



Monarch River Academy

Minutes

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday May 25, 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), Monique Ouwinga (remote), Sarah Sanchez (remote)

Directors Absent

Dr. Samuel Nofziger

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned

Monique Ouwinga

Guests Present

Cathy Troxell (remote), Dr. Laurie Goodman (remote), Dr. Rob Hudson (remote), Jenny Plumb (remote), Kimmi Buzzard (remote), Maria Thoeni (remote), Mariah Jordan (remote), Steph Johnson (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Dr. Craig Wheaton called a meeting of the board of directors of Monarch River Academy to order on Tuesday May 25, 2021 at 5:01 PM.

C. Flag Salute

Dr. Craig Wheaton led the flag salute.

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

Ashley Wiens made a motion to approve with the removal of item II. C and II. E. Sarah Sanchez seconded the motion.

The board will approve the agenda with the removal of item II. C - Employee Benefits Presentation & Quote - Keenan & Associates and Item II. E. Employee Benefits for 2021-2022. The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Dr. Samuel Nofziger Absent

Dr. Craig Wheaton Aye

Monique Ouwinga Aye

Sarah Sanchez Aye

Ashley Wiens Aye

E. Public Comment

None.

F. Approve Minutes (p. 4-11)

Ashley Wiens made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on 04-27-21.

Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Dr. Craig Wheaton Aye

Ashley Wiens Aye

Monique Ouwinga Aye

Sarah Sanchez Aye

Dr. Samuel Nofziger Absent

G. Executive Director Report (p. 12-13)

Dr. Laurie Goodman spoke on AB1316.

II. Finance

A. April Financials (p. 14-38)

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve.

Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

B. Updated Fiscal Policies & Procedures (p. 39-57)

Ashley Wiens made a motion to approve.
Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Employee Benefits Presentation & Quote - Keenan & Associates

D. Employee Benefits Presentation & Quote - Gallagher (p. 58-71)

Gallagher explained the projected 15.4% increase was due to the employees being located in the Central Valley/Northern California area rather than receiving the lower Southern California rates.

E. Employee Benefits for 2021-2022

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve.
Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Sarah Sanchez Aye
Dr. Samuel Nofziger Absent
Dr. Craig Wheaton Aye
Monique Ouwinga Aye
Ashley Wiens Aye
Monique Ouwinga left at 6:02 PM.

F. Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan (p. 72-82)

Ashley Wiens made a motion to approve with the removal of the English Learner Group Training.
Sarah Sanchez seconded the motion.
With the removal of the English Learner Group Training for educators for English Learner Support. The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

G. High School Assistant Director Position (p. 83-87)

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve.
Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Ashley Wiens Aye

Roll Call

Dr. Craig Wheaton Aye
Sarah Sanchez Aye
Dr. Samuel Nofziger Absent

H. Secondary Education Specialist Position (p. 88-92)

Ashley Wiens made a motion to approve.
Sarah Sanchez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

I. 2021-2022 Classified Pay Scale (p. 93-94)

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve.
Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

J. 2021-2022 Admin Salary Schedule (p. 95-96)

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to Table this item.
Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.
The board would like to bring this item back to the June board meeting. The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

K. January 1, 2022 Certificated Pay Scales (p. 97-100)

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve.
Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

L. January 1, 2022 SPED Assessment Team Salary Schedule (p. 101-102)

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve.
Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Monique Ouwinga Absent
Ashley Wiens Aye

Roll Call

Dr. Craig Wheaton Aye
Dr. Samuel Nofziger Absent
Sarah Sanchez Aye

M. 2021-2022 Employee Bonus Policy (p. 103-105)

Ashley Wiens made a motion to approve.
Sarah Sanchez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

III. Academic Excellence

A. Public Hearing for the LCAP/BOP (p. 106-201)

A recommendation from a staff member was to break up race and ethnicity to better show the diversity of the student body in the LCAP. Cathy Troxell states this will be done for the 2021-2022 LCAP.

B. 2021-2022 School Calendar (p. 202-203)

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve.
Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Revised Independent Study Policy (p. 204-207)

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to table this item.
Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.
The board would like to bring this item back to the June board meeting. Sarah Sanchez recommends gathering feedback from parents before the June board meeting. The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. High School Graduation Requirements & Graduation Policy (p. 208-212)

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to table this item.
Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.
The board would like to bring this item back to the June board meeting. The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Dr. Craig Wheaton Aye
Ashley Wiens Aye

Roll Call

Sarah Sanchez Aye
Dr. Samuel Nofziger Absent
Monique Ouwinga Absent

E. Revised Work Sample Policy (p. 213-215)

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to table.

Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.

The board would like to bring this item back to the June board meeting. The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

F. Math Support Proposals for the Parent Academy (p. 216-222)

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve.

Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

IV. Operations

A. Charter Safe Insurance Proposal Renewal (p. 223-254)

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to table.

Sarah Sanchez seconded the motion.

The board would like to bring this item back to the June board meeting. The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. 2021-2022 Vendor Agreement (p. 255-264)

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve.

Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

C. 2021-2022 Enrichment Ordering Guidelines (p. 265-269)

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve.

Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. 2021-2022 Hourly Employee Contract (p. 270-276)

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve.
Dr. Craig Wheaton seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

V. Governance

A. 2021-2022 Board Calendar (p. 277-279)

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve.
Dr. Craig Wheaton seconded the motion.
The board would like to move forward with a 4:30 pm start time. The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

VI. Closing Items

A. Board of Director's Comments & Requests

- The board would like to have the 21-22 Admin Salary Schedule brought back to the June board meeting.
- The board would like to have the Revised Independent Study Policy brought back to the June board meeting with feedback from parents.
- The board would like to have the High School Graduation Requirements & Graduation Policy brought back to the June board meeting.
- The board would like to have the Revised Work Sample Policy brought back to the June board meeting.
- The board would like to have the Charter Safe Insurance Proposal Renewal brought back to the June board meeting.

B. Announcement of the Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

The Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting is 4:30 pm on June 22, 2021.

C. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Sanchez

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