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## Excel Academy (CA)

### Minutes

#### Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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**Date and Time**

Thursday September 14, 2023 at 10:20 AM

**Location**

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

Regus- Gateway Chula Vista  
333 H Street, Suite 5000  
Chula Vista, CA 91910

**Zoom Meeting Information:**

**Dial In: +1 669 444 9171**

**Meeting ID: 851 1607 6691**

**Zoom URL: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85116076691>**

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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.

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### **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**

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, S. Fraire, S. Houle, W. Hall

#### **Directors Absent**

M. Humphrey

#### **Guests Present**

L. Hansen

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### **I. Opening Items**

#### **A. Call the Meeting to Order**

#### **B. Record Attendance**

### **II. Approve/Adopt Agenda**

#### **A. Agenda**

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

M. Humphrey   Absent

S. Houle        Aye

S. Fraire        Aye

L. Alvarado     Aye

### **III. Approve Minutes**

#### **A.**

### **Approve Minutes**

S. Fraire made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on 06-22-23.

S. Houle seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

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

### **B. Approve Minutes**

S. Fraire made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Directors Study Session on 08-17-23.

L. Alvarado seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

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

## **IV. Adjourn to Closed Session**

### **A. The Board will consider and may act on any of the Closed Session matters.**

S. Fraire made a motion to Bil Hall.

S. Houle seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

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

## **V. Closed Session**

### **A. Closed Session**

No action was taken.

## **VI. Reconvene Regular Meeting**

### **A. Report out any action taken in closed session.**

No action was taken.

## **VII. Correspondence/Proposals/Reports**

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

Heidi Gasca presented updates from the month of August, including highlights from EACS' All Staff PD, Special Education and General Education updates, and Community initiatives.

### **B. Student Achievement Data - Presented by Jenny Craig, Director of Assessment & Accountability**

Jenny Craig presented on Student Achievement Data and the growth that EACS students had in reading and math over the course of the 22/23 school year, new assessment programs, and ELPAC celebrations.

### **C. Teacher Testimonials**

Elementary Teacher Chiara Hawley shared on Excel Academy's TK Cohort, and Secondary Teacher Kimberly Platler shared on her science background and her work in selecting science curriculum, reviewing samples from students, and her work in teaching two marine biology classes.

## **VIII. Consent**

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

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

### **C. Consent - Personnel Services**

### **D. Policy Development**

### **E. Approve Consent Agenda**

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

W. Hall Aye

**Roll Call**

S. Houle Aye

L. Alvarado Aye

S. Fraire Aye

**IX. Board Governance**

**A. Approval of Board of Directors Reappointment and Terms of Office**

L. Alvarado made a motion to Bill Hall.

S. Houle seconded the motion.

Lauren reminded the Board that this item must be voted on before moving to the next item to perform the Oath of Office.

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

**Roll Call**

L. Alvarado Aye

S. Houle Aye

S. Fraire Aye

M. Humphrey Absent

W. Hall Aye

**B. Administer Oath of Office**

Steve Fraire and Susan Houle were sworn into office for their final three year term.

**C. Approval of the 2023-2024 Annual Board Evaluation**

S. Houle made a motion to Bill Hall.

S. Fraire seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Houle Aye

W. Hall Aye

M. Humphrey Absent

L. Alvarado Aye

S. Fraire Aye

**X. Business/Financial Services**

**A. Approval of Unaudited Actuals for the 2022-2023 School Year**

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

**Roll Call**

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

**B. Approval of 2023-24 Consolidated Application and Reporting System (CARS)**

S. Fraire made a motion to Bill Hall.

S. Houle seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**XI. Personnel Services**

**A. Approval of 2023-2024 Excel Academy Board of Directors and Executive Director/CEO Goals**

L. Alvarado made a motion to Bill Hall.

S. Houle seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**B. Approve 2023-24 Executive Director/CEO Evaluation Process, Timeline, Evaluators, Evaluator Compensation, and Evaluation Template**

S. Fraire made a motion to Bill Hall.

L. Alvarado seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

## **XII. Board Comments**

### **A. Board Comments**

The Board commended the school on the financial standing, and the tracking system for expenditures. They welcomed the new staff to the school. Board Member Larry Alvarado suggested hourly staff to support special education students, as the sped staff had to be reduced. Board President Bill Hall agreed. The Board thanked the presenters and Excel staff in the room.

## **XIII. CEO Comments**

### **A. CEO Comments**

Heidi applauded her team for starting the school year and setting it up for success.

## **XIV. 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 11:52 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
W. Hall

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### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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