

Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education

Minutes

Special Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday July 16, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Location

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92725570731?pwd=eGtoWThLWndpVG5FR2s1U3F2cGJSQT09>

Meeting ID: 927 2557 0731

Password: 4YPSN5

Directors Present

Adam Meyers (remote), Cecilia Johnston (remote), Deanna Weik (remote), Eva Oxelson (remote), Liz Smiley (remote), Tom Mc Nerney (remote), Tricia McClain (remote)

Directors Absent

None

Ex Officio Members Present

Lisa Hildebrand (remote), Mary Galvin (remote)

Non Voting Members Present

Lisa Hildebrand (remote), Mary Galvin (remote)

Guests Present

Laura Bingham (remote), Tony Biasotti (remote)

I. Opening Items

A.

Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Tricia McClain called a meeting of the board of directors of Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education to order on Thursday Jul 16, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

C. Mission Statement

VCS engages every student in meaningful and supportive learning experiences to grow resilient, educated, and socially intelligent human beings. Read by Liz Smiley

II. Communications

A. Public Comments

None

III. Items Scheduled for Information, Discussion and/or Action

A. Review, Discussion, and Approval of the Resolution #20-21-04

Board approval was requested for a Resolution authorizing Ventura Charter School to provide the Board President and the Directors with the authority to unilaterally take any and all necessary actions to prepare and respond effectively to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Tom expressed concerns about the need for the Resolution and that it did not allow for transparency and parent input for any decisions that may be made under its authority. Adam expressed concerns about closing school for in-person classes when the COVID virus has not had a significant impact on children. A lengthy discussion ensued where several options were considered including not passing the Resolution, limiting the purview of the Resolution to re-opening school only, and/or shortening the term of the Resolution. Mary and Lisa explained that the original intent for this meeting was for the Board to decide about re-opening school in distance learning but were subsequently asked not to disclose the intent of other County Schools about re-opening until 7/17/20 so a pivot was made to ask for this Resolution so the Directors could announce in a timely manner when other schools announced. Instead, the County released an announcement 7/16/20--a day earlier than expected that most County schools were expected to open in distance learning only.

There was a request to shorten the term of the Resolution to 8-31-20 and to bring it back to the next board meeting for discussion.

Cecilia Johnston made a motion to approve the Resolution with a termination date of 8-31-20 instead of 6-30-20.

Liz Smiley seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Tom Mc Nerney Aye
Deanna Weik Aye
Liz Smiley Aye
Tricia McClain Aye
Adam Meyers Aye
Eva Oxelson Aye
Cecilia Johnston Aye

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Eva Oxelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Deanna Weik seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Tom Mc Nerney Aye
Adam Meyers Aye
Deanna Weik Aye
Liz Smiley Aye
Cecilia Johnston Aye
Tricia McClain Aye
Eva Oxelson Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Mc Nerney