

September 13, 2022 at 6:00 PM | 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia, CA 93277

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/4183238475>

Meeting ID: 418 323 8475

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## Monarch River Mission Statement

The mission of Monarch River Academy is to develop the individual gifts of students in Tulare County and adjacent counties to become proficient in Common Core State Standards and become critical thinkers, responsible citizens and innovative leaders prepared for academic and real-life achievement in the 21st Century. The mission will be accomplished in a personalized environment that fosters successful achievement through quality, personalized, standards-based education, which could include online coursework, offline textbook work, and unique hands-on and experiential learning experiences facilitated in partnership with students, parents, staff, and community.

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### Directors Present

Dr. Sam Nofziger (In Person), Elizabeth Wagner (remote), Dr. Craig Wheaton (in person), & Sarah Sanchez (In Person)

### Directors Absent

Dr. Monique Ouwinga-DeRuiter

### Guests Present

Dr. Laurie Goodman (in person)

Brandon Chiapas, Joanna Fung, Damien Phillips, Maria Thoeni, Jenny Plumb, Michelene Fitzgerald, Dr. Damien Phillips, Jenny Plumb, Denise Voth, Amy Friesen, Anna Wilkinson, Dr. Steven James, Lorraine Sewell, Rhonda Duerksen, Kimmi Buzzard (remote)

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## Minutes

### 1. Opening Items

<b>1.A. Record Attendance</b>
<b>1.B. Call the Meeting to Order</b>
Dr. Sam Nofziger called the meeting of the board of directors of Monarch River Academy to order on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 6:01 PM.
<b>1.C. Flag Salute</b>
Dr. Sam Nofziger led the Flag Salute.
<b>1.D. Approval of the Agenda</b>
Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to approve the agenda. Sarah Sanchez seconded the motion. The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.
<b>1.E. Public Comment</b>
No public comments were made.
<b>1.F. Review &amp; Approval of Minutes for the August 23, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes</b>
Elizabeth Wagner made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 23, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes. Dr. Craig Wheaton seconded the motion. The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.
<b>2. Finance</b>
<b>2.A. Executive Director &amp; Deputy Director Divvy Expenses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was one Divvy transaction during the month of August to pay for the Charter School Development Center.</li> </ul> <p>Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the August Divvy Expenses. Dr. Craig Wheaton seconded the motion. The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.</p>
<b>2.B. Updated Compensation Policy</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Laurie Goodman presented the updated Compensation Policy.</li> <li>Highlighted changes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated Leave Language to match policy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- Substitute Teacher Pay
- Creditable years of service
- Previously approved Salary Tables
- Classified Raise

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to approve the updated Compensation Policy with a 3% Classified raise, retroactive to July 1, 2022.

Elizabeth Wagner seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

## **2C. Unused Student Planning Amount Funds Report**

- Dr. Laurie Goodman presented a summary of how the school utilizes unused Planning Amounts that were allocated for students.

## **3. Academic Excellence**

### **3.A. Independent Study Policy - Board Policy No. 6158**

- Dr. Laurie Goodman presented the changes to the Independent Study policy.

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the revised Independent Study policy.

Dr. Craig Wheaton seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

### **3.B. Board Metrics Report**

- Dr. Laurie Goodman presented the Board Metrics Report.
- Dr. Nofziger asked Denise Voth and Amy Friesen to share more information about the school's progress on A-G. Denise Voth shared all the layers of support, communication, and emphasis the school has on A-G readiness.

The Board did not requested presentations from any of the report contributors at this time.

## **4. Operations**

### **4.A. Enrollment Report**

- Dr. Laurie Goodman presented the school's current Enrollment Report.

### **4.B. Closing Enrollment for the 2022-2023 School Year**

- Dr. Laurie Goodman presented the proposed enrollment closure date of September 15, 2022.

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the closure date for the 2022-2023 school year.

Elizabeth Wagner seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **4.B. Shared Staff MOU Between Monarch River Academy & Yosemite Valley Charter School**

- Dr. Laurie Goodman re-presented the Shared Staff MOU which now has an updated Attachment B.
- Elizabeth Wagner inquired what is different in this version of the MOU. Dr. Laurie Goodman shared that the Certificated Salary raise is now reflected in Attachment B.

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to approve the Shared Staff MOU Between Monarch River Academy & Yosemite Valley Charter School.

Sarah Sanchez seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

### **5. Governance**

#### **5.A. Meeting Format**

Elizabeth Wagner made a motion to hold the next board meeting in a hybrid format.

Dr. Craig Wheaton seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

### **6. Closing Items**

#### **6.A. Board of Director Comments & Requests**

- Comment: Sarah Sanchez commented that the school's Spring Break does not align with other local districts.

#### **6.B. Announcement of the Next Scheduled Board Meetings**

Regular: October 18, 2022 at 6:00 PM

#### **6.C. Adjourn Meeting**

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 6:40 PM.

Dr. Craig Wheaton seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dr. Sam Nofziger

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**Prepared by:**  
**Rhonda Duerksen**

**Noted by:**

**Board Secretary**

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