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# El Camino Real Charter High School

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Thursday December 13, 2018 at 4:30 PM

#### Location

El Camino Real Charter High School, Library, 5440 Valley Circle Boulevard, Woodland Hills, CA 91367

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#### BOARD MEETING

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**Consent Agenda:** All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a Board member for further discussion or removed from the agenda, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the Board votes on them. The Executive Director recommends approval of all consent agenda items.

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### **Directors Present**

Beatriz Chen, Brian Archibald, Bruce Takeguma, Darin Ryburn, Scott Silverstein, Steven Kofahl

### **Directors Absent**

Gregory Basile, Kenneth Lee, Lisa Crosthwait

### **Guests Present**

Alan Darby, Daniel Chang, David Hussey

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## **I. Opening Items**

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

Scott Silverstein called a meeting of the board of directors of El Camino Real Charter High School to order on Thursday Dec 13, 2018 at 4:35 PM.

**B. Record Attendance and Guests**

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

**D. Public Comments**

Letty Zane, parent and Friends of ECR, spoke regarding the upcoming 50th Anniversary Gala and concerns regarding eliminating the marketing director position.

**E. Executive Director Update**

Coffee with the Principal took place yesterday, was very interactive. Also, there was a meeting with Charter Schools Division yesterday; the Certificate of Occupancy for the North Campus has been approved, and the Material Revision has to be resubmitted and then CSD will review it. If there is a UTLA strike, it would have an affect, and may push the vote by LAUSD's Board. CSD hoped to have the matter to LAUSD's Board by February if not sooner, but the strike may delay it to March. ECR currently has 100 students in the Independent Study program, with 25 students on the waiting list, and there are often inquiries from parents about the program. We will maintain communications with the local community to ensure they are kept informed about the program.

Next semester, Dr. Howard, a professor from UCLA, will come and give a full day Professional Development to all staff on cultural proficiency, in January and in August. On February 7, there will be an AP Expo Night. Middle school students will be invited. The school play Almost Maine took place last week, was nearly sold out every night and was very well received.

**F. Chief Business Officer Update**

The Prop 39 project was completed and signed off on; we hope to receive approximately \$250,000 in rebates in the next quarter.

Regarding building new bungalows at AltEd, we are starting to put together a scope of project in partnership with LAUSD.

Regarding the next meeting with CSD, Mr. Takeguma recommended that we invite the CSD members to come visit the North Campus and have the meeting there, instead of ECR going to Beaudry. Mr. Takeguma also asked that David Honda be recognized for his contribution.

**G. Board Committee Reports**

The Travel Committee met today, and Ms. Chen noted that three trips were approved: Boys Volleyball to Hawaii; Boys Volleyball to Las Vegas; and Girls Softball to Las Vegas. Mr. Ryburn stated that the school only reimburses expenses for the coaches who go with the team; the majority of the cost is covered by the teams through fundraising.

The Safety Committee, Mr. Ryburn spoke regarding ongoing concerns on active shooters. Mr. Ryburn noted that there is a company with innovative technology, which he will present at a future Board meeting.

#### **H. Recognition of Outgoing Board Member**

The Board recognized outgoing board member Bruce Takeguma. Mr. Silverstein noted that Mr. Takeguma was appointed by LAUSD to our Board approximately 18 months ago, and that ECR could not have asked for a better Board member. Mr. Ryburn also thanked Mr. Takeguma for his service.

Mr. Takeguma spoke and thanked everyone for the kind words. He also noted that he had learned a lot during his time on the Board, particularly regarding the details of operating an independent charter school. And he believes ECR is on the right track, and has high hopes for the future of ECR.

### **II. Consent**

#### **A. Approve Minutes of November 15, 2018 Board Meeting**

Darin Ryburn made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 11-15-18 Board Meeting on 11-15-18.

Steven Kofahl seconded the motion.

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

##### **Roll Call**

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| Scott Silverstein | Aye     |
| Beatriz Chen      | Aye     |
| Steven Kofahl     | Aye     |
| Lisa Crosthwait   | Absent  |
| Darin Ryburn      | Aye     |
| Kenneth Lee       | Absent  |
| Bruce Takeguma    | Abstain |
| Gregory Basile    | Absent  |
| Brian Archibald   | Abstain |

#### **B. Approve Minutes of November 15, 2018 Special Meeting**

Darin Ryburn made a motion to approve minutes from the Special Meeting on 11-15-18 Special Meeting on 11-15-18.

Beatriz Chen seconded the motion.

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

##### **Roll Call**

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|-----------------|---------|
| Bruce Takeguma  | Abstain |
| Lisa Crosthwait | Absent  |
| Brian Archibald | Abstain |
| Beatriz Chen    | Aye     |
| Kenneth Lee     | Absent  |

**Roll Call**

Gregory Basile    Absent  
Scott Silverstein    Aye  
Darin Ryburn    Aye  
Steven Kofahl    Aye

**III. Financial**

**A. Review and Vote on 2017-2018 Audit Report**

Victoria Parker of Clifton Larson Allen spoke. She discussed the governance letter to the Board, and noted that there were no issues or discrepancies, and no issues or disagreements with management in the audit. Mr. Silverstein asked if the audit goes through every transaction, or through a sampling. Ms. Parker said the audit is conducted through a sampling and with the use of analytics. This is industry standard, and pursuant to generally accepted standards.

Ms. Parker then went over the audit report. Mr. Kofahl questioned on page 9 regarding the credit risk, and whether the FDIC insurance amount is sufficient. Ms. Parker said this is standard, and that ECR has additional insurance beyond what FDIC insures.

It was noted that this audit is as of June 30, 2018; it would not reflect any potential liability associated with CalSTRS. Overall, there were no deficiencies, findings, or exceptions found. This includes the audit of the federal expenditures in the special education program.

Brian Archibald made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 audit report.

Bruce Takeguma seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Gregory Basile    Absent  
Brian Archibald    Aye  
Bruce Takeguma    Aye  
Kenneth Lee    Absent  
Beatriz Chen    Aye  
Darin Ryburn    Aye  
Steven Kofahl    Aye  
Lisa Crosthwait    Absent  
Scott Silverstein    Aye

**B. Review and Vote on 1st Interim Financials**

The interim financials were submitted to LAUSD on November 26, 2018. These numbers were already presented at the November Board meeting. Mr. Ryburn asked if the projected percentages have been published by CalSTRS and CalPERS; the information will be sent to Mr. Ryburn.

Brian Archibald made a motion to approve the 1st interim financials.

Beatriz Chen seconded the motion.

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

#### **IV. School Business**

##### **A. Discuss and Possible Approval of Paycom, a Third Party Human Capital and Payroll Processing Company**

Mr. Darby discussed retaining Paycom as an online platform to integrate attendance, HR and payroll into one system. Jason Harris of Paycom spoke, noted that approximately 30% of Paycom's client base is charter schools and non-profit organizations. Mr. Harris spoke about a partnership relationship, where Paycom can grow with ECR. Currently, because ECR uses many different platforms, it makes it difficult for employees to access the information. Paycom integrates everything into one app that can be accessed through any smartphone or device. The implementation is targeted for July 2019.

Mr. Ryburn asked what the cost difference would be if we were to go with Paycom. Mr. Darby noted that the contract with Paycom will be approximately \$70,000; we would have to negotiate with EdTec if we were to remove the payroll function as to how much of a reduction that would be, our current contract does not break out what EdTec is charging us for the payroll function. But without the savings in that piece, we would already almost break even with the savings from time and attendance.

It was also noted that Paycom integrates well with Netsuite. Also, EdTec will continue to have access to our Netsuite and payroll numbers.

Mr. Ryburn asked if there would be more staffing needed in order to work with Paycom; Mr. Darby said not necessarily, as the Business Office has increased staffing recently and should be able to work with Paycom efficiently.

Darin Ryburn made a motion to approve the use of Paycom for human capital management and payroll processing.

Beatriz Chen seconded the motion.

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

##### **Roll Call**

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| Darin Ryburn      | Aye     |
| Kenneth Lee       | Absent  |
| Lisa Crosthwait   | Absent  |
| Steven Kofahl     | Aye     |
| Gregory Basile    | Absent  |
| Scott Silverstein | Abstain |
| Beatriz Chen      | Aye     |
| Brian Archibald   | Aye     |
| Bruce Takeguma    | Aye     |

##### **B. Tech Update and Status of IT Audit**

Mr. Delgado stated that the North Campus was incorporated into the infrastructure over the weekend.

Also, there was a network connectivity issue on student devices due to a compatibility issue and a bug in the firmware update. ECR is looking into upgrading the internet

speed, from 1GB to 5GB; 50% of this cost will be funded by e-rate. We are taking bids from AT&T and Charter Spectrum. The Tech Center will be established in the Spring semester, and a tech assistant will be available to help in the classroom. Also, a student tech club will be started that will hopefully trickle down help troubleshoot some of the tech issues being experienced by the students and staff. Ms. Chen noted that there will be more professional development for the teachers; also, some of the repairs will be tasked to trained student employees. If a student has an issue with a laptop that will take more than 5 minutes, the student will leave the laptop with the tech center and a loaner will be provided.

Regarding whether teachers know how to fill out a tech ticket, this information was provided in a tech newsletter and was also covered during one of the professional development; and another newsletter is going out tomorrow. The Tech Dept. will provide information as to how many tech tickets are being submitted and how long the turnaround time is.

As to the IT Audit, Ms. Chen noted it was taking time for the tech company to get back to her, so we may be pursuing other tech companies to perform the audit.

#### **C. Discuss and Possible Approval of Resolution re Administrative Panel**

This matter was tabled.

#### **D. Discuss and Possible Approval of Resolution Re Recognition of AFSCME**

The Resolution to recognize AFSCME as the exclusive representative for all full-time and part-time classified employees of El Camino Real Charter High School as defined in California Education Code Section 45100 et. seq., except those specifically excluded by EERA Section 3543.4.

The motion was tabled until after the closed session.

After the closed session, the Board adopted the Resolution.

Darin Ryburn made a motion to approve the Resolution re recognition of AFSCME as the exclusive representative of all full-time and part-time classified employees.

Bruce Takeguma seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| Steven Kofahl     | Aye    |
| Bruce Takeguma    | Aye    |
| Beatriz Chen      | Aye    |
| Gregory Basile    | Absent |
| Scott Silverstein | Aye    |
| Lisa Crosthwait   | Absent |
| Kenneth Lee       | Absent |
| Brian Archibald   | Aye    |
| Darin Ryburn      | Aye    |

#### **V. Closed Session**

**A. Conference with Legal Counsel: Anticipated Litigation**

Closed session took place.

**B. Conference with Labor Negotiators**

Closed session took place.

**VI. Reconvene to Open Session**

**A. Report on Actions Taken in Closed Session, If Any**

There were no actions taken to report.

**VII. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

Steven Kofahl made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Bruce Takeguma seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Chang