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## Alpha Public Schools

### Minutes

#### Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Friday October 25, 2019 at 9:30 AM

**Location**

2110 Story Rd, Suite 250, San Jose, CA 95122

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**Instructions for Presentation to the Board by Parents and Citizens**

Alpha Public Schools ("Alpha") welcomes your participation at the Alpha Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Board of Directors ("Board") is to conduct the affairs of Alpha in public. We are pleased that you are in attendance and hope that you will visit these meetings often. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in Alpha. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided:

1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting.
  2. "Request to Speak" forms are available to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda item(s) or under the general category of "Public Comment." All "Request to Speak" forms must be submitted prior to the agenda item.
  3. "Public Comment" is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes each and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The Board may give direction to staff to respond to your concern.
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7. If you have any questions or need any assistance in participating in the Alpha Board meeting, please contact Maria Arechiga at [marechiga@alphapublicschools.org](mailto:marechiga@alphapublicschools.org) or (408) 780-0831 x 103.

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#### **Directors Present**

A. Hendricks, A. Holton, D. Seifert, K. Lemmon, P. Castorena, P. MacDonald, V. Faillace

#### **Directors Absent**

F. Teso

#### **Guests Present**

A. Ruiz

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### **I. Opening Items**

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

A. Holton called a meeting of the board of directors of Alpha Public Schools to order on Friday Oct 25, 2019 at 9:34 AM.

#### **B. Record Attendance and Guests**

#### **C. Public Comment**

No public comment.

### **II. WELCOME + MISSION MOMENT**

#### **A. Welcome + Mission Moment**

A. Holton and V. Faillace shared the experience they had when they attended the College Essay Writing Workshop at Alpha: Cindy Avitia High School.

Board Members watched a short video of the Public Hearing for Alpha: Cornerstone Academy.

### **III. Alpha's Progress**

#### **A. Unaudited 18-19 Financials**

D. Jordan shared the 18-19 Finances with the Board.

P. MacDonald commented that the fact that enrollment is one of the factors helping finances is worth noting.

**B. Students & Teacher Retention 18-19 to 19-20**

C. Kang shared data on student retention from 2018-2019 to 2019-2020. Retention overall increased by 3%. V. Faillace asked what has changed at Alpha: Cindy Avitia that has helped with retention. S. Hegde shared that J. Arellano, the principal there, has had a great strategy, investing time with student events and getting in front of families.

**C. College Matriculation- Class of 2019**

L. Koehler shared data on where the Class of 2019 currently stands around college matriculation. K. Lemmon asked if this is data that is being shared with our students as well. L. Koehler, based on conversations with them, students do not have a "why" they should attend. Would like the board's support with this if they have any ideas on how to work on this.

**D. Local Indicators**

C. Kang shared some context of what this looks like with the board. There are local-level data that is self-reported and State data that is based on performance levels. All schools will have their data on this.

**E. Academic Priority- First 6 Weeks**

H. Evans shared updates on the Literacy Priority and Quarter 1 goals and results.

**IV. Board Business - Discussion/Action Items**

**A. Fundraising Strategy Update**

J. Glover reminded the board why this work is being done, support for Alumni cannot be funded by Public Money because they are no longer Alpha Students. He talked about the progress that has been made, the strategy and the contributions and grants that have been received.

**B. Alum Rock Facilities Use Agreement**

C. Kang updated the board on what the process and timeline look like. Initial conversations with the district are happening.

**C. APS Board Meetings Day/Time Review**

Item was tabled. No discussion during this meeting.

**D. Alpha Planning: Strategic Plan Roadmap**

Item was tabled. No discussion during this meeting.

## **E. New Legislation Impacting California Charter Schools**

Regional Advocate joined the meeting to share information about the new legislation with Board Members.

## **V. Closing Items**

### **A. Approve Consent Agenda**

This item was tabled- nothing to approve.

### **B. Approve Minutes for 08/30/19 Board Meeting**

A. Hendricks made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 08-30-19 Board Meeting on 08-30-19.

K. Lemmon seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

P. Castorena Abstain

A. Holton Aye

F. Teso Absent

A. Hendricks Aye

V. Faillace Abstain

K. Lemmon Aye

D. Seifert Aye

P. MacDonald Aye

### **C. Approve Minutes for 09/18/19 Special Board Meeting**

P. MacDonald made a motion to approve minutes from the Special Board Meeting on 09-18-19 Special Board Meeting on 09-18-19.

K. Lemmon seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

F. Teso Absent

A. Holton Aye

A. Hendricks Aye

V. Faillace Aye

D. Seifert Abstain

P. Castorena Aye

K. Lemmon Aye

P. MacDonald Aye

### **D. Adjourn Meeting**

K. Lemmon made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

P. MacDonald seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Hendricks Aye

V. Faillace Aye

P. MacDonald Aye

A. Holton Aye

D. Seifert Aye

F. Teso Absent

P. Castorena Aye

K. Lemmon Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Holton