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## Urban Montessori Charter School

# Minutes

## Academic Oversight Committee Meeting

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### Date and Time

Friday October 18, 2024 at 2:15 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: Kara Fortuna (Chair), Greg Klein; Committee Alternate: Ann Rhodes

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#### **Committee Members Present**

G. Klein, K. Fortuna

#### **Committee Members Absent**

S. Morrill

#### **Guests Present**

D. Bissonnette, T. Garcia

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### **I. Opening Items**

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

K. Fortuna called a meeting of the Academic Oversight Committee of Urban Montessori Charter School to order on Friday Oct 18, 2024 at 2:15 PM.

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

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

No changes needed.

#### **D. Presentations from the Floor**

No public comment on items not on the agenda.

#### **E.**

### **Vote on Minutes from Prior Meeting**

K. Fortuna made a motion to approve the minutes from Academic Oversight Committee Meeting on 09-13-24.

G. Klein seconded the motion.

No public comments or questions about the minutes.

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

## **II. Academic Oversight**

### **A. Instructional Updates**

Daniel shared Fall NWEA Map data. This is baseline data for the year that has multiple instructional changes already in place. Overall, more than 40 % of students students are above the 40th percentile in both reading and math (60% in reading). Students generally performed better in reading than in math. 50th percentile is the average American student pre-pandemic. When looked at subgroup, again, students performed better in reading and in math, and all other subgroups had a gap in performance compared to white students. From last fall to this fall, 34% of students are meeting growth targets in math and 48% in reading. 70% of students in 8th are meeting year over year growth targets in both reading and math. Across subgroups, about half students are meeting expected growth targets and Students with Disabilities having the highest percentage of students (over 50%) meeting growth targets. The slides are included in the "Documents" for this meeting. The committee asked questions to clarify and understand the data in the slides. Daniel shared how staff have been supported to see for themselves how items on an assessment look and what they say, to help them translate for students. One parent commented on the need to support students to translate from materials to real life and to standardized test items.

No other public comments or questions.

### **B. Effective School Boards Framework Training**

Greg shared that he and Daniel have met briefly multiple times to support Daniel in drafting possible Interim Goals to support each overall Goal in the LCAP. Daniel shared about looking at both NWEA and IXL assessments to help track progress during the year because SBAC is only offered one time per year.

No public comments on this item.

## **III. Closing Items**

### **A. Topics for next meeting**

No new topics collected at this time.

### **B.**

### **Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 2:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
G. Klein

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

*None*

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