Monarch River Academy

Special Board Meeting Minutes



September 7, 2021 at 5:00 PM | 3610 E. Ashlan Avenue, Fresno, CA 93926

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

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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.

Directors Present

Dr. Sam Nofziger (remote), Monique Ouwinga (remote), Sarah Sanchez (remote), & Dr. Craig Wheaton (remote)

Directors Absent

All active Board Members were present at the meeting.

Guests Present

Dr. Rob Hudson (remote), Dr. Laurie Goodman (remote), Steph Johnson (remote), Darlington Ahaiwe (remote), Yolanda Vazquez (remote), Lorraine Sewell (remote), Mariah Jordan (remote), Maria Thoeni (remote), Jenny Plumb (remote), & Kmmi Buzzard (remote)

Minutes

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Dr. Sam Nofziger called the meeting of the board of directors of Monarch River Academy to order on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

C. Flag Salute

Dr. Sam Nofziger led the Flag Salute.

D. Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to approve the agenda.

Sarah Sanchez seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

II. Finance

A. June 2021 Financials / Unaudited Actual Report

Darlington Ahaiwe presented the June 2021Financial report. School is showing strong fiscal health overall. The Unaudited Actual report has been prepared for the school and upon approval of the board submitted to the authorizer and COE.

Dr. Craig Wheaton inquired if the fiscal forecast and reserves indicate that the school will not need to factor in the 2022-2023 school year. Darling reported that this is probable.

Dr. Sam Nofziger asked for confirmation that the school's fiscal health is as good as it appears through the report. Darlington confirmed that due to the one time funds such as the PPP, the fiscal outlook is strong.

Dr. Sam Nofziger asked for specific financial characteristics/metrics that the school can continue to focus on maintaining and building on. Darlington Ahaiwe will prepare this information and guidance for the next board meeting.

Sarah Sanchez inquired what the strategy is for reserves and what areas the school might plan to utilize them. Dr. Laurie Goodman described the process of taking parent, board, and stakeholder input.

Dr. Sam Nofziger encouraged the school leadership team to provide input to Dr. Laurie Goodman on programs, resources, etc. that the staff thinks would be useful to help the school and students.

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the June 2021 Financials / Unaudited Actual Report.

Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.

The board VOTED to approve the motion.

III. Closing Items

1. Board of Director Comments & Requests

- 1. Dr. Sam Nofziger asked Darlingon Ahaiwe for specific financial characteristics/metrics that the school can continue to focus on maintaining and building on.
- 2. Does the school maintain a wishlist?

2. Announcement of the Next Scheduled Board Meeting

Regular: September 28, 2021 at 4:30 PM

3. Adjourn Meeting

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 5:25 PM.

Dr. Craig Wheaton seconded the motion.

The board VOTED 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 5:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Sam Nofziger

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| Board Secretary | | | |

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