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Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education

**Minutes**

Special Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Thursday January 7, 2021 at 12:00 PM

**Location**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92768318170?pwd=cIRMb2pKYS9jbDVkeEEveGJXMVZiQT09>

Meeting ID: 927 6831 8170

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**Directors Present**

Adam Meyers (remote), Cecilia Johnston (remote), Deanna Weik (remote), Dominic Aguirre (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), Rudy Calasin (remote), Tony Biasotti (remote)

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**I. Opening Items**

**A.**

### **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 Jan 7, 2021 at 12:02 PM.

### **B. Record Attendance and Guests**

### **C. Mission Statement**

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## **II. Communications**

### **A. Public Comments**

Parents Andrew Dowd, Lindsay Heitmann, and Tony Biasotti all spoke to encourage the Board to not re-open school while the pandemic is still raging. Teacher Laura Bingham shared a number of concerns teachers had shared with her about re-opening in the purple tier.

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

### **A. Reopening of Ventura Charter School**

Mary and Lisa shared a number of factors to be considered prior to applying for a waiver to re-open including:

- Governor's new CA Safe School Plan for All, which we are still learning about;
- Local COVID data is 58.9 per 1000 (needs to be 7 or less); and a 7 day positivity rate of 13.5% (Needs to be 8% or less.)
- Testing Availability/Capacity
- Availability of vaccines
- Waivers are not available at this time
- VUSD opening no sooner than 2/1/21
- Lack of available substitutes
- Potential disruptions in hybrid teaching with quarantines

They shared the results of the Parent Survey which indicated that a majority of parents would not send their students back while we're in purple tier and recommended that the Board meet again once waivers become available.

Adam made a motion for the Directors to apply for a waiver as soon as waivers become available (so that the Board does not need to meet again). Dominic seconded the motion. A lengthy board discussion ensued. A number of members felt that the Board should meet again once waivers become available in order to assess the current

conditions at that time. Two board members felt that VCS should apply for a waiver as soon as possible in order to facilitate a faster re-opening. Lisa shared that it would likely take up to three weeks to re-open after waiver is granted and parents surveyed again.

Adam Meyers made a motion to for the Directors to apply for a waiver as soon as waivers become available so that the Board does not need to meet again to discuss it.

Dominic Aguirre seconded the motion.

The motion did not carry.

**Roll Call**

Tricia McClain	Aye
Cecilia Johnston	No
Liz Smiley	No
Tom Mc Nerney	No
Dominic Aguirre	No
Adam Meyers	Aye
Deanna Weik	No

**IV. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

Cecilia Johnston made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Liz Smiley seconded the motion.

The Board will re-convene once waivers are being granted again to re-open in the purple tier.

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

**Roll Call**

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cecilia Johnston