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# Alpha Public Schools

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Wednesday November 13, 2024 at 5:30 PM

**Location**

Alpha: Cindy Avitia High School 1881 Cunningham Ave, San Jose, CA 95122

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

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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 agendized item.
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#### **Directors Present**

A. Hendricks, A. Santillan, C. Funches (remote), C. Wang (remote), E. Retuta, J. Ramirez, L. Alvarez (remote), M. Cazarez, N. Guevera, P. MacDonald, S. Mahan

#### **Directors Absent**

J. Wallner, M. Rosas

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

J. Ramirez, S. Mahan

#### **Guests Present**

A. Ruiz

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### **I. Opening Items**

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

P. MacDonald called a meeting of the board of directors of Alpha Public Schools to order on Wednesday Nov 13, 2024 at 5:38 PM.

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

#### **C. Discussion and/or Modification(s) of the Agenda**

E. Retuta made a motion to approve meeting agenda.

A. Santillan seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

A. Hendricks	Aye
J. Ramirez	Absent
E. Retuta	Aye
S. Mahan	Absent
P. MacDonald	Aye
A. Santillan	Aye
C. Funches	Aye

**Roll Call**

J. Wallner	Absent
C. Wang	Aye
M. Rosas	Absent
M. Cazarez	Aye
L. Alvarez	Aye
N. Guevera	Aye

**D. Public Comment**

No public comment

**E. Mission Moment: Dr. José M. Hernández and Gordon Philanthropies**

S.Hegde shared pictures, articles and an overview of Dr. José M. Hernández and Gordon Philanthropies event at Alpha: Jose Hernandez.

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

**A. Consent Agenda**

- A. Hendricks made a motion to approve items on the consent agenda.
- E. Retuta seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Mahan	Absent
A. Hendricks	Aye
C. Funches	Aye
L. Alvarez	Aye
M. Rosas	Absent
M. Cazarez	Aye
E. Retuta	Aye
J. Ramirez	Absent
J. Wallner	Absent
P. MacDonald	Aye
C. Wang	Aye
N. Guevera	Aye
A. Santillan	Aye

**B. 8/14/24 Board Meeting: Approval of Minutes**

- A. Santillan made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 08-14-24.
- E. Retuta seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

M. Cazarez Aye  
A. Santillan Aye  
P. MacDonald Aye  
S. Mahan Absent  
E. Retuta Aye  
N. Guevera Aye  
A. Hendricks Aye  
C. Funches Aye  
J. Ramirez Absent  
J. Wallner Absent  
M. Rosas Absent  
L. Alvarez Aye  
C. Wang Aye

**C. Development Update**

S. Mahan arrived at 6:00 PM.  
S. Michael shared fundraising updates and began planning ahead with the board members.

**D. Unaudited Actuals**

A. Hendricks made a motion to approve the Unaudited Actuals.  
A. Santillan seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

L. Alvarez Aye  
M. Cazarez Aye  
C. Funches Aye  
J. Wallner Absent  
A. Santillan Aye  
S. Mahan Aye  
P. MacDonald Aye  
N. Guevera Aye  
M. Rosas Absent  
C. Wang Aye  
A. Hendricks Aye  
J. Ramirez Absent  
E. Retuta Aye

**E. Committee and Working Group Board Goals**

A. Hendricks shared an overview of the goal setting process.  
1. Given renewals & staff constraints, suggested simplify goals to “one big rock”

**F.**

## **AJH School Improvement Plan**

- A. Santillan made a motion to approve AJH School Improvement Plan.
- E. Retuta seconded the motion.
- The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### **Roll Call**

L. Alvarez	Aye
A. Santillan	Aye
A. Hendricks	Aye
C. Funches	Aye
S. Mahan	Aye
M. Rosas	Absent
E. Retuta	Aye
M. Cazarez	Aye
J. Wallner	Absent
P. MacDonald	Aye
J. Ramirez	Absent
C. Wang	Aye
N. Guevera	Aye

## **G. Academic Update**

S. Hegde and R. Carlson shared the 23-24 CASPP data (3-8 & 11th) to set the foundation for December academic update

## **H. Break**

7:30-7:40pm

## **III. Closed Session**

### **A. CEO Evaluation**

J. Ramirez arrived at 7:40 PM.

## **IV. Reconvene Open Session**

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

no action taken during closed session

## **V. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

- A. Santillan made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- A. Hendricks seconded the motion.
- The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

C. Funches	Aye
C. Wang	Aye
N. Guevera	Aye
J. Wallner	Absent
A. Santillan	Aye
M. Rosas	Absent
L. Alvarez	Aye
J. Ramirez	Aye
M. Cazarez	Aye
S. Mahan	Aye
P. MacDonald	Aye
E. Retuta	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 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
P. MacDonald