APPROVED

ARISE High School

Minutes

ARISE Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday August 25, 2026 at 5:00 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:

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

Directors Present
A. Morales, D. Meister, D. Taylor (remote), M. Arechiga, M. Iglesias (remote), P. Hansen

Directors Absent
S. Abram

Guests Present
A. Caplan-Bass, K. Gandiaga (remote), T. Gardner

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 Aug 25, 2026 at 5:15 PM.
A quorum of the Board was present in person at the location identified on the posted agenda. Member Melissa Iglesias notified the Board of the need to participate remotely for just cause, provided a general description of the circumstances, participated through both audio and visual technology, and relied on Government Code section 54953.8.3(c). Before any action was taken, Member Melissa Iglesias disclosed that no other individuals eighteen years of age or older were present in the room at the remote location. This was Member Melissa Iglesias's [first] meeting attended remotely for just cause in [2026].
A quorum of the Board was present in person at the location identified on the posted agenda. Member DeVan Taylor notified the Board of the need to participate remotely for just cause, provided a general description of the circumstances, participated through both audio and visual technology, and relied on Government Code section 54953.8.3(c). Before any action was taken, Member DeVan Taylor disclosed that no other individuals eighteen years of age or older were present in the room at the remote location. This was Member Melissa Iglesias's [first] meeting attended remotely for just cause in [2026]

C. Chair Updates

Chair had no updates.

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve Check Registers

M. Iglesias made a motion to Approve.
M. Arechiga seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Approve Minutes June 2026

M. Iglesias made a motion to approve the minutes from Full Board Meeting on 06-09-26.
M. Arechiga seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Approval of the 2025-26 Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) Annual Report and Annual Certification

M. Iglesias made a motion to Approve.
M. Arechiga seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. ARISE High School Policy on AI-Enabled Eyewear and Wearable Recording Devices 26-27

M. Iglesias made a motion to Approve.

M. Arechiga seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. ARISE High School Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use Policy - Staff

M. Iglesias made a motion to Approve.
M. Arechiga seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

F. ARISE High School Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use Policy - Students

M. Iglesias made a motion to Approve.
M. Arechiga seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

G. Conference and Travel Reimbursement Policy

M. Iglesias made a motion to Approve.
M. Arechiga seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

III. Co-Heads of School Items

A. Heads of School Update

Head of Schools provides updates on staffing, school culture, and enrollment.

B. Staff Handbook 26-27

Heads of school discuss changes in the current parenting leave policy.
D. Taylor made a motion to Approve Updated family leave policy to reflect the new California law plus expanded ARISE benefits and updated PTO Holiday policy.
A. Morales seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Academic Data EOY 25-26

Heads of School discuss updates to NWEA and SBAC data.

D. School Safety Plan 26-27

Heads of School discuss changes in the school safety plan.
M. Arechiga made a motion to Approve School Safety Plan 26-27.
M. Iglesias seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. Finance

A.

Approval of Unaudited Actuals 25-26

Finance team reviews unaudited actuals, cash flow, and the future reporting and audit calendar.
M. Arechiga made a motion to Approve Unaudited Actuals 25-26.
D. Taylor seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

V. Governance Committee

A. Governance Committee Updates

Board chair discusses updates, including new required training.

B. Board Strategic Priorities 2026-2027

Board chair discusses goals for the school year, including an internal evaluation and changes in Head of School evaluation and mandated reporting training.

C. Board Policies To Review or Create

No current policies to review.

D. Mandated Reporter Training

Board chair discusses new policy requiring board members to complete mandated reporter training.

VI. Upcoming Meetings

A. Next Meeting - Preview & Considerations for Agenda

No considerations were discussed.

B. Future Meetings - Other work that needs to be agendized

No other work was discussed.

VII. Closed Session - Employee Evaluation Planning Heads of School

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Nothing to share out.

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 7:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
D. Meister

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