

Monarch River Academy

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2021 at 4:30 PM | 3610 E. Ashlan Avenue, Fresno, CA 93926

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Join by Phone: (669) 900-6833

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.

Directors Present

Monique Ouwinga (remote), Sarah Sanchez (remote), Dr. Craig Wheaton (remote), & Ashley Wiens (remote)

Directors Absent

Dr. Sam Nofziger

Guests Present

Dr. Rob Hudson (remote), Dr. Laurie Goodman (remote), Jenny Plumb (remote), Dr. Steven James (remote), Darlington Ahaiwe (remote), Cathy Troxell (remote), Lorraine Sewell (remote), Mariah Jordan (remote), & Kmmi Buzzard (remote)

Minutes

1. Opening Items

1.1. Record Attendance

1.2. Call the Meeting to Order

Dr. Craig Wheaton called the meeting of the board of directors of Monarch River Academy to order on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 4:30 PM.

1.3. Flag Salute

Dr. Craig Wheaton led the Flag Salute.

1.4. Approval of the Agenda

Ashley Wiens made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Public Comment.

Sarah Sanchez seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

1.4.5. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

Monique Ouwinga joined the board meeting at 4:32 PM.

1.5.a. Review & Approval of Minutes

Ashley Wiens made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on June 22, 2021.

Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

1.6. School Report

AB 130 Legislative Update – School is working to updated policies and new

requirements that impact the school to be in compliance with AB 130.

2. Finance

2.1. EPA Budgets

Darlington Ahaiwe presented the EPA budgets including an overview and use of funds.

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the EPA Budgets.

Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

2.2. Compensation Policy

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the Compensation Policy.

Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

2.3. Counselor Salary Schedule

Presentation of the HS Counselor role and request for salary alignment with the increased number of work days and to be in alignment with industry standard pay ranges.

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to approve the Counselor Salary Schedule.

Sarah Sanchez seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

2.4. High School Virtual Academy Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Presentation of the drafted MOU to share the cost of online platforms and curriculum ordering system with the Sequoia Grove Charter Alliance Schools.

Ashley Wiens made a motion to approve the High School Virtual Academy MOU.

Sarah Sanchez seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

3. Academic Excellence

3.1. Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan

Cathy Troxell presented the plan, focusing on staff and student health and safety, continuity of services, and the process of how stakeholder input and feedback was

collected. She noted the plan could be adjusted based on potential changes to the CDC Guidelines.

Ashley Wiens made a motion to approve the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan. Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.

The board VOTED to approve the motion.

- Ashley Wiens - Aye
- Monique Ouwinga - Aye
- Dr. Craig Wheaton - Aye
- Sarah Sanchez - Abstain

The motion passed.

3.2. Parent Student Handbook

Postponed until the August board meeting to allow for changes from AB 130 to be added.

3.3. Independent Study Policy

Changes were made to the Independent Study Policy to align with the new changes from AB 130. The revisions were done by legal counsel.

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

Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

4. Operations

4.1. Vendor Conflict of Interest Policy

This agenda item had already been approved at a previous board meeting.

5. Closing Items

5.1. Board of Director Comments & Requests

No Board of Director comments or requests at this time.

5.2. Announcement of the Next Scheduled Board Meetings

August 24, 2021 at 4:30 PM

5.3. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:11 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Craig Wheaton

Prepared by:
Mariah Jordan

Noted by:

Board Secretary

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