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## Alpha Public Schools

### Minutes

#### Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Wednesday October 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM

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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.
4. With regard to items that are on the agenda, you may specify that agenda item on your request form and you will be given an opportunity to speak for up to three (3) minutes when the Board discusses that item.
5. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and address and adhere to the time limits set forth.
6. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and upon request, Alpha may furnish reasonable auxiliary aids and services to qualified individuals with

disabilities. Individuals who require appropriate alternative modification of the agenda in order to participate in Board meetings are invited to contact the Board Secretary's office.

7. If you have any questions or need any assistance in participating in the Alpha Board meeting, please contact Angelica Ruiz at aruiz@alphapublicschools.org or 408)780-1550 x 102.

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#### **Directors Present**

A. Hendricks (remote), A. Holton (remote), A. Santillan (remote), E. Retuta (remote), J. Mejia (remote), J. Wallner (remote), P. MacDonald (remote), S. Mahan (remote)

#### **Directors Absent**

J. Ramirez

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

J. Mejia

#### **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 Wednesday Oct 13, 2021 at 6:01 PM.

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

#### **C. Board Finding re: Health & Safety Measures**

A. Hendricks made a motion to approve Finding re: Health & Safety Measures.

E. Retuta seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

S. Mahan	Aye
P. MacDonald	Aye
A. Santillan	Aye
A. Holton	Aye
E. Retuta	Aye
J. Ramirez	Absent
A. Hendricks	Aye
J. Mejia	Absent
J. Wallner	Aye

**D. Public Comment**

No Public Comment

**E. Mission Moment**

J. Mejia arrived at 6:05 PM.

Alumni Advisor, I. Ruiz-Gonzalez to share Juliana's progress since graduating from Alpha: Cindy Avitia High School.

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

**A. Board Appointment: Board Vice Chair**

S. Mahan made a motion to appoint Peter MacDonald as the Vice Chair.

A. Hendricks seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

J. Mejia	Aye
A. Holton	Aye
J. Ramirez	Absent
A. Santillan	Aye
P. MacDonald	Abstain
A. Hendricks	Aye
E. Retuta	Aye
S. Mahan	Aye
J. Wallner	Aye

**B. Board Appointment: Lex Alvarez**

A. Hendricks made a motion to approve Lex Alvarez as new Board Member.

P. MacDonald seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Hendricks	Aye
S. Mahan	Aye
A. Santillan	Aye
J. Ramirez	Absent
P. MacDonald	Aye
J. Wallner	Aye
J. Mejia	Aye
A. Holton	Aye
E. Retuta	Aye

**C. ESSER III Plans: Alpha Blanca Alvarado School**

P. MacDonald made a motion to approve ESSER III Plans: Alpha Blanca Alvarado School.

J. Wallner seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Mahan	Aye
J. Ramirez	Absent
A. Holton	Aye
J. Wallner	Aye
A. Hendricks	Aye
E. Retuta	Aye
P. MacDonald	Aye
J. Mejia	Aye
A. Santillan	Aye

**D. ESSER III Plans: Alpha José Hernández School**

A. Hendricks made a motion to approve ESSER III Plans: Alpha José Hernández School.

J. Wallner seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

J. Mejia	Aye
J. Ramirez	Absent
E. Retuta	Aye
A. Hendricks	Aye
A. Holton	Aye
S. Mahan	Aye
J. Wallner	Aye
P. MacDonald	Aye
A. Santillan	Aye

**E. ESSER III Plans: Alpha Cornerstone Preparatory**

P. MacDonald made a motion to approve ESSER III Plans: Alpha Cornerstone Preparatory.

J. Wallner seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Holton	Aye
S. Mahan	Aye
J. Wallner	Aye
A. Santillan	Aye
E. Retuta	Aye
P. MacDonald	Aye
A. Hendricks	Aye

**Roll Call**

J. Ramirez Absent  
J. Mejia Aye

**F. ESSER III Plans: Alpha Cindy Avitia High School**

J. Wallner made a motion to approve ESSER III Plans: Alpha Cindy Avitia High School.  
P. MacDonald seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

P. MacDonald Aye  
A. Santillan Aye  
S. Mahan Aye  
E. Retuta Aye  
J. Ramirez Absent  
A. Hendricks Aye  
J. Wallner Aye  
A. Holton Aye  
J. Mejia Aye

**G. Public hearing: Educator Effectiveness Block Grant**

D. Jordan held public hearing for Educator Effectiveness Block Grant.  
Pending additional guidance from CDC.  
Final numbers will be shared during the December meeting and spending plan will be up for approval.

**H. COVID-19 Q&A**

C. Kang shared APS COVID-19 updates.  
- No recent exposure/cases in the last couple of weeks  
- No additional questions/comments from board members at the moment.

**I. Board Education: Charter School Finance 101**

Quick update from B. Paige.

1. Recurring resource will be shared with all board members.
  1. Short video + survey for feedback that will help set the stage for questions answered for future meetings.

**J. BREAK**

**K. Staffing Challenges**

S. Hegde shared framing question with board members for this conversation. "What strategies can be helpful this year and years to come?"

1. Board Members + Staff brainstormed ideas/possible solutions to keep people who are staying + figure out what would/has cause people to leave

#### **L. Consent Agenda**

A. Hendricks made a motion to approve consent agenda.

P. MacDonald seconded the motion.

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

##### **Roll Call**

J. Ramirez	Absent
J. Mejia	Aye
J. Wallner	Aye
S. Mahan	Aye
A. Santillan	Aye
P. MacDonald	Aye
A. Holton	Aye
A. Hendricks	Aye
E. Retuta	Aye

#### **M. Approve Minutes: Board Meeting 6/16/21**

E. Retuta made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 09-22-21.

S. Mahan seconded the motion.

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

##### **Roll Call**

A. Hendricks	Aye
S. Mahan	Aye
J. Ramirez	Absent
A. Santillan	Aye
E. Retuta	Aye
J. Wallner	Abstain
J. Mejia	Abstain
P. MacDonald	Aye
A. Holton	Aye

### **III. Closed Session**

#### **A. 54956.8: Real Estate Negotiations**

Board went into closed session at 7:53pm.

### **IV. Reconvene Open Session**

#### **A. Report Action Taken During Closed Session**

Board reconvened open session at 8:17pm.

No action taken during closed session.

## V. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

P. MacDonald made a motion to adjourn meeting.

S. Mahan seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

J. Mejia Aye

S. Mahan Aye

P. MacDonald Aye

J. Ramirez Absent

E. Retuta Aye

J. Wallner Aye

A. Santillan Aye

A. Holton Aye

A. Hendricks Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Holton