Excel Academy (CA)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Date and Time

Thursday August 13, 2026 at 11:15 AM PDT

Location

Excel Academy Charter Schoo
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1 Technology Drive, Ste I-811
Irvine, CA 92618

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Zoom Meeting Information:
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Agenda

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
I.	**Opening Items**			**11:15 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

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II.	**Pledge of Allegiance**			**11:17 AM**
A.	Led by Board President or designee	Discuss	William Hall	1 m
III.	**Approve/Adopt Agenda**			**11:18 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 August 13, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:
William Hall

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Michael Humphrey
Steve Fraire
Susan Houle
Larry Alvarado
Moved by ______ Seconded by ______ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Absent _____

IV. Approve Minutes — 11:19 AM

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 11, 2026	Approve Minutes	William Hall	1 m

Roll Call Vote:
William Hall
Michael Humphrey
Steve Fraire
Susan Houle
Larry Alvarado
Moved by ______ Seconded by ______ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Absent _____

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
B. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 18, 2026	Approve Minutes	William Hall	1 m

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

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questions for the Board, please provide the Board President with a written statement and an administrator will provide answers at a later date.

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VI.	**Adjourn to Closed Session**			**11:21 AM**
A.	The Board will consider and may act on any of the Closed Session matters.	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 _____

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
VII.	**Closed Session**			**11:22 AM**
A.	Closed Session Agenda	Discuss	William Hall	7 m

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - LITIGATION
Case No. 30-2024-01430946

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VIII.	**Reconvene Regular Meeting**			**11:29 AM**
A.	Report out any action taken in closed session.	Discuss	William Hall	2 m
IX.	**Oral Presentations**			**11:31 AM**
A.	Annual Board of Directors' Self-Evaluation	Discuss	William Hall	10 m
B.	Annual Superintendent/CEO Goals	Discuss	Heidi Gasca	10 m
X.	**Consent**			**11:51 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

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1. Check Register - June 2026
2. Check Register - July 2026
3. Cash Payments - June 2026
4. Cash Payments - July 2026
5. Approval of Chromebook Donations
6. Approval of School Pathways Subscription for Excel Academy Charter - OC
7. Ratification of Macbook Air Laptops for Staff

B. Consent - Education Student/Services

1. Approval of the 2026-2027 Special Education Parent Handbook
2. Approval of the 2026-2027 Special Education Contracted Vendors List
3. Approval of the 2026-2027 Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency Services Master Contract and Individual Service Agreement
4. Approval of the 2026-2027 English Learner Master Plan
5. Ratification of 4Imprint Invoice

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C.	Consent - Personnel Services	Discuss	William Hall	

1. Approval of Certificated Personnel Report
2. Approval of Classified Personnel Report
3. Approval of EACS Travel Manual Revisions
4. Approval of 2026 Revised IRS Mileage Reimbursement Rate

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D.	Consent - Policy Development	Vote	William Hall	1 m

Approval of existing board policies revised by staff for the 2026-2027 school year.

Board Policies: Revised
The following are current policies that have been revised to provide clarity or alignment with changes in law or procedures:

3000 Series - Business/Non-Instructional
3011 - EA Accounts Payable and Record Keeping Fiscal Policy

5000 Series - Student Services
5050 - EA Academic Integrity & Artificial Intelligence Use Policy

6000 Series - Instruction
6210 - EA Graduation Policy

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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 _____

XI. Business Services — 11:52 AM

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
A. Approval of Harbottle Law Group Retainer Agreement	Vote	Heidi Gasca	5 m

It is recommended the Board approve the Harbottle Law Group Retainer Agreement, as presented for Excel Academy Charter Schools, Helendale (#2073) and Warner (#2053).

Harbottle Law Group (HLG) is a California law firm that exclusively represents public schools, including charter schools, with a focus on special education. HLG provides responsive legal counsel and offers extensive litigation experience in due process hearings, appeals, and general counsel services for public schools.

Roll Call Vote:
William Hall
Michael Humphrey
Steve Fraire
Susan Houle
Larry Alvarado
Moved by ______ Seconded by ______ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Absent _____

XII. Charter Affairs — 11:57 AM

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
A. Approval of Excel Academy Charter School - Irvine Appeal Petition	Vote	Heidi Gasca	5 m

It is recommended the Board approve the Excel Academy Charter School - Irvine Appeal Petition, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031, as presented.

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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 Regular Board Meeting will be held both in person and virtually on September 10, 2026.

XIV. Board Comments

XV. CEO Comments

XVI. Closing Items — 12:02 PM

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
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 _____

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