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## TEACH Public Schools

# Minutes

## TEACH Regular Board Meeting

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### **Date and Time**

Wednesday March 29, 2023 at 5:00 PM

### **Location**

#### **In person location:**

TEACH Academy of Technologies  
10000 S. Western Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90047  
Room: Auditorium

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**Directors Present**

A. Dragon, C. Sandoval, J. Lobdell (remote), S. Athalye (remote), S. Burrows (remote)

**Directors Absent**

*None*

**Ex Officio Members Present**

R. Carranza

**Non Voting Members Present**

R. Carranza

**Guests Present**

B. Bulgeron (remote), M. Brown (remote), M. Pimienta, R. McNeel (remote)

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Record Attendance**

**B. Call the Meeting to Order**

C. Sandoval called a meeting of the board of directors of TEACH Public Schools to order on Wednesday Mar 29, 2023 at 5:01 PM.

**C. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**II. Consent Items**

**A. Consent Items: Approve the Current Agenda and Minutes From the February 1, 2023 Meeting**

S. Burrows made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2023 Board Meeting TEACH Regular Board Meeting on 02-01-23.

A. Dragon seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Burrows Aye

**Roll Call**

J. Lobdell Aye  
 A. Dragon Aye  
 S. Athalye Aye  
 C. Sandoval Aye

**III. Items Scheduled for Information and Potential Action****A. Fiscal Report**

Rich McNeel provided the detailed fiscal report and walked the board through the presentation packet. He stated that TEACH was meeting all financial requirements, and went through each of the indicators. He reviewed each school's finances separately and explained how there was some decline in enrollment but the Hold Harmless provision, which applied to two of the schools, negated the loss in revenue. Board Member Burrows asked whether the hold harmless provision would apply next year, and if not, how would the decline in enrollment impact the schools. Matt Brown clarified that the infusion of funds would not apply next year and that each year, the budget is determined based on student enrollment and revenue and enrollment is carefully considered when developing the budget.

**B. 2nd Interim Financial Report**

A. Dragon made a motion to Approve the Second Interim Financial Report.

J. Lobdell seconded the motion.

The Second Interim Financial Report was presented by Rich McNeel and was represented in the Financial Report.

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

**Roll Call**

C. Sandoval Aye  
 S. Athalye Aye  
 A. Dragon Aye  
 J. Lobdell Aye  
 S. Burrows Aye

**C. TEACH Inc. Independent Audit Report FY2022**

J. Lobdell made a motion to Approve and Accept the Independent Auditor Report.

A. Dragon seconded the motion.

Matt Brown presented the Independent Auditor's Report and explained the timeline of the process and that there were no findings or concerns. He explained that the report was getting a third layer internal review from the auditors and he did not anticipate any material changes. If material changes were made, the item would be brought back to the board. Board Members Sandoval and Lobdell asked clarifying questions.

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

**Roll Call**

C. Sandoval Aye  
S. Athalye Aye  
J. Lobdell Aye  
A. Dragon Aye  
S. Burrows Aye

**D. TEACH Inc. Audit Services Statement of Work - CLA**

J. Lobdell made a motion to Approve the proposal for Audit Services from CLA.

A. Dragon seconded the motion.

Matt Brown proposed that TEACH continue to work with CLA as auditor.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Dragon Aye  
C. Sandoval Aye  
J. Lobdell Aye  
S. Burrows Aye  
S. Athalye Aye

**E. TEACH Inc Banking Update (PacWest Bank & CD)**

J. Lobdell made a motion to Approve the Changes to Accounts at PacWest Bank.

S. Burrows seconded the motion.

Matt Brown presented this agenda item and recapped the current banking crisis and explained that PacWest has been identified as a concern and may struggle with liquidity.

Matt explained that although TEACH funds were guaranteed up to 110%, the process for accessing funds should the bank fail was not certain. As a precaution, Matt recommended that TEACH cancel the CD and opt for a liquid money market account at 5.1% interest and transfer some funds to PNC that will be held in a checking account that can be accessed should PacWest have issues. Board members asked about the penalty for cancelling the CD and Matt explained the fees and the timeline.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Athalye Aye  
S. Burrows Aye  
A. Dragon Aye  
C. Sandoval Aye  
J. Lobdell Aye

**F. New TEACH Banking Accounts - PNC Bank**

J. Lobdell made a motion to Approve the opening of an account at PNC.

S. Burrows seconded the motion.

Matt Brown presented the reasons for selecting PNC and explained that they a team that works specifically with charter schools and that they are big enough to be secure but small enough to offer quality customer service

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

**Roll Call**

J. Lobdell Aye

A. Dragon Aye

C. Sandoval Aye

S. Athalye Aye

S. Burrows Aye

**G. Approval of Updated Title IX Policy and Grievance Process**

S. Burrows made a motion to Approve the Title IX Policy and Grievance Process.

J. Lobdell seconded the motion.

Maria Pimienta presented the newly updated Title IX Policy and explained when it applied and how it would be implemented.

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

**Roll Call**

J. Lobdell Aye

C. Sandoval Aye

S. Athalye Aye

S. Burrows Aye

A. Dragon Aye

**H. E-Rate Vendor 23/24**

S. Burrows made a motion to Approve TechVerb E Rate Vendor Agreement.

J. Lobdell seconded the motion.

Matt Brown presented the bid comparison and the recommended TechVerb.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Dragon Aye

J. Lobdell Aye

S. Burrows Aye

C. Sandoval Aye

S. Athalye Aye

**I. Approve the Academic Calendar for 2023-2024**

J. Lobdell made a motion to Approve the Academic Calendar that was included in the Board Packet with two changes- moving Spring Break one week earlier and changing the September Pupil Free day from September 11th to the 25th.

S. Burrows seconded the motion.

Enrique Robles presented the TEACH Academic Calendar and explained that the calendar in the packet materials was not the calendar to be considered and the newly

proposed calendar, which was shared in his presentation, was closely aligned to the LAUSD calendar and two modifications were made from the contract that was originally proposed First, Spring Break was moved to be a week earlier and second, the September Pupil Free day was moved from September 11th to September 25. The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

A. Dragon Aye  
C. Sandoval Aye  
S. Burrows Aye  
S. Athalye Aye  
J. Lobdell Aye

**J. CEO Report**

Dr. Carranza gave updates on the Middle School's WASC visit and the projects that each of the Directors were working on. He highlighted the impact of our social media campaign. Maria Pimienta highlighted the work she was doing at teacher recruitment fairs and getting the message out to teachers who were committed to the purpose and mission of TEACH.

Dr. Carranza explained that he was working with the Principals to develop a plan for preparing students for testing and that the Principals would be presenting before the board at the April meeting. He also stated that there would be an in-depth data report at the next board meeting.

**K. Proposed Board Meeting Dates for 2023-2024**

A. Dragon made a motion to Approve the Board Meeting Dates for 2023-2024.

J. Lobdell seconded the motion.

Beth Bulgeron presented the proposed meeting dates for the Board for the next calendar year.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Athalye Aye  
C. Sandoval Aye  
J. Lobdell Aye  
S. Burrows Aye  
A. Dragon Aye

**IV. Closing Items**

**A. Upcoming Meeting Date**

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2023 at 5 pm.

**B.**

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**C. Board Member Comments**

Board Member Lobdell stated he was looking forward to hearing from the Principals at the next board meeting. Board Chair Sandoval expressed an interest in learning what TEACH was doing to keep morale up at the school sites.

**D. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
C. Sandoval