



Excel Academy (CA)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Date and Time

Tuesday October 13, 2026 at 10:00 AM PDT

Location

Excel Academy Charter School

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1 Technology Drive, Ste I-811
Irvine, CA 92618

San Clemente Office Suites

501 N. El Camino Real, Ste 200 (Room 201)
San Clemente, CA 92672

Zoom Meeting Information:

Meeting ID: 962 6060 0597

URL: <https://zoom.us/j/96260600597>

MISSION STATEMENT

Excel Academy will provide a flexible, personalized learning experience where teachers and parents collaborate to provide academic excellence and social and emotional foundations to instill a love for learning in each individual student.

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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			10:00 AM
A. Call the Meeting to Order		Steve Fraire	1 m
B. Record Attendance		Steve Fraire	1 m
Roll Call:			
William Hall, President			
Michael Humphrey, Vice President			
Steve Fraire, Clerk			
Susan Houle, Member			
Larry Alvarado, Member			
II. Pledge of Allegiance			
III. Approve/Adopt Agenda			10:02 AM
A. Agenda	Vote	Steve Fraire	1 m
It is recommended the Board of Directors adopt as presented, the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of October 13, 2026.			
Roll Call Vote:			
William Hall			
Michael Humphrey			
Steve Fraire			
Susan Houle			
Larry Alvarado			

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Absent _____			

IV. Approve Minutes

10:03 AM

A. Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes	Steve Fraire	1 m
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Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting that was held on September 8, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:

William Hall

Michael Humphrey

Steve Fraire

Susan Houle

Larry Alvarado

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

Approve minutes for Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on September 8, 2026

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

10:04 AM

A. School Highlights - Presented by Heidi Gasca, Superintendent/CEO	Discuss	Heidi Gasca	5 m
B. Principals' Plan for 2026-2027 - Presented by Jenn Sheehey, April Saade and Victoria Firetag	Discuss	Jenn Sheehey, April Saade, Victoria Firetag	12 m

Jenn Sheehey - Virtual Pathway Principal

April Saade - Elementary Principal

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
<i>Victoria Firetag - Assistant Secondary Principal</i>			
C. Recognition of Reclassified Fluent English Proficient Students - Presented by Erica Flores, Assessment & Special Programs Coordinator	Discuss		5 m
<i>W. Alrashidi</i>			
<i>I. Burgos</i>			
<i>C. Castellanos</i>			
<i>L. Castellanos</i>			
<i>E. Del Cid</i>			
<i>A. Eshaqzi</i>			
<i>Z. Espinocilla</i>			
<i>J. Grigon Noguera</i>			
<i>A. Khan</i>			
<i>L. Lopez Lopez</i>			
<i>J. Ly</i>			
<i>S. Marwa</i>			
<i>M. Mehfooz</i>			
<i>A. Mollineda</i>			
<i>O. Montoy</i>			
<i>Y. Nwe</i>			
<i>N. Parlog</i>			
<i>K. Tsiselska</i>			
<i>M. Valeriano</i>			
<i>A. Yudina</i>			
<i>M. Zubairi</i>			
D. School Nursing Solutions - Presented by Heidi Gasca, Superintendent/CEO	Discuss	Heidi Gasca	5 m
E. HopSkipJump, Inc. - Presented by Heidi Gasca, Superintendent	Discuss	Heidi Gasca	3 m

VII. Consent

10:34 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.

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
A.	Consent - Business/Financial Services		
	1. Check Register - September 2026		
	2. Cash Payments - September 2026		
B.	Consent - Education/Student Services		
	1. Approval of the 2026-2027 EACS SPED Master Plan		
	2. Ratification of School Nursing Solutions Hearing & Vision Screenings		
	3. Approval of the Student Voluntary Event Authorization & Release of Liability Revisions		
C.	Consent - Personnel Services		
	1. Approval of Certificated Personnel Report		
	2. Approval of Classified Personnel Report		
D.	Consent - Policy Development	Vote	Steve Fraire
	Approval of existing board policies revised, reviewed, and eliminated by staff for the 2026-2027 school year.		1 m

Board Policies: Revised

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

5000 Series - Student Services

5015 - EA Title IX Harassment, Intimidation, Discrimination and Bullying 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 _____

Purpose	Presenter	Time
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VIII. Personnel Services

10:35 AM

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| A. | Approval of the Declaration of Need (DON) for Fully Qualified Educators | Vote | Megan Anderson | 2 m |
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It is recommended the Declaration of Need (DON) for Fully Qualified Educators for Excel Academy Charter School - Orange County.

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. Policy Development

10:37 AM

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| A. | Approval of New Board Policies | Vote | Heidi Gasca | 3 m |
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It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed policy.

Board Policies: New

1000 Series - Community Relations

1045 - EA Overnight Field Trip Chaperone Policy

Roll Call Vote:

William Hall

Michael Humphrey

Steve Fraire

Susan Houle

Larry Alvarado

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

X. Calendar

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
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The next scheduled Regular Board Meeting will be held both in person and virtually on November 10, 2026.

XI.	Comments		10:40 AM
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A.	Board Comments	Discuss	2 m
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B.	CEO Comments	Discuss	Heidi Gasca 2 m
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XII.	Closing Items		10:44 AM
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A.	Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Steve Fraire 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 _____

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