



Connecting Waters Charter Schools

Minutes

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

Board Training

Date and Time

Thursday September 4, 2025 at 8:00 AM

Location

Residence Inn Modesto North
2901 Health Care Way
Modesto, CA 95356
Dry Creek Room

Additional Teleconference Locations:

- Connecting Waters Central Valley Resource Center, Board Room
2300 E. Briggsmore Ave. Modesto, CA 95355
- Connecting Waters East Bay Resource Center, Bay Bridge Room (Room 3)
703 C Street, Union City, CA 94587
- Connecting Waters Charter Schools, Back Classroom (Entrance is facing G Street)
12420 Bentley Street, Waterford, CA 95386
- Livestream link view only: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85271398615#success>

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Waters Central Valley Resource Center, 2300 E. Briggsmore Avenue, Modesto, CA 95355.
Residence Inn Modesto North, 2901 Health Care Way, Modesto, CA 95356.

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Directors Present

E. Melton, J. Louie-Monzon, K. Corrales, K. Fatima, L. Addipah

Directors Absent

B. Cerruti

Guests Present

E. Assistants

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Approval of Agenda - September 4, 2025 Special Meeting

J. Louie-Monzon made a motion to approve the agenda for September, 4, 2025.

L. Addipah seconded the motion.

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

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by L. Addipah

E. Hearing of the Public on Non-Agenda Items

No members of the public present.

F. Hearing of the Public on Agenda Items

No members of the public present.

II. Study Session

A. Fiscal Oversight Training

DMS presentation Finance Academy: Board Member's Guide to Stewardship and Success.

Caitlin O'Halloran Hellar presentation on Public Funds, Public Trust: Fiscal responsibilities of Charter School Boards.

III. Board Governance Actions

A. Approval of Chief Business Officer (CBO) Position

K. Corrales made a motion to Approve.

K. Fatima seconded the motion.

Approved with addition of CBO certification requirement.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Approval of Resignation Letter from Board Member Bonnie Cerruti

L. Addipah made a motion to Approve.
J. Louie-Monzon seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Consideration of Candidate and Appointment of a new Community Board Member

K. Corrales made a motion to Nominate K. Martin as a new Community Board Member.
K. Fatima seconded the motion.
1 year term until June 30, 2026
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Consideration of Candidate and Appointment of a new Community Board Member

L. Addipah made a motion to Nominate S. Welch as a New Community Board Member.
K. Corrales seconded the motion.
1 year term until June 30, 2026
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. Report on Closed Session Actions

A. Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release [Gov Code 54957]

Nothing to report

B. Public Employee Performance Evaluation [Gov Code 54957] - Title: Executive Director

Nothing to report

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

K. Corrales made a motion to Adjourn the meeting.
L. Addipah seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Melton

LCAP/WASC Goals

1. Increase percent of students who are on-track to graduate college and career ready.
2. Close the achievement gap in the low-performing students in English and Math.
3. Increase the percentage of EL students who achieve proficiency in English Language Arts and Math.
4. Community Outreach to foster positive relationships.