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## TEACH Public Schools

### Minutes

#### TEACH, Inc. Special Board Meeting

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##### **Date and Time**

Tuesday September 23, 2025 at 5:00 PM

##### **Location**

Board Meeting Access Locations CA:

Alternate Public Access Locations:

TEACH Elementary  
8505 S Western Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90047

TEACH Academy of Technologies  
1000 S Western Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90047

TEACH Tech Charter High School  
10616 S Western Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90047

3680 Wilshire Blvd.  
Los Angeles CA 90010

3740 S Crenshaw Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90016

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1340 W 106th St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90044

and via zoom at:

Topic: TEACH Special Board Meeting  
Time: Sep 23, 2025 02:00 PM Hawaii  
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Notice is hereby given that the order of consideration of matters on this agenda may be change without prior notice.

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#### **Directors Present**

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A. Dragon (remote), C. Sandoval (remote), J. Lobdell (remote), M. Maye (remote)

**Directors Absent**

*None*

**Guests Present**

B. Bulgeron, M. Brown, M. Pimienta

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Record Attendance**

**B. Call the Meeting to Order**

J. Lobdell called a meeting of the board of directors of TEACH Public Schools to order on Tuesday Sep 23, 2025 at 5:01 PM.

**C. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**II. Consent Items**

**A. Approve the Current Agenda and Approve the Minutes from the July 29, 2025 Regular Board Meeting**

A. Dragon made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

M. Maye seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

J. Lobdell    Aye

C. Sandoval   Absent

A. Dragon    Aye

M. Maye      Aye

A. Dragon made a motion to approve the minutes from July 29, 2025 Regular Board Meeting TEACH, Inc. Regular Board Meeting on 07-29-25.

M. Maye seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

J. Lobdell    Aye

A. Dragon    Aye

M. Maye      Aye

C. Sandoval   Absent

**III. Items for Potential Action**

**A. Executive Director Report / Framing The Meeting**

Matt Brown framed the meeting and gave a brief overview of the important items on the agenda.

**B. 2024-2025 Unaudited Actuals**

M. Maye made a motion to Approve the 2024-2025 Unaudited Actuals.

A. Dragon seconded the motion.

Rich McNeel gave a detailed presentation of the financials at close of 2025. He went over each schools cash on hand and other key financial indicators and overall presented a strong financial position for the organization.

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

**Roll Call**

C. Sandoval Absent

J. Lobdell Aye

A. Dragon Aye

M. Maye Aye

**C. August 2025 Financials**

Rich McNeel gave the August financial report and detailed the projected surpluses, key financial indicators and enrollment shortfalls anticipated at the high school. Matt Brown emphasized that forecasting this early in the school year is tricky until enrollment stabilizes and the financial team is keeping a close watch on all indicators.

**D. Consideration of Candidate Dr. Cindy Guardado**

M. Maye made a motion to Approve Dr. Cindy Guardado as a new board member.

A. Dragon seconded the motion.

Board Member (Acting Chair) Lobdell introduced this agenda item and enthusiastically recommended Cindy for the board. Other board members agreed and she graciously accepted.

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

**Roll Call**

C. Sandoval Absent

A. Dragon Aye

M. Maye Aye

J. Lobdell Aye

**E. Update on Renewal Process for TEACH Preparatory Elementary School**

Matt Brown gave an update on the renewal process for TEACH Prep and explained the timing of the release of the state's renewal tiers and the timeline for submitting an application. He emphasized that it would be likely that TEACH would be considered a middle performing school but we are in a unique position moving from low to middle

performing during the renewal process. He described a strategy that preserves an opportunity to appeal.

#### **F. Consider and Approve the Elementary School Improvement Plan**

M. Maye made a motion to Approve the Elementary School's Improvement Plan.

A. Dragon seconded the motion.

Sione Thompson gave a detailed presentation describing the school's strategies for improving student academic outcomes. He emphasized the creation of a cohesive viable curriculum, aligned professional development and a focus on student subgroup improvement.

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

##### **Roll Call**

C. Sandoval Absent

J. Lobdell Aye

M. Maye Aye

A. Dragon Aye

#### **G. Approve the Declaration of Need for Highly Qualified Educators and Resolve to Approve the Assignments Pursuant to Ed Code Section 44256.**

M. Maye made a motion to Approve the Declaration of Need for Highly Qualified Educators and Resolve to Approve the Assignments Pursuant to Ed Code Section 44256.

A. Dragon seconded the motion.

Dr. Pimienta presented this agenda item and provided context and explanation to the board.

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

##### **Roll Call**

M. Maye Aye

C. Sandoval Absent

J. Lobdell Aye

A. Dragon Aye

#### **H. Board Reporting Calendar**

Beth presented the board reporting calendar and emphasized it was a flexible document meant to provide an overview of the reporting seasons and to ensure the board heard regular reporting on the financial, academic and organizational health of the school.

#### **I. Consider and Approve the Updated Bell Schedule for the Middle School**

M. Maye made a motion to Approve the Updated Bell Schedule for the Middle School.

A. Dragon seconded the motion.

Sione Thompson presented the updated schedule and explained it allowed for two lunches, provided more safety to students, less crowding and overall improved the school climate.

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

**Roll Call**

C. Sandoval Absent  
M. Maye Aye  
J. Lobdell Aye  
A. Dragon Aye

**J. Authorization to Open Checking Account for Get Strategic Inc.**

A. Dragon made a motion to Authorize a new checking account for Get Strategic, Inc.  
M. Maye seconded the motion.

Matt Brown explained the need for a checking account for Get Strategic Inc. Board member Lobdell asked about the signatories and Matt explained it was himself and Shawwna, and that the same fiscal policy is followed.

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

**Roll Call**

J. Lobdell Aye  
M. Maye Aye  
C. Sandoval Absent  
A. Dragon Aye

**K. Consider and Approve the Updated Independent Study Policy**

M. Maye made a motion to Approve the Updated Study Policy.

A. Dragon seconded the motion.

Matt Brown explained the updated study policy and explained how it works.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Dragon Aye  
C. Sandoval Absent  
J. Lobdell Aye  
M. Maye Aye

**L. Consider and Approve the Safe Passage / Crossing Guard — Contract**

M. Maye made a motion to Approve the Safe Passage/ Crossing Guard Contract.

A. Dragon seconded the motion.

Matt Brown presented this agenda item and explained how the vendor selected is unique for the area and works in conjunction with the Sheriff's office to provide services for Teach.

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

**Roll Call**

M. Maye Aye  
J. Lobdell Aye  
C. Sandoval Absent

**Roll Call**

A. Dragon     Aye

**M. Consider and Approve the MOA — County of Los Angeles / Jesse Owens Park (P.E. & Sports Practice)**

M. Maye made a motion to Approve the MOA with the County of Los Angeles/ Jesse Owens Park.

A. Dragon seconded the motion.

Matt Brown described the purpose for the MOU and how the school uses the park for PE and sports practice.

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

**Roll Call**

M. Maye     Aye

A. Dragon     Aye

C. Sandoval     Absent

J. Lobdell     Aye

**IV. Closing Items**

**A. Board or Public Comment**

**B. Upcoming Meeting Date: Need for Special Meeting**

The board agreed to hold a special meeting on October 21st at 5 pm to consider the renewal application.

**C. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Lobdell