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## Urban Montessori Charter School

### Minutes

#### Executive & Governance Committee Meeting

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##### Date and Time

Monday February 12, 2024 at 1:15 PM

##### Location

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Members: Sarah Morrill (Chair), Greg Klein, Evan Sequoia

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### **Committee Members Present**

E. Sequoia, G. Klein (remote), S. Morrill (remote)

### **Committee Members Absent**

*None*

### **Guests Present**

K. Feeney

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## **I. Opening Items**

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

G. Klein called a meeting of the Executive and Governance Committee of Urban Montessori Charter School to order on Monday Feb 12, 2024 at 1:17 PM.

### **B. Record Attendance**

S. Morrill made a motion to approve Greg's remote participation due to illness.

E. Sequoia seconded the motion.

Greg had his camera on and no persons over 18 were with him during his remote participation.

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

**Roll Call**

E. Sequoia Aye  
G. Klein Abstain  
S. Morrill Aye

**C. Approve Minutes from prior Executive & Governance Committee Meeting**

S. Morrill made a motion to approve the minutes from Executive & Governance Committee Meeting on 11-13-23.

G. Klein seconded the motion.

No questions or public comments on this item.

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

**Roll Call**

E. Sequoia Aye  
S. Morrill Aye  
G. Klein Aye

**D. Review of Action/Discussion Items**

No changes needed. Krishna announced the Measure G1 process and updating our enrollment numbers of middle schoolers with OUSD, and shared about upcoming board engagements for further discussion.

**E. Presentations from the Floor**

No public comments on items not on the agenda.

**II. Executive and Governance**

**A. Board Structure Evolution & Long Term Goal Alignment**

Sarah asked for the conversation about organizational structure wait until a new incoming Head of School is identified so that they can also be included in the deliberations. Greg confirmed with Sarah that the Finance committee should continue with its plan to understand different financial scenarios and impacts of the proposed financial investments. The committee agreed to wait to include an incoming Head of School in the organizational structure conversation, to understand what they say will best support them in their new role.

No public comment on this item.

**B. Board Membership, Recruitment, and Training**

Greg shared his appreciation to Evan for joining the board and for completing his onboarding requirements and steps. Greg reminded the committee about completing their Form 700 and shared a little about how he completes it and offered his assistance, and then also getting help as needed from the Commission, or CharterSafe, or even our legal

counsel. Greg reminded the committee that this is Donald's last month on the board, and that he recently met an new interested candidate for Board service, and Greg encouraged them to starting attending and participating in meetings as a good next step in learning more about volunteer Board service.

No public comments on this item.

#### **C. Head of School Evaluation Process**

Sarah needs to reschedule the listening session with staff. She and Krishna will coordinate on options, considering February 28th, 2024. Greg can open up the BoardOnTrack evaluation survey after Sarah and Krishna confirm the direct reports that should receive the survey from BoardOnTrack.

No public comments on this item.

#### **D. Head of School search and selection process**

Sarah shared that the school has received the application of one qualified candidate, verified by two other board members as well. Krishna will schedule the student panel. Kara plans to hold the staff and parent panel before the next Board meeting. Sarah shared that the Board panel will be at the February regular meeting. Sarah is pulling together the panel questions in partnership with the other panel leads. The committee discussed communications with families and staff, some of which have already gone off, and preparing the compensation analysis. The soonest a contract could be approved would be at the March regular board meeting.

No public comments on this item.

#### **E. Discuss Proposal for new Investment in Growth and Development Capacity**

Tabled -- this is a repeat item on the agenda

### **III. Updates on School Policies and Required Documents**

#### **A. Review of Board Policies**

Krishna shared the draft UMCS Calendar for 2024-2025 with a start date of Wednesday, August 14th, and that she will recommend the calendar for approval at next week's meeting. Krishna shared the updated UMCS Comprehensive School Safety Plan, which this year includes two new legally required components, including a response to opioid overdose. Krishna shared that the process for developing the 2024-2025 LCAP is just beginning, and was at a county training the prior week. This will be the start of a new three-year cycle, with updated templates.

No public comments on these items.

## **IV. Closed Session**

### **A. Closed Session Items**

Tabled. This item did not occur.

### **B. Report out of Closed Session**

Tabled. This item did not occur.

## **V. 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 1:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
S. Morrill

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### **Documents used during the meeting**

*None*

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