

EXCEL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Virtual/Zoom Conferencing



Minutes

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Regular Meeting Begins at 9:00 a.m.

Closed Session Begins at 9:05 a.m.

Regular Meeting Reconvene at 9:45 a.m.

The meeting will be held virtually.

Join by telephone or via Zoom conferencing link below:

Dial In: 1-669-900-9128

Meeting ID: 854 5849 8990

Join URL: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85458498990>

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Time: 9:04 a.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>Absent</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 April 21, 2022.

Kurt Madden, Board Consultant made a request to amend the agenda and remove item 13.1 Approval of 2022-23 Change in Employer Contribution Towards Employee Benefit Plans.

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, 4-0.

3. BOARD GOVERNANCE

3.1. (Action) Approval of Resolution No. 2022-4-21 Recognizing a State of Emergency and Re-Authorizing Teleconferenced Meetings Pursuant to AB 361

It is recommended the Board approve Resolution No. 2022-4-21 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 2.

Moved by SFraire

Seconded by LAlvarado

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, 4-0.

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: 9:06 a.m.

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

Moved by MHumphrey

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, 4-0.

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

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (one potential case)

Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Government Code 54957

- a. Performance Evaluation, Executive Director

7. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Time: 9:48 a.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. Staff Testimonial: Curriculum Enrichment Coordinator, Annie Mun

- 10.3.** Student Testimonial: Read-A-Thon winners - Evie Lien, Katharine Yustman, Mia Gabrielle Ramiscal, Michael Hertenstein, and Zoe Iniguez
- 10.4.** BoardOnTrack Online Platform, Presented by Krystal Rodenbaugh and Michael Mizzoni, Sales Directors

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 March 10, 2022

Consent Calendar - Business/Financial Services

- 11.2.** Check Register - March 2022
- 11.3.** Approval of Content & Community Provider (CCP) Renewal Documents 2022-23

Consent Calendar - Education/Student Services

- 11.4.** Approval of Personalized Path & Virtual Path Master Agreements (MA) 2022-23
- 11.5.** Approval of Personalized Path & Virtual Path Acknowledgment of Responsibilities (AOR) 2022-23

Consent Calendar - Personnel Services

- 11.6.** Approval of Certificated Personnel Report
- 11.7.** Approval of Classified Personnel Report

Moved by MHumphrey	Seconded by LAlvarado			
<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, 4-0.

12. BUSINESS/FINANCIAL SERVICES

12.1. (Action) Approval of Fulcrum Management Solutions, Inc. dba ThoughtExchange Agreement

It is recommended the Board approve the Fulcrum Management Solutions, Inc. dba ThoughtExchange agreement for Excel Academy Charter Schools, Helendale (#2073) and Warner (#2053).

Fiscal Impact: \$24,000

Excel Academy Charter Schools - Helendale (#2073)	\$7,200.00
Excel Academy Charter Schools - Warner (#2053)	\$16,800.00

Moved by SFraire

Seconded by LAlvarado

Roll Call Vote:

	<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, 4-0.

The Board President requested to combine all renewals and make one vote. The Board will honor questions from members. (No questions or Comments). 12.2 through 12.5 Renewals

Moved by MHumphrey, Seconded by LAlvarado, Vote 4-0.

12.2. (Action) Approval of Online Purchasing System (OPS) Service Agreement 2022-23 (Renewal)

It is recommended the Board approve the Online Purchasing System (OPS) Service Agreement 2022-23 for Excel Academy Charter Schools, Helendale (#2073) and Warner (#2053).

Fiscal Impact: \$36,552.32

Excel Academy Charter Schools - Helendale (#2073)	\$10,965.696
Excel Academy Charter Schools - Warner (#2053)	\$25,586.624

12.3. (Action) Approval of School Pathways Contract 2022-23 (Renewal)

It is recommended the Board approve the School Pathways renewal contract for Excel Academy Charter Schools, Helendale (#2073) and Warner (#2053).

Fiscal Impact: \$105,727.64

Excel Academy Charter Schools - Helendale (#2073)	\$31,718.29
Excel Academy Charter Schools - Warner (#2053)	\$74,009.34

12.4. (Action) Approval of Curriculum Associates Agreement for i-Ready Assessment for 2022-23 (Renewal)

It is recommended the Board approve the Curriculum Associates renewal agreement for i-Ready assessment for 2022-23 for Excel Academy Charter Schools, Helendale (#2073) and Warner (#2053).

Moved by LAlvarado	Seconded by SFraire			
<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, 4-0.

13.3. (Action) Approval of Director of Business Services Salary Range and Candidate

It is recommended the Board approve the Director of Business Services salary range and candidate for Excel Academy Charter Schools, Helendale (#2073) and Warner (#2053).

Fiscal Impact: Annual Salary \$163,226.77

Moved by LAlvarado	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, 4-0.

13.4. (Action) Agreement of Completion of Evaluation Date for Executive Director for the 2021-22 School Year

It is recommended the Board approve the change of the completion of the final evaluation date for the Executive Director from April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

Fiscal Impact: None.

Moved by MHumphrey	Seconded by SFraire			
<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, 4-0.

14. POLICY DEVELOPMENT

14.1. (Action) Approval of New Board Policies

It is recommended the Board approve the proposed policies. These policies will replace the current policies and will allow the Board to address any related complaints or issues that may be raised in the school/work environment.

The CEO Heidi Gasca thanked the Board for their support and their recognition of EACS staff members. She said she appreciates the Board for understanding the short timeline with the CSO transition and what it has put on some EACS staff members. She said she is proud of her staff for stepping up, their attention to detail, work ethics, and desire to jump right in and transition quickly with the CSO closing. She stands behind their great work. Thank you for all of your support.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 11:00 a.m.


Moved by SFraire

Seconded by LAlvarado

<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, 4-0.

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William Hall
Vice President, Governing Board

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Steve Fraire
Clerk, Governing Board