

EXCEL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Minutes

Thursday, February 10, 2022

Regular Meeting Begins at 12:00 p.m.

Closed Session Begins at 12:10 p.m.

Regular Meeting Reconvene at 12:15 p.m.



1185 Calle Dulce, Chula Vista, CA 91910
39251 Camino Las Hoyas, Indio, CA 92203
16222 Quail Rock Road, Ramona, CA 92065
1160 Cuyamaca Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91911
1545 Apache Drive, Chula Vista, CA 91910

Excel Academy Charter Schools
1 Technology Drive, Bldg. I, Suite 811, Irvine, CA 92618

Zoom Meeting Information

Dial In: 1-669-900-9128

Meeting ID: 847 6323 9260

Join URL: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84763239260>

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Time: 12:00 p.m.

1.1. Roll Call

William Hall	President	<i>Present</i>
Michael Humphrey	Vice President	<i>Present</i>
Steve Fraire	Clerk	<i>Present</i>
Susan Houle	Member	<i>Present</i>
Larry Alvarado	Member	<i>Present</i>

2. APPROVE/ADOPT AGENDA

It is recommended the Board of Directors adopt as presented, the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of February 10, 2022.

Moved by SFraire

Seconded by SHoule

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes Nays Abstained Absent

William Hall

X

Michael Humphrey	X
Steve Fraire	X
Susan Houle	X
Larry Alvarado	X

Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

3. **BOARD GOVERNANCE**

3.1. (Action) **Approval of Resolution No. 2022-2-10 Recognizing a State of Emergency and Re-Authorizing Teleconferenced Meetings Pursuant to AB 361**

It is recommended the Board approve Resolution No. 2022-2-10 authorizing continued use of remote teleconferencing provisions pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953.

Option 1

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing board has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency and finds that COVID-19 continues to pose an imminent threat to the health and safety of the community and directly impacts the ability of the members to meet safety in person.

Option 2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing board has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency and finds that state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Board Members selected Option 1 and Option 2.

Moved by SFraire	Seconded by SHoule			
<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
William Hall	X			
Michael Humphrey	X			
Steve Fraire	X			
Susan Houle	X			
Larry Alvarado	X			

Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT - CLOSED SESSION**

The public has a right to comment on any items of the closed session agenda. Members of the public will be permitted to comment on any other item within the Board's jurisdiction under section 8.0 Public Comments at Board Meetings.

There were no public comments.

5. **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Time: 12:02 p.m.

The Board will consider and may act on any of the Closed Session matters listed in Agenda Item 5.0.

Moved by MHumprey	Seconded by SHoule
<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	<u>Ayes</u> <u>Nays</u> <u>Abstained</u> <u>Absent</u>
William Hall	X
Michael Humphrey	X
Steve Fraire	X
Susan Houle	X
Larry Alvarado	X

Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

6. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - POTENTIAL LITIGATION

There is significant exposure to litigation against the Agency pursuant to Government Code section (§ 54956.9(d)(2).)

- a. TR v. Excel Academy Charter Schools, Case No. 37-2021-00022441-CU-WT-NC

7. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Time: 12:15 p.m.

William Hall, President reported out “no action was taken during the closed session.”

8. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: *William Hall*

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS/RECOGNITION/REPORTS

Please submit a Request to Speak to the Board of Directors using the chat feature on the right hand side of the Zoom platform. Please state the agenda item number that you wish to address prior to the agenda item being called by the Board President. Not more than three (3) minutes are to be allotted to any one (1) speaker, and no more than twenty (20) minutes on the same subject. This portion of the agenda is for comments, recognitions and reports to the Board and is not intended to be a question and answer period. If you have questions for the Board, please provide the Board President with a written statement and an administrator will provide answers at a later date.

There were no public comments.

10. CORRESPONDENCE/PROPOSALS/REPORTS

10.1. School Highlights Presented by Heidi Gasca, Executive Director

10.2. Upcoming Excel Academy Charter Schools Study Session, Presented by Kurt Madden, Board Consultant

10.3. Local Control & Accountability Plan (LCAP) 2021-22 Mid-Year Update, Presented by Jenny Craig, Assistant Director of Assessment & Special Programs

10.4. Budget Update, Presented by Yvette Spendler, CSO Director of Fiscal Services

11. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items listed under Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be approved/adopted by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, any item may be removed from the Consent Calendar upon the request of any member of the Board, discussed, and acted upon separately.

Consent Calendar - Board Meeting Minutes

11.1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting that was held on January 13, 2022

Consent Calendar - Business/Financial Services

11.2. Check Register - January 2022

11.3. Approval of Document Tracking Services (DTS) Licensing Agreement Renewal

Consent Calendar - Education/Student Services

11.4. Approval of Comprehensive School Safety Plan (CSSP), February 2022

Consent Calendar - Personnel Services

11.5. Approval of Certificated Personnel Report

11.6. Approval of Classified Personnel Report

Consent Calendar - Policy Development

11.7. Approval of Second Amended Corporation Bylaws

11.8. Approval of existing board policies revised, reviewed, and eliminated by staff for the 2021-2022 school year.

Board Policies: Revised

The following are current policies that have been revised to provide clarity or alignment with changes in law or procedures.

6000 Series - Instruction

6020 - EA Education for Homeless Children and Youth Policy

Moved by LAlvarado

Seconded by MHumphrey

Roll Call Vote: Ayes Nays Abstained Absent

William Hall X

Michael Humphrey X

Steve Fraire X

Susan Houle X

Larry Alvarado X

Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

12. BUSINESS/FINANCIAL SERVICES

12.1. (Action) Approval of Charter Schools Development Center (CSDC) Membership Renewal

It is recommended the Board approve the CSDC Membership Renewal for Excel Academy Charter Schools, Helendale (#2073) and Warner (#2053).

Fiscal Impact: \$5,400

Moved by SFraire	Seconded by MHumphrey			
<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Absent</u>
William Hall	X			
Michael Humphrey	X			
Steve Fraire	X			
Susan Houle	X			
Larry Alvarado	X			

Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

13. PUBLIC HEARING

13.1. (Hearing) A-G Completion Improvement Grant

It is recommended the Board enter into a public hearing regarding the A-G Completion Improvement Grant. During the hearing there will be a presentation on the A-G Completion Grant.

- a. A-G Completion Improvement Grant - Helendale (#2073)
- b. A-G Completion Improvement Grant - Warner (#2053)

The hearing was presented by Lorrie Wood. There were no questions from the public.

Hearing Open: 12:51 p.m. - Moved by LAlvarado to open the hearing.

Hearing Closed: 12:56 p.m. - Seconded by MHumphrey to close the hearing.

14. CALENDAR

The next scheduled meeting will be held virtually on March 10, 2022.

15. BOARD COMMENTS

The Board thanked all of EACS staff for the hard work that went into the LCAP. They were happy to hear about the high parent survey participation and hearing the actual number of parents who participated, saying 13% is good and will help to dictate where EACS will go next. They enjoyed the presentations and were glad to hear EACS is in fiscally good shape, saying this meeting was very informative and efficient. Thank you!

16. CEO COMMENTS

Heidi Gasca said she echoes everything the Board has shared. She feels honored and grateful to work with a good administrative team that puts their hearts and souls into their work, saying “it is wonderful to hear the team be highlighted because their work is definitely a team effort.” She also thanked Yvette for the work that went into the budget, saying that paying down the three million was a big deal for her and will save \$700 a day in interest. She thanked the Board for their support and said she will look forward to reporting the second interim next month.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Moved by LAlvarado

Seconded by SFraire

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes

Nays

Abstained

Absent

William Hall

X

Michael Humphrey

X

Steve Fraire

X

Susan Houle

X

Larry Alvarado

X

Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Signed:

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President, Governing Board

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Clerk, Governing Board