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Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education

**Minutes**

Special Board Meeting

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**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

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**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)

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**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**

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

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