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El Camino Real Charter High School

Minutes

Special Board Meeting

9-30-26 Special Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday September 30, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Location
El Camino Real Charter High School - Media Center

5440 Valley Circle Woodland Hills CA 91367

Meeting can also be seen and heard at:

North Campus - 7401 Shoup Ave. West Hills CA 91307

ANNUAL MEETING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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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 or under the general category of “Public Comments.” “Public Comments” is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, Due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action during the Public Comments periods. 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.

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Consent Agenda: All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and may 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.

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 Emilie Larew, in person, by email at comment@ecrchs.net, or by calling (818) 595-7500.

Directors Present
Beth Corbett, Mandy Rogers, Mariellen Webster

Directors Absent
Steven Kofahl

Guests Present
Ryan Guinto

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Mariellen Webster called a meeting of the board of directors of El Camino Real Charter High School to order on Wednesday Sep 30, 2026 at 5:30 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

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

Ms. Emilie Larew led the Board members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America (USA).

D. Public Comments

- One public comment form was received from **Haley Smith**.
- Haley Smith was on her way but was unfortunately unable to provide her public comment.
- **No other public comments were received.**

II. Governance

A.

Discuss and Vote to Elect the Board Secretary

Mariellen Webster made a motion to Vote to Elect the Board Secretary.
Beth Corbett seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Mariellen Webster	Aye
Steven Kofahl	Absent
Mandy Rogers	Aye
Beth Corbett	Aye

III. School Business

A. Discuss and Vote Resolution Authorizing Submission of Charter

- Interim Executive Director **Ms. Emilie Larew** discussed the **Renewal Petition to the LAUSD Board of Education**.
- The resolution is the **same resolution presented on Thursday**.
- The resolution meets all **specific requirements set by LAUSD** for submission.
- A **Board resolution is required** and must include specific information and be **signed by the Board Secretary**.
- The resolution identifies the required roles:
  - **Lead Petitioner**
  - **Executive Director/Interim Executive Director**
  - **Financial Representative**
- **Ms. Emilie Larew and Janneyra Verduzco** are listed for the applicable roles.
- **Legal counsel confirmed** that the resolution meets the required charter school submission requirements.

Motion to Approve the Resolution Authorizing Submission of Charter.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Beth Corbett	Aye
Mandy Rogers	Aye
Mariellen Webster	Aye
Steven Kofahl	Absent

B. Discuss and Vote to Approve Agreement for Financial Services

- Interim Executive Director **Ms. Larew** presented a proposal from **Charter School Management Corporation (CSMC)**.

- The proposal is for **part-time Chief Business Officer (CBO)-level financial support** while the school does not have an on-site CBO.
- CSMC has experienced personnel who have previously worked with **LAUSD as an authorizer** and have charter school CBO experience.
- **Provider:** Charter School Management Corporation (CSMC)
- **Purpose:** CBO-level financial support while the school is without an on-site CBO
- **Hourly Rates:**
  - Remote: **$150/hour**
  - On-site: **$300/hour**
- **Schedule:** Preferred **2 days per week on campus**, with remaining support provided remotely as needed
- **Term:** Approximately **2–3 months**, potentially through the end of 2026
- **Contract Conditions:**
  - Subject to **legal review and contract approval**
  - CSMC to provide support as soon as the contract is finalized
  - On-site support required for the **PicNet review on October 26–27**
  - Travel time, mileage, and lodging are **included in the rates**
  - Services are limited to **CBO-level financial support** and do not replace the existing back-office provider
  - The proposed CBO personnel are highly experienced and appropriately credentialed.
- CSMC would provide **CBO-level financial support only** and would not replace the school's existing back-office service provider.
- Ms. Larew noted that this was the **only timely option identified** that could provide partial in-person support and was not an independent contractor the Board had previously preferred not to use.
- A formal contract had not yet been prepared; Ms. Larew requested authorization to proceed with contracting, **subject to legal review**.

Upcoming Financial Responsibilities

- **October 15:** 2025–26 Unaudited Actuals data.
- **November 15:** 2026–27 First Interim Report.
- **December 15:** Submission of 2025–26 unaudited financials to LAUSD.
- **Janneyra Verduzco, Director of Accounting and Finance**, emphasized the need for CBO oversight for these upcoming requirements.
- Ms. Webster noted that the CSMC support would also help carry the school through the **charter renewal process and related financial documents**.

Mandy Rogers made a motion to Approve Agreement for Financial Services.
Beth Corbett seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Mandy Rogers Aye

Roll Call

Mariellen Webster	Aye
Steven Kofahl	Absent
Beth Corbett	Aye

The board entered the closed session at 5:49 PM on the 30th of September, 2026.

IV. Reconvene to Open Session

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

The board reconvene the open session on the 30th of September, 2026.

Ms. Rogers reported that there were no actions taken during the closed session.

- Ms. Mandy Rogers reported that the Board received a **Notice of Alleged Violations from the LAUSD Charter Schools Division** the previous Thursday.
- The notice represents an **escalation from the Notice of Concern** received by the previous Board in June 2026.
- The notice addresses alleged **irregularities in the recent parent representative election**.
- LAUSD specifically alleged an **attempt to alter the outcome of the election**, rather than simply a dispute over vote counting.

- An investigation had already been initiated by an **independent technical firm** before the notice was received.
- The investigation was **not conducted by the Board** and was not intended to influence the election outcome.
- The Board expects the investigation report **this week or early next week**.

- The Board has asked **legal counsel to prepare a comprehensive response** to the Notice of Alleged Violations.
- The Board intends to:
  - **Determine what happened**
  - **Hold responsible parties accountable**
  - Establish **controls and mechanisms to prevent similar incidents from happening again**
- The Board will share as much information and its decisions **publicly as permitted**.

- Ms. Rogers emphasized that the Board takes the allegations **seriously** and does not intend to minimize them.
- The Board views the situation as an **opportunity to strengthen governance, accountability, and safeguards**moving forward.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting.
single voice vote
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Steven Kofahl	Absent
Mandy Rogers	Aye
Mariellen Webster	Aye
Beth Corbett	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ryan Guinto