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## Encore JR/SR High School

### Minutes

#### Special Encore Board of Directors Meeting-January 2, 2024

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**Date and Time**

Thursday January 2, 2025 at 5:00 PM

**Location**

Encore High School  
16955 Lemon Street  
Hesperia CA 92345

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Notice is hereby given that the order of consideration of matters on this agenda may be changed without prior notice.

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**Directors Present**

C. Sutton, I. Rapier, K. Lutz, R. Magana

**Directors Absent**

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None

**Ex Officio Members Present**

D. Muñoz, P. Alaimalo

**Non Voting Members Present**

D. Muñoz, P. Alaimalo

**Guests Present**

I. Garcia, J. Grant, J. Simmons (remote), J. Thibodeaux, K. Yoder (remote),  
kbarkdull@encorehighschool.com

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Call the Meeting to Order**

C. Sutton called a meeting of the board of directors of Encore JR/SR High School to order on Thursday Jan 2, 2025 at 5:09 PM.

**B. Record Attendance**

**C. Public Comment**

No members from the public were present or online to address the board publicly.

**D. Approval of the Agenda**

CSutton asked to add this item for the approval of tonight's agenda. Requested to make an edit to the agenda and ask that the board proceed to adjourn to closed session prior to open session. Once the board reconvenes from closed session, then they will move on with the remainder of the agenda including the open session item that is presented on tonights agenda.

I. Rapier made a motion to Approve the changes to the agenda with the edits requested for tonight's agenda.

R. Magana seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

I. Rapier Aye

C. Sutton Aye

R. Magana Aye

K. Lutz Aye

**II. Adjourn to Closed Session**

**A.**

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(2).): (1 matter)**

Board adjourned to closed session at 5:12 p

**B. Reconvene from Closed Session**

Board reconvened from Closed Session at 6:54p. During closed session the board took no action.

**III. Open Session**

**A. Adoption of School Closure Resolution and Approval of Notices Pertaining to Same**

CSutton shared with all students, parents, staff, the community and all stakeholders involved. Over the past several years Encore has faced management, operational and financial challenges including substantial decline in year over year enrollment. Earlier in the month of December the Encore board did approve a revised first interim budget along with that was a corrective action plan that summarized and outlined a possible seven actions and circumstances that would allow Encore to continue operations and remain solvent. As presented at that meeting, that corrective action plan relied on several events outside of Encore's control. Based on information received since the time of that meeting, the set of conditions that would allow Encore to continue successfully serving the students this school year has appeared increasingly uncertain. Taken all current information into account the board will need to make a very important decision and take a course of action moving forward.

At this time the board will move towards reading through an adoption of school closure resolution. Make note that this item is an action item that the board will vote on. At this time CSutton turned this over to Board member Ian Rapier. He will read through that resolution and the board will consider it and take a vote. (Ian Rapier read through entire resolution).

It was voted in closed session that the "closing agent" would sign the board resolution.

I. Rapier made a motion to Approve the adoption of school closure resolution and approval of notices pertaining to school closure. Also assigning Patricia Alaimalo as the closure agent.

K. Lutz seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

C. Sutton Aye

R. Magana Aye

I. Rapier Aye

**Roll Call**

K. Lutz Aye

Before moving with the agenda on CSutton knows there are a lot of questions everyone is going to have. The board and school administration will work tirelessly over the next several days to answer as many questions. In terms of next steps the school administration with the support of the board will be providing information for everyone involved.

**IV. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

K. Lutz made a motion to Approve adjournment.

R. Magana seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

R. Magana Aye

C. Sutton Aye

K. Lutz Aye

I. Rapier Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
C. Sutton

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