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## ARISE High School

# Minutes

## ARISE Special Board Meeting

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### Date and Time

Tuesday November 4, 2025 at 5:30 PM

### Location

**Main Location ARISE High School:** 3301 E 12th St UNIT 200 Classroom 104, Oakland, CA 94601

[upstairs from the plaza up the tiled steps, door is unlocked and propped open]

### Additional Locations:

35-310 Weloka Road, Pāpa'aloa, HI 96780

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9968001809>

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### Directors Present

A. Morales, D. Meister, D. Taylor, M. Arechiga, P. Hansen, R. Garcia (remote), S. Abram

### Directors Absent

M. Iglesias

### Guests Present

K. Gandiaga (remote)

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance

### B.

### **Call the Meeting to Order**

D. Meister called a meeting of the board of directors of ARISE High School to order on Tuesday Nov 4, 2025 at 5:38 PM.

### **C. Chair Updates**

Board Chair Deborah Meister provides the board an update about board chair business and nothing needed to be escalated to the board.

## **II. Consent Calendar**

### **A. Approve Minutes**

P. Hansen made a motion to approve the minutes from Full Board Meeting on 10-21-25.

D. Taylor seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

P. Hansen Aye

D. Meister Aye

R. Garcia Aye

S. Abram Aye

A. Morales Aye

M. Iglesias Absent

M. Arechiga Aye

D. Taylor Aye

## **III. Public Comment**

### **A. Public Comment**

Jay Barnheisel provided public comment about the work that ARISE has done and the transformative work that the leadership team has done. He has worked for ARISE for 6 years and has seen how Karla empowers staff to make decisions and is concerned about a disruption in the philosophy and intent that ARISE has in place and advocated for a dual leadership going forward.

## **IV. Reconvene to Public Session**

### **A. Reconvene to Public Session**

No action taken.

## **V. Head of School Transition**

### **A. HoS Transition Committee Updates**

Board Chair provided an update to the board on the work of the Transition Committee including more time needed for a compensation study. Karla Gandiaga noted that a compensation study will be ready for the December board meeting.

## **B. Approval of Compensation Study for Head of School**

Item removed from the agenda.

## **C. Next Steps in Head of School Transition**

Board Chair Deborah Meister provided context to the board around the proposals and decisions needed for the next steps in the Head of School Transition. She also reviewed timelines and options around direct appointment, posting jobs, contracting a hiring firm, etc. Board members expressed wanting more time to review job descriptions and asked clarifying questions about cost of a hiring firm and purpose of appointing a negotiator on behalf of the board. Board Chair Deborah Meister expressed her support for a Co-Head of school model and direct internal appointment from the board and board members discussed strengths in having continuity and continuing to support the Mission and Vision of ARISE. Board members reviewed the job descriptions and asked clarifying questions about the job descriptions.

D. Taylor made a motion to Approve moving forward with a Co-Head of School Model.

R. Garcia seconded the motion.

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

### **Roll Call**

M. Iglesias Absent

S. Abram Aye

M. Arechiga Aye

R. Garcia Aye

P. Hansen Aye

A. Morales Aye

D. Meister Aye

D. Taylor Aye

R. Garcia made a motion to Pursue a direct appointment from the board for Co-Heads of school.

P. Hansen seconded the motion.

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

### **Roll Call**

D. Meister Aye

P. Hansen Aye

R. Garcia Aye

S. Abram Aye

A. Morales Aye

D. Taylor Aye

M. Arechiga Aye

M. Iglesias Absent

S. Abram made a motion to Appoint Maria Arechiga to be the labor negotiator for the Co-Head of School Role.

P. Hansen seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

M. Arechiga Abstain

D. Meister Aye

D. Taylor Aye

S. Abram Aye

P. Hansen Aye

R. Garcia Aye

M. Iglesias Absent

A. Morales Aye

P. Hansen made a motion to Approve Co-Head of School job description allowing the Transition Committee to revise for clarify without any changes to the responsibilities outlined.

S. Abram seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

R. Garcia Aye

P. Hansen Aye

D. Taylor Aye

S. Abram Aye

D. Meister Aye

A. Morales Aye

M. Arechiga Aye

M. Iglesias Absent

**VI. Reconvene to Public Session**

**A. Reconvene to Public Session**

No action taken in closed session.

**VII. Upcoming Meetings**

**A. Possible Vote: Amending Regular Meeting Agenda**

Item deleted from agenda

**B. Next Meeting - Preview & Considerations for Agenda**

Board chair reviewed items for the December board meeting and reminded board members to complete ethics training.

**C. Future Meetings - Other work that needs to be agendized**

## **VIII. 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 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
D. Meister

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