APPROVED

El Camino Real Charter High School

Minutes

Special Board Meeting

6-20-2025 Special Board Meeting

Date and Time
Friday June 20, 2025 at 10:00 AM

Location
El Camino Real Charter High School - (Principal's Conference Room)

5440 Valley Circle Woodland Hills CA 91367

Meeting can also be seen and heard at:

North Campus - 7401 Shoup Ave. West Hills CA 91307

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

For meeting materials, please go to the school's main office, or call (818) 595-7500. Some board meeting materials are also posted in the school's website (https://ecrchs.net - click the ECR Board tab).

ATTENTION:

WE HAVE RETURNED TO "IN-PERSON" REGULAR AND SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD BY PARENTS AND OTHER MEETING ATTENDEES:

El Camino Real Alliance (“ECRA”) welcomes your participation at ECRA’s Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Board of Directors (“Board”) is to conduct the affairs of ECRA in public.

Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our charter school. To assist you in the ease of speaking/ participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided:

1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting.

2. “Request to Speak” forms are available to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda items of the Special Baord Meeting.

“Public Comments” is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are on the agenda.

However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action.
These presentations are limited to ***two (2) minutes*** and and total time allotted is only for the topics in the agenda items and will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. A member of the public who requires the use of a translator, in order to receive the same opportunity as others to directly address the Board, shall be permitted twice the allotted time to speak.

The Board may give direction to staff to respond to your concern or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen-requested item.

3. You may also complete a “Request to Speak” form to address the Board on Agenda items. With regard to such agenda items, you may specify the item(s) on your “Request to Speak” form and you will be given an opportunity to speak for up to three (3) minutes before the item is addressed, and total time allocated to agenda items will not exceed six (6) minutes for a Discussion item and nine (9) minutes per Vote item.

A member of the public who requires the use of a translator, in order to receive the same opportunity as others to directly address the Board, shall be permitted twice the allotted time to speak, and the total allocated time shall be appropriately increased as well.

4. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and adhere to the time limits set forth. In order to maintain allotted time limits, the Board Chair may modify speaker time allocations or the total amount of allotted time for an item.

5. Any public records relating to an agenda item for an Open Session of the Board which are distributed to all, or a majority of all, of the Board members shall be available for public inspection at 5440 Valley Circle Blvd., Woodland Hills, California, 91367.

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Effective September 2022, public comments presentations at all ECRA Regular and Special Board Meetings and at Committee Meetings must be made in person.

There is no obligation on the part of the school to have a school official read public comments during in-person Board Meetings.

A member of the public is welcome to appear at the Board meeting to make a public comment or make arrangements with another person in attendance to speak on the person's behalf.

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 or more motions 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 vote(s) on the Consent Agenda item(s). The Executive Director recommends approval of all consent agenda items.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and upon request, El Camino Real Alliance may furnish reasonable auxiliary aids and services to qualified individuals with disabilities. Requests for disability related modifications or accommodations shall be made 24 hours prior to the meeting to David Hussey, in person, by email at comment@ecrchs.net, or by calling (818) 595-7500.

Directors Present
Brad Wright, Linda Ibach, Ronald Laws, Steven Kofahl

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
David Hussey, Ryan Guinto

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Brad Wright called a meeting of the board of directors of El Camino Real Charter High School to order on Friday Jun 20, 2025 at 10:07 AM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America (USA)

Mr. Brad Wright led the Board members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America (USA).

D. Public Comments

No public comments were received for this meeting.

II. School Business

A. Review & Approval of 2025-2026 ECRA Insurance Policy

Topic: 2025–2026 ECRA Insurance Policy Presentation
Presenter: Greg Wood, Chief Business Officer (CBO)

1. Overview of Policy Coverage:

- The proposed insurance policy for the 2025–2026 school year was presented.
- Policy includes coverage for:
  - Workers' Compensation
  - Directors & Officers (D&O) Liability
  - Umbrella Liability

2. Insurance Provider:

- Provider: **CharterSAFE**, the long-time insurance provider for ECRA.
- CharterSAFE is notable for:
  - Serving the majority of charter schools in California.
  - Offering **umbrella coverage of over $55 million** across its member schools.
  - Uniquely positioned in the insurance market, especially in the charter school sector.

3. Market Research & Alternatives:

- The CBO and team explored alternative providers in the insurance market.
- Findings:
  - Competing providers generally offer **a maximum of $10 million** in umbrella coverage—significantly lower than CharterSAFE's offer.
  - Marketwide premium increases were observed across most providers.

4. Negotiations & Premium Adjustment:

- CharterSAFE initially submitted a preliminary proposal for the 2025–2026 school year.

- As one of CharterSAFE's largest members, ECRA was able to negotiate improved rates.
- Final negotiated annual premium:
  - **Current (2024–2025):** $697,199
  - **Proposed (2025–2026):** $665,071
  - **Savings:** $32,128 (~5% decrease)
- Reduction attributed in part to:
  - Decrease in student enrollment counts, which lowers risk exposure and therefore premiums.

5. Financial Impact:

- The projected savings support fiscal responsibility amid rising insurance rates across the sector.
- Continues coverage consistency with a long-standing and reliable provider.

Steven Kofahl made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 ECRA Insurance Policy.
Ronald Laws seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Ronald Laws	Aye
Linda Ibach	Aye
Steven Kofahl	Aye
Brad Wright	Aye

The board entered the closed session at 10:11 PM on the 20th of June, 2025.

III. Reconvene to Open Session

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

The board reconvene to open session at 10:25 PM on the 20th of June, 2025.

B. Approval and Ratification of Settlement Agreement with UTLA

1. Settlement Agreement:

- Mr. Wright reported that **during the closed session**, the Board reached a **unanimous agreement** on a **settlement regarding a math teacher**.
- All members present voted in favor of the settlement.
- The terms of the agreement were discussed in closed session and are subject to confidentiality, but the board affirms consensus and legal compliance.
- The item includes:
  - Authorization to **pay COBRA health insurance premiums** for a period of **two (2) months**.

- This payment applies to **up to eight (8) teachers** affected by the agreement.
- These provisions are part of a broader understanding with UTLA and are intended to support transitioning staff.

2. Rationale & Context:

- The settlement and COBRA support reflect efforts to maintain good faith negotiations with UTLA.
- The financial obligation has been reviewed and is within budgetary capacity.
- The agreement is part of ensuring smooth and respectful separation or transition for identified instructional staff, primarily in the math department.

Steven Kofahl made a motion to approve the Ratification of Settlement Agreement with UTLA.
Brad Wright seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Linda Ibach	Aye
Steven Kofahl	Aye
Ronald Laws	Aye
Brad Wright	Aye

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Steven Kofahl made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Ronald Laws seconded the motion.
Single voice vote
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Steven Kofahl	Aye
Ronald Laws	Aye
Linda Ibach	Aye
Brad Wright	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ryan Guinto