

June 27, 2022 at 6:00 PM | 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia, CA 93277

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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), Elizabeth Wagner (remote), & Sarah Sanchez (in person)

Directors Absent

Dr. Monique Ouwinga & Dr. Craig Wheaton

Guests Present

Dr. Laurie Goodman (in person)

Joanna Fung, Steph Johnson, Jim Surmeian, Maria Thoeni, Jenny Plumb, Dr. Damien Phillips, Rhonda Duerksen, Kimmi Buzzard (all remote)

Minutes

1. Opening Items
1.A. Record Attendance

1.B. Call the Meeting to Order

Dr. Sam Nofziger called the meeting of the board of directors of Monarch River Academy to order on Monday, June 27, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

1.C. Flag Salute

Dr. Sam Nofziger led the Flag Salute.

1.D. Approval of the Agenda

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the agenda.
Elizabeth Wagner seconded the motion.
The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

1.E. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

1.F. Review & Approval of Minutes April 26, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes & the May 6, 2022 Special Board Meeting

Elizabeth Wagner made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 24, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes & June 23, 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes.
Sarah Sanchez seconded the motion.
The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

2. Finance**2.A. 2022-2023 Budget**

- Jim Surmeian from Charter Impact presented the school's 2022-2023 Budget.
- Elizabeth Wagner asked for clarification on COLA and funds allocation.
- Dr. Sam Nofziger requested information on the status of the school's reserves.

Elizabeth Wagner made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Budget.
Sarah Sanchez seconded the motion.
The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

2.B. Education Protection Account (EPA) Budget

- Jim Surmeian provided an overview of what the EPA Budget is, how it works, as well as how it is calculated.
- Elizabeth Wagner inquired about how the funds impact the total cost of teacher

salaries.

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the Education Protection Account (EPA) Budget.

Elizabeth Wagner seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

3. Academic Excellence

3.A. Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

- Steph Johnson re-presented LCAP.

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

Elizabeth Wagner seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

3.B. 2022-2023 Parent Student Handbook

- Steph Johnson shared the 2022-2023 Parent Student Handbook pointing out the major changes such as updating teacher titles, policies, and procedures.
- Dr. Sam Nofziger suggested that a team re-read the Handbook before it goes to print.

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Parent Student Handbook with the addition of Board Meeting Schedule, the link to “Other Curriculum” resources, and make an edit to correct a double negative in the Non-Compliance section.

Elizabeth Wagner seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

3.C. Transitional Kindergarten Policy

- Jenny Plumb shared the Transitional Kindergarten Policy.

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the Transitional Kindergarten Policy with the edit to the name of school in paragraph three.

Elizabeth Wagner seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

4. Operations

4.A. Administrative & Supervisory Transfers Policy

- Steph Johnson presented the Administrative & Supervisory Transfers Policy.

Elizabeth made a motion to approve the Administrative & Supervisory Transfers Policy with the change of school names.

Sarah Sanchez seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

4.B. CharterSAFE Membership Proposal & Invoice

- Dr. Laurie Goodman presented the CharterSAFE proposal that provided the school with liability insurance and mandated staff training. She also shared that the other company in the space is quite a bit more in cost.
- Sarah Sanchez asked for confirmation that this is a renewal as the school has used CharterSAFE in the past.

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the CharterSAFE Membership Proposal & Invoice.

Elizabeth Wagner seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

5. Closed Session

5.A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: Executive Director & Co-Director/Principal - Closed Session

Elizabeth Wagner made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 6:56 PM.

Sarah Sanchez seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

5.B. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT APPOINTMENT: Executive Director & Deputy Director - Closed Session

Dr. Sam Nofziger made a motion to end Closed Session and return to the Open Meeting at 7:59 PM.

Elizabeth Wagner seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

5.C. Report Out of any Action Taken During Closed Session

- Dr. Sam Nofziger reported that the Board gave Dr. Goodman and Steph Johnson feedback on the joint Action Plan and Goals for 2022-2023 school year. The Board also

took action to appoint Steph Johnson as the Executive Director and Dr. Laurie Goodman as the Deputy Director.

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to end Closed Session and return to Open Session seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

6. School Administration

6.A. Executive Director & Deputy Director Contract, Compensation Package, & Fringe Benefits (Medical Insurance, Mileage Stipend, & Utility Stipend)

- Dr. Sam Nofziger made a statement that the Board is here to support both administrators.

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the Executive Director & Deputy Director Contract, Compensation Package, & Fringe Benefits (Medical Insurance, Mileage Stipend, & Utility Stipend).

Elizabeth Wagner seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

7. Governance

7.A. 2022-2023 Board Meeting Calendar & Meeting Time

- The Board discussed the proposed 2022-2023 Board meeting calendar and meeting time.

Elizabeth Wagner made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Board Meeting Calendar and meeting time of 6:00 pm.

Sarah Sanchez seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

7.B. June Meeting Format

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to meet in person and offer a hybrid format for the next board meeting and to discuss this item again during the July Board meeting.

Elizabeth Wagner seconded the motion.

The board VOTED to approve the motion.

7. Closing Items

7.A. Board of Director Comments & Requests

- No Board comments or requests were made at this time.

7.B. Announcement of the Next Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular: July 26, 2022 at 6:00 PM

7.C. Adjourn Meeting

Elizabeth Wagner made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:19 PM.

Sarah Sanchez 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 8:19 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Sam Nofziger

Prepared by:
Kimmi Buzzard

Noted by:

Craig Wheaton
Craig Wheaton (Sep 19, 2022 14:09 PDT)

Board Secretary

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