



Excel Academy (CA)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Date and Time

Thursday March 12, 2026 at 9:40 AM PDT

Location

Excel Academy Charter School

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Zoom Meeting Information:

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Notice is hereby given that the order of consideration of matters on this agenda may be changed without prior notice.

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Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			9:40 AM
A. Call the Meeting to Order		William Hall	1 m
B. Record Attendance		William Hall	1 m
Roll Call:			
William Hall, President			
Michael Humphrey, Vice President			
Steve Fraire, Clerk			
Susan Houle, Member			
Larry Alvarado, Member			
II. Pledge of Allegiance			9:42 AM
A. Led by Board President or designee.		William Hall	1 m
III. Approve/Adopt Agenda			9:43 AM
A. Agenda	Vote	William Hall	1 m
It is recommended the Board of Directors adopt as presented, the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of March 12, 2026.			
Roll Call Vote:			
William Hall			

Michael Humphrey
 Steve Fraire
 Susan Houle
 Larry Alvarado

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Absent _____

Purpose Presenter Time

IV. Approve Minutes

9:44 AM

A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 12, 2026	Approve Minutes	William Hall	1 m
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Roll Call Vote:

William Hall
 Michael Humphrey
 Steve Fraire
 Susan Houle
 Larry Alvarado

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Absent _____

V. Public Comments/Recognition/Reports

Please submit a Request to Speak to the Board of Directors using the chat feature on the right hand side of the Zoom platform. Please state the agenda item number that you wish to address prior to the agenda item being called by the Board President. Not more than three (3) minutes are to be allotted to any one (1) speaker, and no more than twenty (20) minutes on the same subject. This portion of the agenda is for comments, recognitions and reports to the Board and is not intended to be a question and answer period. If you have questions for the Board, please provide the Board President with a written statement and an administrator will provide answers at a later date.

VI. Correspondence/Proposals/Reports

9:45 AM

A. School Highlights - Presented by Heidi Gasca, Superintendent/CEO	Discuss	Heidi Gasca	8 m
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B. Student Choir & Music Club Member Testimonials	Discuss	Students	10 m
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Casey Lipka - Music Teacher
Melody Arriola - 6th Grade

Purpose

Presenter

Time

Raelene Afraz - 6th Grade

Preston Tobias - 12th Grade

VII. Consent

10:03 AM

Items listed under Consent are considered routine and will be approved/adopted by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, any item may be removed from the Consent upon the request of any member of the Board, discussed, and acted upon separately.

A. Consent - Business/Financial Services

1. Check Register - February 2026
2. Cash Payments - February 2026

B. Consent - Operations

1. Approval of the Excel Academy 2026 Conflict of Interest Code

C. Consent - Personnel Services

1. Approval of Certificated Personnel Report
2. Approval of Classified Personnel Report

D. Consent Items - Policy Development

Vote

William Hall

1 m

Approval of existing board policies revised, reviewed, and eliminated by staff for the 2025-2026 school year.

Board Policies: Revised (With Changes)

The following are current policies that have been revised to provide clarity or alignment with changes in law or procedures.

6000 Series - Instruction (Revised with Changes)

- 6010 - EA Independent Study Policy
- 6030 - EA Education for Foster and Mobile Youth Policy
- 6080 - EA Alternative Diploma Policy
- 6116 - EA Discipline & Involuntary Withdrawal Policy
- 6210 - EA Graduation Policy

Items in the consent agenda are considered routine and will be approved/adopted by a single motion.

Roll Call Vote:

William Hall

Michael Humphrey

Steve Fraire

Susan Houle

Larry Alvarado

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Absent _____

VIII. Board Governance

10:04 AM

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|-----------|--|------|-------------|-----|
| A. | Approval of the Fourth Amended Bylaws of Excel Academy Charter Schools | Vote | Heidi Gasca | 5 m |
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It is recommended the Board approve the Fourth Amended Bylaws for Excel Academy Charter Schools, Helendale (#2073) and Warner (#2053).

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Roll Call Vote:

William Hall

Michael Humphrey

Steve Fraire

Susan Houle

Larry Alvarado

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Absent _____

IX. Business/Financial Services

10:09 AM

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| A. | Approval of the Second Interim Financial Report | Vote | Joe Sorrera | 10 m |
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It is recommended the Board approve the Second Interim Financial Report for Excel Academy Charter Schools, Helendale (#2073) and Warner (#2053).

Fiscal Impact: As indicated by the 2025-26 Financial Reporting Documents Second Interim Report.

Purpose

Presenter

Time

Roll Call Vote:

William Hall

Michael Humphrey

Steve Fraire

Susan Houle

Larry Alvarado

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Absent _____

- B.** Approval of Additional Chromebooks Purchase Vote Heidi Gasca 3 m

It is recommended the Board approve the additional Chromebooks purchase for 2026-2027 for Excel Academy Charter Schools, Helendale (#2073) and Warner (#2053).

Fiscal Impact: \$466,110.09

Warner (#2053): \$275,004.95

Helendale (#2073): \$191,105.14

Roll Call Vote:

William Hall

Michael Humphrey

Steve Fraire

Susan Houle

Larry Alvarado

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Absent _____

- C.** Approval of CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) Annual Vote Joe Sorrera 5 m

Audit Engagement Services between and Tax
Enity Compliance Statement of Work

It is recommended the Board approve the Annual Audit Engagement Services between CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) and Excel Academy Charter Schools, Helendale (#2073) and Warner (#2053) for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Fiscal Impact: \$55,000.00

Warner (#2053): \$34,100.00

Helendale (#2073): \$20,900.00

Roll Call Vote:

William Hall

Michael Humphrey

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
Steve Fraire Susan Houle Larry Alvarado Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Absent _____			
D. Approval of the Sage Intacct Ageement (Renewal)	Vote	Joe Sorrera	3 m

It is recommended the Board approve the Sage Intacct agreement renewal for Excel Academy Charter Schools, Helendale (#2073) and Warner (#2053).

Fiscal Impact: \$55,680.00

Warner (#2053): \$34,521.60

Helendale (#2073): \$21,158.40

Roll Call Vote:

William Hall

Michael Humphrey

Steve Fraire

Susan Houle

Larry Alvarado

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Absent _____

E. Approval of the School Pathways LLC Agreement for 2026-27 (Renewal)	Vote	Heidi Gasca	2 m
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It is recommended the Board approve School Pathways LLC Agreement renewal for 2026-2027 for Excel Academy Charter Schools, Helendale (#2073) and Warner (#2053).

Fiscal Impact: \$138,211.22

Warner (#2053): \$78,701.29

Helendale (#2073): \$59,509.93

Roll Call Vote:

William Hall

Michael Humphrey

Steve Fraire

Susan Houle

Larry Alvarado

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Absent _____

Purpose Presenter Time

X. Education Services 10:32 AM

- A.** Approval of the Curriculum Associates (iReady Assessment) Agreement (Renewal) Vote Heidi Gasca 2 m

It is recommended the Board approve the Curriculum Associates (iReady Assessment) Renewal Agreement for Excel Academy Charter Schools, Helendale (#2073) and Warner (#2053).

Fiscal Impact: \$34,840.00

Warner (#2053): \$21,7600.80

Helendale (#2073): \$13,239.20

Roll Call Vote:

William Hall

Michael Humphrey

Steve Fraire

Susan Houle

Larry Alvarado

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Absent _____

XI. Operations 10:34 AM

- A.** Approval of the Amended Articles of Incorporation Vote Heidi Gasca 2 m

It is recommended the Board approve the amended Articles of Incorporation for Excel Academy Charter Schools, Helendale (#2073) and Warner (#2053).

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Roll Call Vote:

William Hall

Michael Humphrey

Steve Fraire

Susan Houle

Larry Alvarado

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Absent _____

Purpose Presenter Time

XII. Personnel Services

10:36 AM

- A.** Approval of Educational Leadership Services (ELS) Agreement Vote Heidi Gasca 3 m

It is recommended the Board approve the Educational Leadership Services (ELS) Agreement for Excel Academy Charter Schools, Helendale (#2073) and Warner (#2053).

Fiscal Impact: \$16,000.00

Warner (#2053): \$9,920.00

Helendale (#2073): \$6,080.00

Roll Call Vote:

William Hall

Michael Humphrey

Steve Fraire

Susan Houle

Larry Alvarado

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Absent _____

- B.** Approval of the Professional Services Agreement with Robert Half Vote Heidi Gasca 3 m

It is recommended the Board approve the professional services agreement with Robert Half for Excel Academy Charter Schools, Helendale (#2073) and Warner (#2053).

Fiscal Impact: See attached agreement for payment terms.

Roll Call Vote:

William Hall

Michael Humphrey

Steve Fraire

Susan Houle

Larry Alvarado

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Absent _____

- C.** Approval of the Zoom Phones Purchase for Excel Academy Staff Vote Joe Sorrera 3 m

Purpose

Presenter

Time

It is recommended the Board approve the Zoom Phones purchase for Excel Academy Charter Schools, Helendale (#2073) and Warner (#2053).

Fiscal Impact: \$29,368.23

Warner (#2053): \$18,208.30

Helendale (#2073): \$11,159.93

Roll Call Vote:

William Hall

Michael Humphrey

Steve Fraire

Susan Houle

Larry Alvarado

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Absent _____

XIII. Calendar

The next scheduled Board Study Session will be held on April 9, 2026.

The next scheduled Regular Board Meeting will be held on May 14, 2026.

XIV. Comments

10:45 AM

A. Board Comments

5 m

B. CEO Comments

5 m

XV. Closing Items

10:55 AM

A. Adjourn Meeting

Vote

William Hall

1 m

Roll Call Vote:

William Hall

Michael Humphrey

Steve Fraire

Susan Houle

Larry Alvarado

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Absent _____

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information concerning this agenda, contact

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