



## Navigator Schools

### Minutes

#### NS Special Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Monday August 2, 2021 at 6:00 PM

**Location**

Zoom

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This meeting will take place via teleconference pursuant to Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20.

The Board of Directors and employees of Navigator Schools shall meet via Zoom. Members of the public who wish to access this board meeting may do so online at <https://zoom.us/join> or via telephone by calling Zoom phone numbers: (669) 900-6833 or (646) 876-9923. The meeting ID is: 922 9696 4041. The meeting password is: 889437.

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Individual comments will be limited to three minutes. If an interpreter is needed, comments will be translated into English and the time limit shall be six minutes. At its discretion, the board may limit the total time allotted to public comments and set new time limits for individual comments. The board reserves the right to mute and remove a participant from the meeting if the participant unreasonably disrupts the meeting.

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**Directors Present**

Chuck Daggs, Dena Koren, Fiaau Ohmann, Ian Connell, JP Anderson, John Flaherty, Nora Crivello, Shara Hegde, Victor Paredes-Colonia

**Directors Absent**

*None*

**Guests Present**

Sean Martin

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**I. Opening Items****A. Record Attendance and Guests****B. Call the Meeting to Order**

John Flaherty called a meeting of the board of directors of Navigator Schools to order on Monday Aug 2, 2021 at 6:01 PM.

**C. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**D. Chairperson's Remarks**

J. Flaherty summarized the agenda and shared background information about the items to provide a context for board deliberation. He highlighted recent COVID-19 news, including vaccinations, variants, and public sentiment. K. Sved thanked board members for attending and provided additional details about IS legislation. K. Sved and K. Carr supplied recent parent survey results regarding in-person instruction in the fall. C. Daggs and D. Koren asked clarifying questions relating to health protocols; enrollment numbers and related fiscal calculations; feedback from local districts; and parent opinions.

**II. Topical Items****A. Approval of Short-Term Independent Study Policy**

Board members posed questions for the staff focusing on short-term Independent Study (IS), including past iterations of the program and related procedures. Members discussed the potential impact of IS efforts on the teaching staff. J. Dent added further insights concerning the return of teachers and related training activities. He explained differences between distance learning and IS.

JP Anderson made a motion to approve the adoption of the Short-Term IS Policy.  
 Chuck Daggs seconded the motion.  
 The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

John Flaherty	Aye
Ian Connell	Aye
Nora Crivello	Aye
JP Anderson	Aye
Fiaau Ohmann	Aye
Dena Koren	Aye
Shara Hegde	Aye
Victor Paredes-Colonia	Aye
Chuck Daggs	Aye

**B. Approval of Long-Term Independent Study Policy**

S. Waller introduced the policy and elicited questions from the board. Board members discussed if, when, and how students might move from short-term IS to long-term IS. Staff clarified elements of the policy and related procedures for staff and families. A. Ortiz and K. Sved explained health protocols, resources, personnel, and budgets at sites relating to state legislation and COVID-19. The board and staff reviewed definitions and the required frequency of live interaction and synchronous learning activities.

Board members thanked principals and staff for their efforts and willingness to develop and implement the program. Board member J.P. Anderson, as a parent, praised Navigator leaders and staff members for the high level of service that students and families consistently receive. J. Flaherty shared that he will be crafting a letter with K. Sved to be sent home to families regarding challenges and concerns accompanying COVID-19. Board members expressed appreciation for the quality of the IS policies and related documents.

Chuck Daggs made a motion to approve the adoption of the Long-Term IS Policy.  
 Victor Paredes-Colonia seconded the motion.  
 The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

John Flaherty	Aye
Victor Paredes-Colonia	Aye
Ian Connell	Aye
Chuck Daggs	Aye
JP Anderson	Aye
Shara Hegde	Aye
Nora Crivello	Aye
Fiaau Ohmann	Aye
Dena Koren	Aye

**III. Closing Items**

## A. Adjourn Meeting

Chuck Daggs made a motion to adjourn.

Victor Paredes-Colonia seconded the motion.

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

### Roll Call

JP Anderson	Aye
Shara Hegde	Aye
Victor Paredes-Colonia	Aye
John Flaherty	Aye
Fiaau Ohmann	Aye
Ian Connell	Aye
Dena Koren	Aye
Nora Crivello	Aye
Chuck Daggs	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sean Martin

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## Documents used during the meeting

- NS Short-Term IS Policy 2021-22.pdf
- Board Memo for Independent Study Policies.pdf
- NS Components of Independent Study 2021\_2.pdf
- NS Long-Term IS Policy 2021-22.pdf