	Absent
Andrew Paris	Aye
Amir Ebtehadj	Aye
Martha Monahan	Aye
Jessica Recinos	Aye

VI. New Business / Announcements

A. Announcements / New Business

Next regular scheduled board meeting will take place on April 22 at 5pm via Zoom.

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,
Amir Ebtehadj