



# Urban Montessori Charter School

## Special Board Meeting

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### Date and Time

Monday May 15, 2023 at 5:00 PM PDT

### Location

4551 Steele Street, Oakland, CA 94619, Sun Room. Ring the front bell or call/text 510-290-4005 for entry.

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Members: Kara Fortuna, Greg Klein, Sarah Morrill, Ann Rhodes, Donald Williams

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## Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
<b>I. Opening Items</b>			<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Call the Meeting to Order		Sarah Morrill	1 m
This meeting is being audio-recorded.			
<b>B.</b> Record Attendance of the Board		Greg Klein	1 m
<b>C.</b> Review of Action/Discussion Items	Discuss	Sarah Morrill	1 m
With input from the board, the Chair may decide, based upon a number of factors, to reorder the action/discussion items to best suit the needs of the meeting. No additional action/discussion items will be added at this time.			
<b>D.</b> Review Community Agreements	Discuss	Sarah Morrill	4 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Discomfort - give it space and let it land in a place of growth</li> <li>• Learn from silence - listen with intent; Step up AND Step back</li> <li>• Mistakes are for learning!</li> <li>• Be Curious - without judgment</li> <li>• Expect and Accept Non-Closure - keep making steps forward</li> <li>• Recognize your impact - assume positive intent AND be open to your impact varying from your intent</li> </ul>			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be Vulnerable and courageous!</li> <li>• Know that it is Possible!</li> <li>• Compassionate feedback</li> <li>• Build Relationships</li> </ul>			

Would anyone like to speak about the agreements? Is there an agreement you are focusing on for tonight's meeting?

<b>E.</b> Board and Community Appreciations		Sarah Morrill	4 m
Members of the Board and UMCS community may provide appreciations and affirmations during this time.			

<b>F.</b> Board Member Comment		Sarah Morrill	4 m
Any board member wishing to speak to an issue regarding UMCS that does not pertain to an agenda item may do so at this time. No further discussion or action will take place following each board member's comments.			

<b>G.</b> Presentations from the Floor		Sarah Morrill	5 m
PRESENTATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – Any person wishing to speak to any item not on the agenda will be granted three minutes to make a presentation. Speakers requiring translation shall have double time. Comments should refer to matters within the jurisdiction of this committee.			

*“What if [we] listened to others so deeply that they felt loved, accepted, and safe in [our] presence, no matter what they had to say?” -- Steve Shapiro, Author*

**II. Community Discussion 5:20 PM**

Content message

<b>A.</b> Community Concerns about Staffing	Discuss	Sarah Morrill	40 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening</li> <li>• Background Information and School Policy</li> <li>• Board and Community Dialogue</li> <li>• Next Steps/Closing</li> </ul>			

**III. Closed Session 6:00 PM**

<b>A.</b> Closed Session Items	Discuss	Sarah Morrill	25 m
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1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Head of School

"Closed Session" is always agendized ahead of time as a "Discuss" item. If any votes are taken during any Closed Session, those are reported out publicly upon return to Open Session.

<b>IV. Return to Open Session</b>	<b>6:25 PM</b>
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A. Report out of any closed session action(s)	Vote	Sarah Morrill	5 m
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<b>V. Closing Items</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
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A. Adjourn Meeting	FYI	Sarah Morrill	2 m
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