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## Elevate School

# Minutes

## Regular Board Meeting

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### **Date and Time**

Monday March 11, 2024 at 4:00 PM

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Elevate Middle School Campus, Room 102  
8404 Phyllis Place  
San Diego, CA 92123

The public comment portion of the meeting is set aside for members of the audience to make comments or raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda or those items that are on the agenda. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes per person and the total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Individuals wishing to speak please complete a Public Comment Request Form by 10:00am on the day of the meeting.

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### **Directors Present**

Adam McWethy, Becky Madeja, Chancellor Brown, Cheryl Gorman, Veronica Maxwell

### **Directors Absent**

*None*

### **Guests Present**

DeAnna Jones (remote), Ryan Elliott

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## **I. Opening Items**

**A.**

## **Record Attendance and Guests**

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

Chancellor Brown called a meeting of the board of directors of Elevate School to order on Monday Mar 11, 2024 at 4:03 PM.

### **C. Approve Agenda**

Becky Madeja made a motion to approve the March 11, 2024 agenda.

Adam McWethy seconded the motion.

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

### **D. Approve Minutes from February 12 Regular Board Meeting**

Cheryl Gorman made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 02-12-24.

Becky Madeja seconded the motion.

Adam McWethy and Veronica Maxwell abstained from voting.

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

### **E. Core Values and Board Meeting Protocol**

Board members read the Core Values aloud.

### **F. Non-Agenda Public Comment**

Board Member, Becky Medeja, reminded the Board to review the Elevate Activities shared document and to sign up for upcoming events. This will ensure that there is always a Board member representative at each Elevate event.

## **II. Agenda Items**

### **A. Executive Director Report**

Ryan Elliot made the following key points during his Executive Director's Report:

- Three leadership days were held across all campuses, focusing on the theme "Do you see our students' greatness?" with positive feedback.
- Enrollment stands at 471 with improved attendance rates due to a communication strategy rewarding families for improved attendance.
- Pilot after-school RTI groups and interventions are being implemented for targeted academic support.
- The Apex program has generated excitement among students.
- Plans are underway for a three-day spring enrichment program, along with ongoing efforts in compliance and expanded learning opportunities.

- Mid-year diagnostic data indicates high performance and growth in reading and math, with some areas showing even higher growth rates than in the past.
- The adoption of the middle school math program has been well received, with teachers being vocal proponents and planning to share their positive experiences with colleagues next year.

## **B. Financial Update**

DeAnna Jones shared the following key points:

- Governor's budget proposal indicates a COLA of 0.76% for next fiscal year, with higher projections for the following two years.
- Average daily attendance analysis shows a slight under-projection for the current year, with some schools, including Elevate at the upper grades, facing challenges in ADA enrollment.
- State may issue cash deferrals (IOUs) to balance their budget, which could impact school operations and highlights the importance of reserves.
- Proposed budget discussions are underway, with a projected deficit for next year requiring extra scrutiny and strategic use of one-time funds.

Elevate School is exploring investment options for cash on hand to potentially generate additional revenue.

## **C. Approve Second Interim Financials**

Adam McWethy made a motion to approve the Second Interim Financials.

Cheryl Gorman seconded the motion.

DeAnna Jones presented the Second Interim Financials to the Board.

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

## **D. 23-24 Board Goal Updates**

- Planning Friends of Elevate event on April 17th to build a network of partners and financial supporters.
- Positive engagement with Third Plateau for strategic planning, leading to a structured implementation plan. Developed a clear theory of change, refining the mission statement, and articulating a vision for Elevate.
- Strategic plan outlines activities and metrics for academics, community engagement, and other key areas, with a focus on collaborative and innovative leadership.

## **E. Executive Director Evaluation Mid-Year Update**

Veronica Maxwell shared an update on the Executive Director's Mid-Year Evaluation process and next steps.

### **III. 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 5:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chancellor Brown