



Monarch River Academy

Minutes

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday March 23, 2021 at 5:00 PM

Location

3610 E. Ashlan Avenue
Fresno, CA 93726

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/9854259770>

Meeting ID: 985 425 9770

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

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

Directors Absent

None

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

Ashley Wiens, Sarah Sanchez

Guests Present

Darlington Ahaiwe (remote), Dr. Laurie Goodman (remote), Dr. Rob Hudson (remote), Kimmi Buzzard (remote), Steven James (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Dr. Samuel Nofziger called a meeting of the board of directors of Monarch River Academy to order on Tuesday Mar 23, 2021 at 5:01 PM.

C. Flag Salute

Dr. Sam Nofziger lead the Board in the flag salute.

D. Approval of the Agenda (p. 1-3)

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

Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Dr. Samuel Nofziger Aye

Dr. Craig Wheaton Aye

Monique Ouwinga Aye

Sarah Sanchez Absent

Ashley Wiens Absent

Ashley Wiens arrived.

E. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

F. Approve Minutes (p. 4-11)

Ashley Wiens made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on 02-23-21.

Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Dr. Craig Wheaton Aye

Dr. Samuel Nofziger Aye

Monique Ouwinga Aye

Sarah Sanchez Absent

Ashley Wiens Aye

G. Approve Minutes (p. 12-15)

Ashley Wiens made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Board Meeting on 03-18-21.

Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Dr. Samuel Nofziger Aye

Sarah Sanchez Absent

Ashley Wiens Aye

Dr. Craig Wheaton Aye

Monique Ouwinga Aye

H. Executive Director Report

Dr. Laurie Goodman provided the Board with a school update.

- 3rd Round of Intervention has commenced.
- Star 360, internal benchmark, data analysis is taking place.
- Dr. Yolanda Vazquez continues the SEL and Transition programs

Sarah Sanchez arrived.

II. Finance

A. February Financials (p. 16-40)

Darlington Ahaiwe presented the school's financials from February.

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to approve the February Financials.

Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Sarah Sanchez	Aye
Dr. Samuel Nofziger	Aye
Ashley Wiens	Aye
Dr. Craig Wheaton	Aye
Monique Ouwinga	Aye

III. Academic Excellence

A. Local Control Accountability Plan and Update (p. 41)

Dr. Goodman presented the background information for the dual purpose of the LCAP.

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the Local Control Accountability Plan and Update.

Dr. Craig Wheaton seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Dr. Craig Wheaton	Aye
Sarah Sanchez	Aye
Monique Ouwinga	Aye
Ashley Wiens	Aye
Dr. Samuel Nofziger	Aye

B. Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) / Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Federal Addendum (p. 42-66)

Maria Thoeni presented an overview of the data that went into this addendum.

Dr. Sam Nofziger asked for more information about how student assignments and class rosters will be impacted. Maria Thoeni described how the teacher roster and new program rosters will work.

Ashely Weins asked for clarification about the curriculum being used in the programs from the new funding. Maria Thoeni said there would be curriculum synchronization between the support instruction and what students are using during the rest of the learning time.

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) / Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Federal Addendum with the corrections on pages 54 and 55 of the board packet.

Dr. Craig Wheaton seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Dr. Samuel Nofziger Aye
Ashley Wiens Aye
Monique Ouwinga Aye
Sarah Sanchez Aye
Dr. Craig Wheaton Aye

C. Discussion and Potential Action on the Parent & Family Involvement Policy - Working Draft (p. 67-73)

Dr. Laurie Goodman presented the initial working draft of the Parent & Family Involvement Policy as part of putting all of the appropriate policies in place in preparation for the new consolidated funding (Title 1) the school is in the process of applying for.

D. Special Education Specialized Academic Instruction (SAI) and Related Services Reopening Plan (p. 74-75)

Dr. Steven James outlined the plan to return offering in-person SAI for those students that do normally participate in such activities.

Dr. Sam Nofziger asked for more details about how many students this impacts.
Dr. Steven James shared that there are currently 12 students in SAI and 60 students that receive OT, PT, and Speech services.

Monique Ouwinga made a motion to approve the Special Education Specialized Academic Instruction (SAI) and Related Services Reopening Plan.

Dr. Craig Wheaton seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Ashley Wiens Aye
Dr. Craig Wheaton Aye
Dr. Samuel Nofziger Aye
Sarah Sanchez Aye
Monique Ouwinga Aye

E. Adult Status of 18-Year Old Students Policy (p. 76-77)

Dr. Steven James provided background on the Age of Majority, when a student turns 18 years of age, and how the educational decision-making transfers to the student.

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the Adult Status of 18-Year Old Students Policy.

Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Ashley Wiens Aye
Dr. Craig Wheaton Aye
Dr. Samuel Nofziger Aye
Sarah Sanchez Aye
Monique Ouwinga Aye

F. Assignment of Educational Decision-Making Authority (p. 78-79)

Dr. Steven James presented the document that has been vetted by legal counsel, that allows a way for a student that is of age to give educational rights to their parent/guardian.

Monique Ouwinga asked if parents/guardians are made aware of this process. Dr. Steven James confirmed that the school does ensure that both student and parent/guardian are made aware.

Ashley Wiens made a motion to approve the Assignment of Educational Decision-Making Authority form.

Sarah Sanchez seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Dr. Samuel Nofziger Aye

Monique Ouwinga Aye

Ashley Wiens Aye

Dr. Craig Wheaton Aye

Sarah Sanchez Aye

G. Discussion and Potential Action on the Master Agreement (MA)

Dr. Laurie Goodman shared that this agenda item will be brought back to the Board for the April meeting to allow for additional time for school staff and legal counsel to update this document.

H. Discussion and Potential Action on the Educational Vendor Policies and Procedures

Dr. Laurie Goodman shared that this agenda item will be brought back to the Board for the April meeting to allow for additional time for school staff and legal counsel to update this policy.

I. Discussion and Potential Action on the Independent Study Policy

Dr. Laurie Goodman shared that this agenda item will be brought back to the Board for the April meeting to allow for additional time for school staff and legal counsel to update this policy.

J. Discussion and Potential Action on the Work Sample Policy

Dr. Laurie Goodman shared that this agenda item will be brought back to the Board for the April meeting to allow for additional time for school staff and legal counsel to update this policy.

IV. Closing Items

A. Board of Director's Comments & Requests

Dr. Sam Nofziger encouraged all participants to focus on self-care and do at least one thing for themselves.

Sarah Sanchez inquired if the Board would start meeting again in person or not. The Board discussed and decided to conduct the April meeting virtually and using the time to plan a location and logistics potentially for an in-person May meeting.

B. Announcement of the Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

Dr. Sam Nofziger announced that the next Board meeting will be held on April 27, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

C. Adjourn Meeting

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to adjourn the board meeting at 5:48 pm.

Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Monique Ouwinga Aye

Roll Call

Sarah Sanchez Aye

Dr. Samuel Nofziger Aye

Ashley Wiens Aye

Dr. Craig Wheaton Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Samuel Nofziger

Prepared By
Kimmi Buzzard

Noted By:

Craig Wheaton

Craig Wheaton (Apr 30, 2021 08:44 PDT)

Board Secretary

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