APPROVED

Excel Academy (CA)

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date and Time
Thursday June 12, 2025 at 12:10 PM

Location

Excel Academy Charter School
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Irvine, CA 92618

Regus- Gateway Chula Vista
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Zoom Meeting Information:
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MISSION STATEMENT

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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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Directors Present
M. Humphrey, S. Fraire, S. Houle, W. Hall

Directors Absent
L. Alvarado

Guests Present
L. Hansen

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 Jun 12, 2025 at 12:18 PM.

B. Record Attendance

II. Approve/Adopt Agenda

A. Agenda

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

Roll Call

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

III. Approve Minutes

A.

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 8, 2025

S. Houle made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on 05-08-25.
S. Fraire seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

IV. Correspondence/Proposals/Reports

A. Excel Academy Year in Review - Presented by Heidi Gasca, Executive Director

Heidi shared a video detailing the accomplishments of Excel Academy in the 2024-25 school year.

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

Lara gave an update of the Special Education program including staff, classes, new initiatives, and more.

V. Consent

A. Consent - Business/Financial Services

B. Consent - Education Student/Services

C. Consent - Personnel Services

D. Consent Items - Policy Development

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

Roll Call

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

VI. Business/Financial Services

A.

Approval of Additional Chromebooks Purchase

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

Roll Call

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

B. Approval of MacBook Air Laptops Purchase

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

Roll Call

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

C. Approval of the Stampli Contract (Renewal)

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

Roll Call

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

D. Approval of 2025-26 Consolidated Application and Reporting System (CARS)

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

Roll Call

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

Roll Call

S. Houle	Aye

E. Approval of the Proposition 28 Arts & Music in Schools (AMS) Funding Annual Report - Fiscal Year 2024-2025

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

Roll Call

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

F. Approval of SecureSpace Storage Unit

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

Roll Call

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

G. Approval of the California Charter School Association (CCSA) Membership for 2025-2026 (Renewal)

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

H. Approval of the Settlement Agreement (Lares v. The Collaborative Charter Services Organization, et. al.)

M. Humphrey made a motion to Bill Hall.
S. Houle seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

VII. Education Services

A. Approval of Amira Learning Reading Difficulties Screener

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

Roll Call

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

VIII. Personnel Services

A. Approval of Marsh McLennan Benefits

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

Roll Call

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

IX. Policy Development

A. Approval of New Board Policies

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

Roll Call

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

X. Public Hearing

A. Local Indicators and Local Control & Accountability Plan (LCAP) 2025-26

Hearing Opened at 1:14 PM
Hearing Closed at 1:33 PM

B. Proposed Budget 2025-2026

Hearing Opened at 1:33 PM
Hearing Closed at 1:48 PM

XI. Comments

A. Board Comments

The Board was overwhelmingly positive and expressed deep appreciation for the hard work, leadership, and collaborative spirit of the staff:

Appreciation for Hard Work: The board recognized the immense effort put in by the staff, including those not present at the meeting. They specifically mentioned how impressed they were by the work presented.
Praise for Specific Leaders: Heidi, Joe, and Jenny were singled out for their excellent contributions in their respective areas, with Heidi being praised for a "great year," Joe for his financials, and Jenny for her mastery of the complex LCFF and compliance regulations. The board also gave a shout-out to the special education team for staying on top of the constantly changing rules.
Acknowledgment of Shared Leadership: The board praised the positive and inclusive tone set by the leadership, noting that this shared leadership model is essential for the school's success.
Overall Gratitude: The board expressed a sense of being "blessed" to have the school, its staff, and the families and students it serves, emphasizing that the model "works" and that everyone's efforts are making a positive difference.

B. CEO Comments

Heidi's comments were a heartfelt expression of gratitude to her entire team, particularly the administrative staff. She highlighted that all their collective hard work, from benefits administration and fiscal management to legislative compliance, ultimately serves the students. She emphasized her pride in the administrative team's behind-the-scenes efforts and how their work directly contributes to major milestones, such as student

graduation. Heidi concluded by thanking the board for their support, reiterating her belief that she works with an "incredible team" that always keeps its "eye on the prize"—student success.

XII. 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 1:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. Hall

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