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## Urban Montessori Charter School

### Minutes

#### Regular Board Meeting

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##### **Date and Time**

Thursday April 28, 2022 at 6:15 PM

##### **Location**

4551 Steele Street, Oakland, CA 94619. Signage on campus will direct you to the correct room, generally the Sun Room.

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Members: Jan Faraguna, Kara Fortuna, Christina Greenberg, Greg Klein, Davis Leung, Sarah Morrill, Maru Salazar, Donald Williams

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#### **Directors Present**

D. Leung (remote), D. Williams, G. Klein, J. Faraguna (remote), K. Fortuna

#### **Directors Absent**

C. Greenberg, M. Salazar, S. Morrill

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### **I. Opening Items**

#### **A. Call the Meeting to Order**

D. Leung called a meeting of the board of directors of Urban Montessori Charter School to order on Thursday Apr 28, 2022 at 6:23 PM.

#### **B. Record Attendance**

#### **C. Review of Action/Discussion Items**

No changes needed.

#### **D. Board and Community Appreciations**

Kara appreciated all the parent volunteers for their help with the plant sale.

Jan appreciated Greg for some thought partnership.

Jan appreciated Daniel for digging into survey data.

Greg appreciated the staff here holding things down while Admin leaders are on their trip.

Greg appreciated Sita and others for all their work to get Moveathon moving.

**E. Board Member Comment**

None.

**F. Presentations from the Floor**

No public comment on items not on the agenda.

**II. Head of School Report**

**A. Head of School Report**

Greg shared Krishna's Head of School report -- the files are attached to the agenda. The report covered recent and upcoming events, including ACOE's recent site visit. Movathon is May 14th and end of year is about to start, including ELPAC and SBAC. Admin team is currently at a leadership retreat. Trainings completed with NCMPS, PMAI, and Embracing Equity, including English Language Development training. The report shared photos from the classrooms. Enrollment continues to look good and on track, and the county unanimously approved our enrollment related material revision. A new Director of Expanded Learning was recently hired - welcome!

LCAP document is available for public comment and questions -- linked in all agendas. Goals staying consistent, and actions get updated each year.

No public comments or questions.

**III. Finance Committee**

**A. Discussion Item - Committee Report, including year to date financial report**

Greg shared the committee's report. The committee did not meet in April. Edtec's monthly report showed a positive improvement in the forecasted one-time deficit, an improvement of over 20% since the last forecast. Cash forecast remains OK through end of year, but slips below our three-month cash-on-hand goal near the end of the fiscal year.

On budget development, still waiting for the May revise, but with recent forecasted changes to retirement contributions, we have so more work to do in May after the revise to ensure the budget is balanced.

Davis shared that there's been no new information about any hold harmless passing for this current fiscal year.

No public comments on this item.

#### **IV. Academic Oversight Committee**

##### **A. Discussion Item - Committee Report**

Jan gave the committee's report. Jan presented information from the Panorama Survey, and the slides are in the "other files" of this meeting on BoardOnTrack. Climate of support for learning highest rated by students. Safety is one of lowest rated areas for students overall, and lower for Black and Latinx students. Families overall rate school-wide communication and sense of belonging very highly, and slightly lower by Black and Latinx families. Results will continue to be discussed at upcoming FAC and ELAC. Admin identified Upper Elementary recess as a time leading to safety-related issues and are concentrating their change-making efforts there to address the survey results. Past efforts have gone into better school-wide communication, which resulted in higher survey results in that area.

The committee also discussed the updated English Language Learner Policy, which is on the agenda later.

No public comments on this item.

#### **V. Family Advisory Council**

##### **A. Discussion Item - Committee Report**

Kara gave the FAC report. Met in April and next meet on May 17th. Last coffee of the year is May 20th. On fundraising, the Plant/Bake sale raised about \$2500. Moveathon is coming up on May 14th. On other items, there was a scheduling conflict with Dr. Rogers-Ard, and the FAC is starting to think about additional parent learning options for next year. FAC and Families Unidas are discussing an upcoming community meeting. Donald asked about any prior issues specific to the BIPOC community and Kara responded that yes issues are brought up, including at last Spring's listening session.

No other questions or public comments.

#### **VI. Executive & Governance Committee**

##### **A. Discussion Item: Committee Updates, including candidates for board service, Form 700, and training**

David shared the committee report. They discussed the Head of School's evaluation process and Davis reminded members to finish their Board Assessment survey. Sarah is going to take the baton from Jan on exit interview process.

Davis reminded folks to complete their Form 700 if not already done.

Anna shared an appreciation for formalizing the Exit Interview work. No other questions or public comments.

**B. Board and committee officers and members**

No changes needed. No public comments on this item.

**VII. Other Business**

**A. Oakland and California Updates**

Greg reiterated about the county approving enrollment-related material revisions for a handful of charter-run schools. The county board also revisited its decision related to Yu Ming and approved their facilities-related material revision. Greg shared about the one-day strike in OUSD scheduled for tomorrow (Friday) in opposition to school closures.

No questions or public comments.

**B. Approve Minutes from March 24, 2022 Regular Meeting**

K. Fortuna made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 03-24-22.

J. Faraguna seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

K. Fortuna	Aye
S. Morrill	Absent
C. Greenberg	Absent
D. Williams	Aye
G. Klein	Aye
J. Faraguna	Aye
D. Leung	Aye
M. Salazar	Absent

**C. Action Item - Vote on General Consent Report**

D. Leung made a motion to approve the General Consent Report.

K. Fortuna seconded the motion.

no questions or public comments.

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

**Roll Call**

G. Klein	Aye
S. Morrill	Absent
D. Williams	Aye
C. Greenberg	Absent
D. Leung	Aye
J. Faraguna	Aye

**Roll Call**

K. Fortuna     Aye  
M. Salazar     Absent

**D. Collect New Business items for Future Meetings**

None at this time.

**VIII. Closed Session**

**A. Closed Session Items**

The Board went into closed session at 7:08pm on Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Head of School. There were no public comments on this item.

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**IX. Return to Open Session**

**A. Report out of any closed session action(s)**

The Board returned to open session at 7:17pm. No actions were taken.

**X. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
G. Klein

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**Documents used during the meeting**

- HOS April 2022 Board Report.pdf
- UMCS\_April\_2022\_Cash\_Flow\_-\_Finance\_Committee.pdf
- UMCS\_April\_Finance\_Committee\_Presentation.pdf
- UMCS\_April\_2022\_Financials\_-\_Finance\_Committee.pdf
- 2022-4-28 FAC Board Report.pptx.pdf

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