APPROVED

El Camino Real Charter High School

Minutes

Special Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday June 9, 2026 at 12:00 PM

Location
El Camino Real Charter High School - (Grieb Theater)

5440 Valley Circle Woodland Hills CA 91367, and

Meeting can also be seen and heard at:

North Campus - 7401 Shoup Ave. West Hills CA 91307

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 sixteen (16) 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, and the total allocated time shall be appropriately increased as well.

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. 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.

4. 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, Joe Kolkowitz, Linda Ibach, Ronald Laws

Directors Absent
Alexandra Ramirez, Norris Gunby, Steven Kofahl

Guests Present
Christopher Valencia, David Hussey, Vania Rodriguez

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 Tuesday Jun 9, 2026 at 12:36 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

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

Mr. Russell led the Pledge of Allegiance

D. Public Comments

There were no public comments

II. School Business

A. Discuss and Vote the Possibility of Closing the Chief Academic Officer (CAO) Position

- Mr. Wright opened discussion regarding the previously approved Chief Academic Officer (CAO) position.
- Mr. Wright stated that although the Board had previously approved the position, Board members continued discussing the matter after the vote.
- Mr. Wright acknowledged that Ms. Ibach had previously voted against the CAO position and stated that after reviewing the financial considerations and concerns she raised, he believed it was necessary to revisit the matter.
- Mr. Wright stated that he believed the funds allocated for the CAO position could be better utilized in other areas, including:
    - Hiring additional teachers;
    - Supporting students directly; and
    - Reducing the possibility of future layoffs.
- Mr. Wright stated that the CAO position could be reconsidered and reopened at a future date if needed.
- Ms. Ibach stated that:
    - The Board needed to carefully review where funding for the position would come from;
    - The school should prioritize funding students and teachers first;
    - The Board should engage in a collaborative discussion regarding the goals and expectations of the position before moving forward with hiring; and
    - Discussions regarding the position should involve collaboration and community input.
- Mr. Wright responded that:
    - The Board has a fiduciary responsibility to remain transparent and fiscally responsible;
    - Board members each had independent voices and perspectives during prior discussions
    - Redirecting the funds could help support instructional staffing and address current financial deficits.

Joe Kolkowitz made a motion to to approve the closing of the CAO position.
Ronald Laws seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. 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 12:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vania Rodriguez