



Monarch River Academy

Minutes

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday April 27, 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)

Directors Absent

Sarah Sanchez

Guests Present

Brian Holman (remote), Dr. Laurie Goodman (remote), Dr. Steven James (remote), Jenny Plumb (remote), Kimmi Buzzard (remote), Maria Thoeni (remote), Yolanda Vazquez (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 Apr 27, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

C. Flag Salute

Dr. Sam Nofziger led the flag salute.

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

Ashley Wiens made a motion to approve the agenda.

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 Absent
Monique Ouwinga Aye

E. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

F. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to move into Closed Session at 5:05 pm.

Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

G. Announcement of Any Action Taken in Closed Session

Dr. Laurie Goodman described the proposal to purchase the Enrichment Ordering software license for the school to use.

The Board has decided to move forward with the purchase of the software.

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to approve the one time purchase of the ordering software for \$50,000.

Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Dr. Samuel Nofziger Aye
Monique Ouwinga Aye

Sarah Sanchez Absent

Roll Call

Dr. Craig Wheaton Aye

Ashley Wiens Aye

H. Approve Minutes (p. 4-10)

Ashley Wiens made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on 03-23-21.

Dr. Craig Wheaton seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Sarah Sanchez Absent

Dr. Samuel Nofziger Aye

Ashley Wiens Aye

Dr. Craig Wheaton Aye

Monique Ouwinga Aye

I. Executive Director Report

Dr. Laurie Goodman shared current school highlights by inviting school staff to share about intervention and summer Virtual Academies.

Jenny Plumb shared that student data shows that students are making gains. The school is looking forward to examining the Star 360 data to add another layer of programmatic effectiveness. Jenny also updated the board that the summer curriculum and Online Subscription Platforms have been finalized, all of which support differentiated learning.

Steph Johnson shared that virtual intervention will continue over the summer. This will also act as the pilot for more direct instruction classes at all grade levels. There has been a lot of parent interest in the program.

II. Finance

A. Annual Audit 2019-2020 (p. 11-47)

Dr. Laurie Goodman reported the audit findings for 2019-2020.

Findings:

#1: The audit noted related party transactions that occurred when the school was managed by Inspire.

#2: Household Income Data - One of the students sampled had a manual data entry error.

Corrective action plans have been developed for both items.

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Annual Audit.

Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Dr. Samuel Nofziger Aye

Dr. Craig Wheaton Aye

Ashley Wiens Aye

Sarah Sanchez Absent

Monique Ouwinga Aye

B. March Financials (p. 48-76)

Darlington Ahaiwe presented the school's March Financial report.

Dr. Sam Nofziger asked if the school would be needing assistance from Charter School Capital at any point this year. Darlington Ahaiwe said that yes, in May the school would need funds due to the deferment period.

Monique Ouwinga asked for confirmation that the school is still on track with their current budget. Darlington Ahaiwe confirmed.

Monique Ouwinga made a motion to approve the March Financials.

Dr. Samuel Nofziger seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

C. Acknowledgment Resolution for the Selling of Additional Receivables to Charter School Capital (p. 77-80)

Dr. Laurie Goodman noted that the purpose of this resolution to sell receivables is to assist with cashflow and payroll.

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to approve the resolution attached to these minutes and incorporated herein by this reference are hereby adopted.

Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

D. Enrollment Report (p. 81-83)

Dr. Laurie Goodman provided the school with a current Enrollment Report to see how the numbers are currently trending.

Ashley Wiens made a motion to approve the Enrollment Report.

Dr. Craig Wheaton seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

III. Academic Excellence

A. State Testing Assessment Update & Testing Waiver for 2020-2021 (p. 84-85)

Ashley Wiens made a motion to approve the State Testing Assessment Update & Testing Waiver for 2020-2021.

Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Dr. Craig Wheaton Aye

Roll Call

Sarah Sanchez Absent

Ashley Wiens Aye

Dr. Samuel Nofziger Aye

Monique Ouwinga Aye

B. Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Update

Cathy Troxell shared the 2021-24 LCAP Overview including timeline, purpose, and a detailed review of the four LCAP Goals and specific action plans.

Yolanda Vazquez shared:

- Transition website:
<https://sites.google.com/inspireschools.org/yvcandmratransition/home>
- Coffee with a Cause website:
<https://sites.google.com/inspireschools.org/coffeewithacause/home>
- Families in Crisis website: <https://sites.google.com/inspireschools.org/yvcs-mra-familiesin crisis/home>

Dr. Sam Nofziger requested that the LCAP draft be made available to board members who are interested in reviewing the document more closely.

C. Board Resolution 2021-2 Educational Plan & Course Outline Stipend (p. 86-89)

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to approve Board Resolution 2021-2 for the Educational Plan & Course Outline Stipend.

Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Ashley Wiens Aye

Dr. Craig Wheaton Aye

Monique Ouwinga Aye

Dr. Samuel Nofziger Aye

Sarah Sanchez Absent

D. Revised Master Agreement for Independent Study (p. 90-94)

Dr. Laurie Goodman shared the new wording that the school would like to add to the Master Agreement to make the school's expectations and program components more clear.

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to approve the Revised Master Agreement for Independent Study pending that the Board receives a final version will be sent to the Board by the end of this week.

Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Ashley Wiens Aye

Dr. Craig Wheaton Aye

Sarah Sanchez Absent

Dr. Samuel Nofziger Aye

Monique Ouwinga Aye

E. Revised Grade Level Promotion & Acceleration Policy & Kindergarten Retention Criteria (p. 95-99)

Maria Thoeni and Jenny Plumb reminded the Board that the policy had been previously revised to remove all retention options. The school is adding back Kindergarten Continuance to the policy for students that have not already had two years of Kindergarten and need another year of Kindergarten for developmental readiness purposes.

Monique Ouwinga asked if the school would continue to follow Kindergarten age requirements.

Ashley Wiens made a motion to approve the Revised Grade Level Promotion & Acceleration Policy & Kindergarten Retention Criteria.

Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

IV. Operations

A. 2021-2022 Employment Contract (p. 100-106)

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Employment Contract.

Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

V. Closing Items

A. Board of Director's Comments & Requests

1. Dr. Sam Nofziger requested that the LCAP draft be made available to board members who are interested in reviewing the document more closely.
2. Revised, final version of the Master Agreement for Independent Study will be sent to Board Members by the end of the current week.
3. Dr. Sam Nofziger will not be able to attend the May 25, 2021 Board meeting. Dr. Craig Wheaton will facilitate the meeting in Dr. Nofziger's place.

B. Announcement of the Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

Dr. Sam Nofziger announced that the next Board meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

C. Adjourn Meeting

Dr. Samuel Nofziger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 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 6:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Samuel Nofziger

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