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Soleil Academy

Minutes

Soleil Academy Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday February 25, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Location

12315 Thorson Ave Lynwood, CA. 90262 (Satellite Option: 3900 Agnes Ave. Lynwood, CA 90262)

OR

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7564585437?pwd=cmdKc1huRFI4MjJGanVCLzZ6dHEwUT09>

Meeting ID: 756 458 5437

Passcode: 155911

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Board Meeting will be held at 3900 Agnes Ave. Lynwood, CA. 90262 and on zoom on the above date and time. During the meeting, the Board will consider, discuss, and may take action upon any of the agenda items listed below.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Members of the public calling in or participating via Zoom will be given the opportunity to address the Board during the meeting. Members of the public who wish to comment during the Board meeting may use the “raise hand” function on the Zoom platform to indicate their desire to speak at the beginning of consideration of that agenda item or during the period provided for comments from the public on non-agenda items. Members of the public who wish to speak on any item are requested (but not required) to identify themselves and indicate on

which agenda item they wish to speak. The Board will provide an opportunity for the public to speak on each agenda item for a maximum of three (3) minutes per person or six (6) minutes if a translation is required.

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Directors Present

B. Weinstein-Sanders, E. Funes, K. Armstrong, S. Johnson

Directors Absent

L. Safa, V. Reynolds

Ex Officio Members Present

B. Gutierrez

Non Voting Members Present

B. Gutierrez

Guests Present

R. Avilez

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

S. Johnson called a meeting of the board of directors of Soleil Academy to order on Wednesday Feb 25, 2026 at 5:14 PM.

B. Record Attendance

II. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from 1/31/26 Soleil Academy Board Meeting

B. Weinstein-Sanders made a motion to approve the minutes from 1/31/26 Soleil Academy Board Meeting Soleil Academy Board Meeting on 01-31-26.

E. Funes seconded the motion.

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

B.

Financial Audit Vendor

R. Avilez provided context for the approval of the financial audit vendor- CLA.

K. Armstrong made a motion to approve Financial Audit Vendor.

B. Weinstein-Sanders seconded the motion.

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

C. Annual Review of Comprehensive School Safety Plan for the 26-27 School Year

R. Avilez reviewed the revisions that were made to the Safety Plan.

B. Weinstein-Sanders made a motion to approve Annual Review of Comprehensive School Safety Plan for the 26-27 School Year.

E. Funes seconded the motion.

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

D. Immigration Policies

R. Avilez provided context for the approval of the Immigration Policies.

B. Weinstein-Sanders made a motion to approve Immigration Policies.

E. Funes seconded the motion.

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

E. Amended 2026–2027 Academic Calendar

B. Weinstein-Sanders made a motion to approve the amended 2026-2027 Academic Calendar.

E. Funes seconded the motion.

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

III. Finance Committee

A. Review of Financials

A. Grant provided a pre-recorded presentation of the financial. He provided a high-level overview of enrollment and attendance trends and references the use and availability of restricted one-time funds. On the expense side, he highlighted a few areas where costs are running above budget, particularly related to staffing coverage and employee benefits. He also provided an overall outlook on the year-end financial position and cash balance.

B. 2nd Interim Report

R. Avilez presented the 2nd Interim Report, highlighting it is essentially a reflection of the financials presented in a different format.

E. Funes made a motion to approve 2nd Interim Report.

K. Armstrong seconded the motion.

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

C.

Updates

B. Gutierrez presented three potential goals: securing a facility reserve, increasing board financial understanding, and developing a framework for household-based budget planning. The board members expressing support for these objectives while requesting more specific cost details for facility options.

IV. Management Update

A. Soleil Management Updates

R. Avilez reviewed enrollment and attendance, noting stable enrollment and an improved attendance rate compared to the previous year. He highlighted efforts by the operations team to strengthen attendance and mentioned that the academic calendar was aligned with other schools to help reduce scheduling conflicts. Chronic absenteeism monitor figures were reviewed, showing there is an improvement from last year.

The board was informed of upcoming events.

B. LCAP Mid Year Update

B. Gutierrez presented mid-year student outcomes and implementation progress, highlighting improvements in chronic absenteeism, English learner performance, and academic achievement. She noted that while some areas such as EL performance remain a focus, the school has made significant gains in school climate and is meeting several MPO goals. She also discussed professional development efforts, family engagement structures, and budget allocation for initiatives targeting high-need student populations.

Other updates covered teacher credentialing progress, student assessment performance compared with the district, and current attendance trends. Beatriz also discussed how attendance has improved following challenges during the pandemic due to targeted interventions.

V. Academic Committee

A. Updates

B. Gutierrez stated Soleil is engaging in progress monitoring and working on the spring testing plan, with academic outcomes to be discussed at the next meeting

VI. Governance

A. Updates

B. Gutierrez reminded the group about an upcoming deadline for required form submissions and provided updates on renewal preparation, including policy work and plans for a mock renewal interview. Board goal updates were reviewed.

The board discussed several key topics, including the need for Mandated Reporter training and the upcoming board retreat. The Governance Committee has been working on tracking board effectiveness and refining retreat structures.

B. Board Member Resignation

It was announced that Lyris Safa has resigned. The Board expressed gratitude for Safa's contributions to the board.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

The board agreed to consider collapsing the March or April board meeting due to scheduling conflicts and to allow more time for reviewing finance committee materials. There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Johnson