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## Urban Montessori Charter School

# Minutes

## Regular Board Meeting

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### Date and Time

Thursday June 20, 2024 at 5:30 PM

### Location

4551 Steele Street, Oakland, CA 94619. Ring the front bell or call/text 510-290-4005 for entry. Signage on campus will direct you to the correct room, generally the Head of School's Office.

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Members: Kara Fortuna, Greg Klein, Sarah Morrill (Chair), Amy Ng, Ann Rhodes, Evan Sequoia

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#### **Directors Present**

A. Ng, A. Rhodes, E. Sequoia, G. Klein, K. Fortuna, S. Morrill

#### **Directors Absent**

*None*

#### **Directors who arrived after the meeting opened**

A. Ng

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### **I. Opening Items**

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

S. Morrill called a meeting of the board of directors of Urban Montessori Charter School to order on Thursday Jun 20, 2024 at 5:34 PM.

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

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

No changes needed.

#### **D.**

## **Board and Community Appreciations**

Greg appreciated Admin and Ann.

Ann appreciated Ms. Jess.

Sarah appreciated Admin

Tasha, member of the public, appreciated Admin.

A. Ng arrived at 5:38 PM.

The Board appreciated Krishna for her tremendous six years of service as Head of School!

### **E. Board Member Comment**

None.

### **F. Presentations from the Floor**

No public comments on items not on the agenda.

## **II. Head of School Report**

### **A. Head of School Report**

Krishna shared the HoS report, including updates on recent and upcoming events. On July 2 there will be a New Family Montessori Orientation for new Primary families. Staff return August 1 and students return August 14th.

Summer ELOP program runs through July 31. The Public Montessori Institute of Oakland launches our second cohort of Montessori training to new residents June 17. Cohort 1, the Rad-Batch, begins their final summer of training July 1. Admin and Ops are working to close out last year and prepare for next year.

Krishna shared enrollment updates which is currently at 363. Interviews are happening now for remaining open staff positions.

Amy asked about teacher candidates, and Krishna responded that candidates are external but there is a possibility over the summer for training to create opportunities for internal staff as well.

Sarah asked and Krishna shared that Admin has been aware of the lead teacher changes.

Amy asked about the candidate pool, and Krishna shared that there is not a large pool of teacher applicants.

No public comments on this item.

## **III. Local Control and Accountability Plan and Budget for 2024-2025**

**A. Report on Local Indicators**

G. Klein made a motion to approve the Local Indicators.

K. Fortuna seconded the motion.

Krishna reviewed the local indicators, with no changes since last month's public hearing.

No new questions or public comments.

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

**Roll Call**

K. Fortuna Aye

A. Rhodes Aye

G. Klein Aye

A. Ng Aye

E. Sequoia Aye

S. Morrill Aye

**B. Local Control and Accountability Plan 2024-2025**

S. Morrill made a motion to approve the LCAP.

K. Fortuna seconded the motion.

Krishna reviewed the 2024-2025 LCAP, with no significant changes since last month's public hearing, just finalizing the formatting. No new questions or public comments.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Morrill Aye

A. Rhodes Aye

E. Sequoia Aye

G. Klein Aye

K. Fortuna Aye

A. Ng Aye

**C. Budget for 2024-2025**

G. Klein made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Budget.

S. Morrill seconded the motion.

Krishna reviewed the budget for 2024-2025, including the next two years. The budget aligns with the LCAP. Greg commented his thanks to Admin. No public comments on this item.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Morrill Aye

K. Fortuna Aye

A. Rhodes Aye

G. Klein Aye

A. Ng Aye

E. Sequoia Aye

#### IV. Academic Oversight Committee

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

Kara shared the committee report. Met earlier today and discussed most recent SBAC results. Weekly meetings are occurring and Tobie will lead a new Instructional Leadership Team. They discussed the summer teacher training and a draft calendar of meetings for next year.

No public comments on this item.

#### V. Family Advisory Council

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

Ann shared the report including that family fundraising met its goal for the year. The FAC is working on buddy families, and planning for next year's fundraising and events. The FAC meets next week. Evan added that the Shade Committee met and a plan is in place and moving forward in the next month.

No public comments on this item.

#### VI. Executive & Governance Committee

##### A. Committee Report and Board Roles

S. Morrill made a motion to have Amy serve as Chair for 2024-2025.

A. Rhodes seconded the motion.

Amy accepted the nomination. No public comments on this item.

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

##### Roll Call

K. Fortuna Aye

A. Rhodes Aye

G. Klein Aye

A. Ng Aye

S. Morrill Aye

E. Sequoia Aye

G. Klein made a motion to have Kara serve as Vice Chair for 2024-2025.

K. Fortuna seconded the motion.

Kara accepted the nomination. Ann appreciated Kara for continuing on the board and in this role. No public comments on this item.

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

##### Roll Call

K. Fortuna Aye

G. Klein Aye

**Roll Call**

A. Rhodes Aye

S. Morrill Aye

A. Ng Aye

E. Sequoia Aye

G. Klein made a motion to have Evan serve as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Chair for 2024-2025.

S. Morrill seconded the motion.

Evan accepted the nomination. Greg commented that Evan started training already in this role. No public comments on this item.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Rhodes Aye

E. Sequoia Aye

S. Morrill Aye

K. Fortuna Aye

A. Ng Aye

G. Klein Aye

S. Morrill made a motion to have Greg serve as Secretary for 2024-2025.

K. Fortuna seconded the motion.

Greg accepted the nomination. There were no public comments on this item.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Ng Aye

E. Sequoia Aye

G. Klein Abstain

K. Fortuna Aye

A. Rhodes Aye

S. Morrill Aye

G. Klein made a motion to that for 2024-2025, that Evan will Chair Finance committee as the new Treasurer, that Ann serve on the committee and Greg be alternate to the committee.

K. Fortuna seconded the motion.

No public comments on this item.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Morrill Aye

K. Fortuna Aye

G. Klein Aye

E. Sequoia Aye

A. Rhodes Aye

A. Ng Aye

S. Morrill made a motion to that for 2024-2025, that Amy chair Executive & Governance committee because she'll be Chair of the Board, that Greg be a committee member, and that Sarah be the committee alternate.

K. Fortuna seconded the motion.

No public comments on this item.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Morrill Aye

G. Klein Aye

A. Rhodes Aye

A. Ng Aye

K. Fortuna Aye

E. Sequoia Aye

S. Morrill made a motion to that for 2024-2025 Kara chair Academic Oversight, Sarah joins the committee as a member, and Ann be added as the committee alternate.

K. Fortuna seconded the motion.

There were no public comments.

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

**Roll Call**

G. Klein Aye

K. Fortuna Aye

S. Morrill Aye

A. Rhodes Aye

E. Sequoia Aye

A. Ng Aye

G. Klein made a motion to approve the Board Meeting calendar for 2024-2025.

A. Ng seconded the motion.

The board discussed and updated to its calendar for 2024-2025 and committee meetings.

There were no public comments on this item.

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

**Roll Call**

G. Klein Aye

A. Ng Aye

K. Fortuna Aye

E. Sequoia Aye

S. Morrill Aye

A. Rhodes Aye

**VII. Other Business**

**A. Oakland and California Updates**

Sarah commented about the FBI searching the Mayor's home earlier today.

There were no public comments on this item.

**B. Approve Minutes from May 23, 2024 Regular Meeting**

K. Fortuna made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 05-23-24.

A. Rhodes seconded the motion.

There were no questions or public comments on this item.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Rhodes Aye

G. Klein Aye

E. Sequoia Aye

S. Morrill Aye

K. Fortuna Aye

A. Ng Aye

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

G. Klein made a motion to approve the General Consent Report.

K. Fortuna seconded the motion.

Greg read the Consent Report briefly and commented that the corrected version of the FY25 Consolidated Application for Title Funding is in the Documents section of the meeting, and not the version attached to the agenda. No public comments on this item.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Morrill Aye

A. Rhodes Aye

A. Ng Aye

E. Sequoia Aye

G. Klein Aye

K. Fortuna Aye

**D. Proposition 28 Annual Report**

G. Klein made a motion to approve the report.

A. Ng seconded the motion.

There were no questions or public comments on this item.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Morrill Aye

A. Ng Aye

K. Fortuna Aye

A. Rhodes Aye

E. Sequoia Aye

G. Klein Aye

**E. California Commission on Teacher Credentialing**

Sarah tabled this item.

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

No new items at this time.

**VIII. Closed Session**

**A. Closed Session Items**

6:35p, Sarah shared that the board was going into closed session on Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Head of School. There were no public comments.

Daniel stepped out at 6:39p. At 6:50p, Krishna stepped out and Daniel stepped back in to the closed session.

**IX. Return to Open Session**

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

At 7:30p, the board returned to open session. No actions 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 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
G. Klein

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**Documents used during the meeting**

- UMCS 2024-25 Budget for Board Approval.pdf
- UMCS June Board Meeting Financials 2024.pdf
- UMCS\_May\_2024\_Balance\_Sheet.pdf
- UMCS\_May\_2024\_Cash\_Flow.pdf
- Urban\_Montessori.1336.CharterSAFEProposal2425.05-24-2024.pdf
- UMCS\_May\_2024\_Finance\_Committee\_Presentation.pdf

- UMCS\_May\_2024\_Financials.pdf
  - UMCS EPA resolution FY24-25.doc
  - UMCS EPA spending plan FY24-25.pdf
  - UMCS Prop 28 2023-24 Annual Report.pdf
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