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# Aurum Preparatory Academy

## Minutes

### Aurum Preparatory Academy Board Meeting

August Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Thursday August 22, 2024 at 6:00 PM

#### Location

1034 66th Ave.  
Oakland, CA 94621

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#### Directors Present

C. Pehl, E. Cardona, V. Hayes

#### Directors Absent

J. Huddle, Y. Davis

#### Guests Present

F. Sassin (remote)

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Call the Meeting to Order

V. Hayes called a meeting of the board of directors of Aurum Preparatory Academy to order on Thursday Aug 22, 2024 at 6:16 PM.

#### B. Roll Call -- Establish Quorum

### **C. Approval of the Agenda**

C. Pehl made a motion to Approve the meeting agenda.

E. Cardona seconded the motion.

An adjustment was made to include Yancie Davis on the agenda.

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

## **II. Consent Items**

### **A. Board Meeting Minutes**

C. Pehl made a motion to approve the minutes from Aurum Preparatory Academy Special Meeting on 08-07-24.

E. Cardona seconded the motion.

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

## **III. Information and Discussion**

### **A. Public Comment**

No members of the public were present.

### **B. 2024-25 School Year Budget Update**

Franci presented several scenarios discussing the potential deficit in the budget if the school enrollment doesn't improve. Board members came up with a strategy to try and improve school enrollment in the short term. And possible longer term strategies for improving enrollment.

### **C. Executive Director's Report**

E.D. Donnell Thomas provided his first report of the school year. He outlined the following items that have been addressed or identified as options for the school to pursue for improvement.

1. Improvements have been made to the school from a maintenance perspective.
  1. After improvements, school was inspected by ACOE and school was given a grade of 98%. A percentage that is rarely given to schools.
  2. Carpets to be shampooed over Thanksgiving break.
2. Students are given opportunities to improve their leadership abilities through clubs, advisory and the school's morning message.
3. Donnell discussed the current units being covered in all subjects .
4. The current teacher headcount was discussed and how adjustments are being made to keep salaries at a level consistent with current enrollment.

5. Current enrollment was discussed and the need for a larger 6th grade class was discussed.

1. Additionally, Donnell discussed potential recruitment opportunities to gain more students.

#### **IV. Closing Items**

##### **A. Board Comments**

Additional discussion was made in efforts to provide the school with free food to be donated to families in need and for use at snack time.

##### **B. Next Board Meeting**

##### **C. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
C. Pehl