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## Excel Academy (CA)

# Minutes

## Regular Board Meeting

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### Date and Time

Thursday January 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM

### Location

The meeting will be held virtually.

Join by telephone or via Zoom conferencing link below:

Dial In: +1 669 444 9171 US

Meeting ID: 871 3213 3338

Join URL: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87132133338>

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### MISSION STATEMENT

Excel Academy will provide flexible, personalized learning through a customized course of study that will educate, motivate, and instill a love of learning in each individual student. Teachers and parents will join together to maintain high expectations and promote academic excellence for all students creating the next generation of leaders.

### THE ORDER OF BUSINESS MAY BE CHANGED WITHOUT NOTICE

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

### REASONABLE LIMITATIONS MAY BE PLACED ON PUBLIC TESTIMONY

The Governing Board's presiding officer reserves the right to impose reasonable time limits on public testimony to ensure that the agenda is completed.

### REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY

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Pursuant to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, any individual with a disability who requires reasonable accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting of the Governing Board may request assistance by contacting Excel Academy Charter Schools.

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**Directors Present**

L. Alvarado (remote), S. Fraire (remote), S. Houle (remote), W. Hall (remote)

**Directors Absent**

M. Humphrey

**Guests Present**

L. Hansen (remote)

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Call the Meeting to Order**

W. Hall called a meeting of the board of directors of Excel Academy (CA) to order on Thursday Jan 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

**B. Record Attendance**

**II. Board Governance**

**A. Approval of Resolution No. 2023-1-12 Recognizing a State of Emergency and Re-Authorizing Teleconferenced Meetings Pursuant to AB 361**

S. Fraire made a motion to Bill Hall.

L. Alvarado seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Fraire Aye

W. Hall Aye

S. Houle Aye

L. Alvarado Aye

M. Humphrey Absent

**III. Approve/Adopt Agenda**

**A. Agenda**

S. Fraire made a motion to Bill Hall.

S. Houle seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Fraire Aye  
S. Houle Aye  
M. Humphrey Absent  
W. Hall Aye  
L. Alvarado Aye

**IV. Approve Minutes**

**A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 8, 2022**

S. Fraire made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on 12-08-22.

S. Houle seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Houle Aye  
L. Alvarado Aye  
M. Humphrey Absent  
W. Hall Aye  
S. Fraire Aye

**V. Organizational Structure - Annual Meeting of the Board**

**A. Approval of Third Amended Bylaws**

L. Alvarado made a motion to Bill Hall.

S. Houle seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Houle Aye  
M. Humphrey Absent  
S. Fraire Aye  
L. Alvarado Aye  
W. Hall Aye

**B. Approval of Excel Academy Charter Schools Board of Directors Manual**

S. Houle made a motion to Bill Hall.

L. Alvarado seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

M. Humphrey Absent  
S. Fraire Aye

**Roll Call**

S. Houle     Aye  
L. Alvarado   Aye  
W. Hall       Aye

**C. Election of the Excel Academy Charter Schools Board of Directors**

S. Fraire made a motion to Bill Hall.

L. Alvarado seconded the motion.

William Hall has been nominated to hold the office Board President

Michael Humphrey has been nominated to hold the office of Board Vice President

Steve Fraire as been nominated to hold the office of Board Clerk

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

**Roll Call**

M. Humphrey   Absent  
S. Fraire       Aye  
L. Alvarado    Aye  
W. Hall        Aye  
S. Houle       Aye

**VI. Correspondence/Proposals/Reports**

**A. School Highlights - Presented by Heidi Gasca, Executive Director/CEO**

Executive Director Heidi Gasca played the interview from the HD Daily News, who interviewed Heidi regarding the recent honor of Excel Academy being recognized as a 2023 California Distinguished School.

**B. Special Education Update - Presented by Lara Ulmer, Director of Special Education**

Director of Special Education Lara Ulmer shared a presentation of the Special Education Department at Excel Academy, including student data, program improvements, and overall updates.

**VII. Consent**

**A. Consent - Business/Financial Services**

**B. Consent - Education Student/Services**

**C. Consent - Personnel Services**

**D. Consent - Policy Development**

**E. Consent items listed under A through D are considered routine and will be approved/adopted by a single motion.**

L. Alvarado made a motion to Bill Hall.  
S. Houle seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

M. Humphrey Absent  
L. Alvarado Aye  
W. Hall Aye  
S. Fraire Aye  
S. Houle Aye

**VIII. Business/Financial Services**

**A. Approval to Reinstate San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) Treasury Bank Account**

S. Fraire made a motion to Bill Hall.  
S. Houle seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

L. Alvarado Aye  
S. Houle Aye  
W. Hall Aye  
S. Fraire Aye  
M. Humphrey Absent

**B. Approval of CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) Final Annual Audit Report - Year Ended June 30, 2022**

S. Fraire made a motion to Bill Hall.  
L. Alvarado seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

W. Hall Aye  
S. Fraire Aye  
S. Houle Aye  
L. Alvarado Aye  
M. Humphrey Absent

**C. Approval of DocuSign Contract Renewal**

L. Alvarado made a motion to Bill Hall.  
S. Houle seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

L. Alvarado Aye

**Roll Call**

M. Humphrey Absent  
S. Fraire Aye  
W. Hall Aye  
S. Houle Aye

**D. Approval of Art, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant Spending Plan**

S. Fraire made a motion to Bill Hall.  
S. Houle seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

S. Fraire Aye  
M. Humphrey Absent  
S. Houle Absent  
L. Alvarado Aye  
W. Hall Aye

**IX. Education/Services**

**A. Approval of 2021-22 School Accountability Report Card (SARC)**

S. Fraire made a motion to Bill Hall.  
L. Alvarado seconded the motion.  
Director of Assessment & Accountability Jenny Craig presented the SARC for the 2021-2022 school year.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

S. Fraire Aye  
S. Houle Aye  
M. Humphrey Absent  
L. Alvarado Aye  
W. Hall Aye

**X. Comments**

**A. Board Comments**

The Board congratulated Excel Academy on their California Distinguished School award, and thanked the staff for their hard work. They remarked that programs that achieve reflect the work of the staff, and make it very evident. The Board loved the school highlights, seeing all the learning opportunities for students, and commended Lara Ulmer for her hard work on the Special Education department.

**B. CEO Comments**

Heidi remarked that it is such a representation of the team when achieving such honors. Heidi is excited to celebrate her staff at their Professional Development meeting in February. Heidi spoke on the Arts & Music grant and how much importance Excel Academy places on such programs.

## **XI. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. Hall

S. Fraire made a motion to Bill Hall.

L. Alvarado seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

S. Fraire     Aye

S. Houle     Aye

W. Hall     Aye

M. Humphrey Absent

L. Alvarado   Aye

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#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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