

APPROVED

# Diego Hills Central Public Charter School

## Minutes

Special Board Meeting Operated by Diego Plus Education Corporation

A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation

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### Date and Time

Monday April 12, 2021 at 5:00 PM

### Location

Conference Line: (661) 249-6805 Code:447502

### MEETING LOGISTICS

On March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Executive Order allows state bodies covered by the Brown Act to hold public meetings via teleconferencing. The public is encouraged to participate in the meeting telephonically by dialing the conference line listed above and may submit written comments for prior consideration to the board members. Comments can be submitted to [vmendoza@dhcentralcharter.org](mailto:vmendoza@dhcentralcharter.org). Public comment on the day of the meeting can also be given during the "Public Comment" section of the meeting agenda.

### REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY

Please see the "Accommodations" notice below.

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### Directors Present

Carol Stanford (remote), Ruth Escarcega Newell (remote), Victoria Hancock (remote)

### Directors Absent

*None*

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Call the Meeting to Order

Board President Newell read aloud the notices regarding meeting logistics and accommodations.

Ruth Escarcega Newell called a meeting of the board of directors of Diego Hills Central Public Charter School to order on Monday Apr 12, 2021 at 5:01 PM.

### B. Record Attendance and Guests

### C. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Secretary Stanford led the pledge of allegiance.

#### **D. Staff Introductions**

Jeff Brown, CEO  
Lindsay Reese, Area Superintendent  
Jeff Martineau, V.P. of Charter Relations  
Kevin Ogden, Charter Liaison  
Bill Thompson, Legal Counsel  
Michelle Lopez, Legal Counsel, LLAC

#### **E. Approve Agenda for the April 12, 2021 Special Public Meeting of the Board of Directors.**

Victoria Hancock made a motion to approve the agenda for the April 12, 2021 Special Public Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Carol Stanford seconded the motion.

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

##### **Roll Call**

Victoria Hancock	Aye
Ruth Escarcega Newell	Aye
Carol Stanford	Aye

### **II. Public Comment**

#### **A. Public Comment**

Board President Newell read the following announcement for members of the public:

At this time, members of the public may address the Board on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board, whether or not the item is on the agenda. If you would like to participate in public comment, you must have signed in before the commencement of the meeting. Also, our teleconference line is open to members of the public who wish to participate in public comment. The time allotted per presentation will not exceed three (3) minutes, except in the case where a member of the public utilizes a translator, in which case the time allotted will not exceed six (6) minutes. The total time allotted for public comments will not exceed eighteen (18) minutes per agenda item, or ten (10) minutes for non-agenda items. In accordance with the Brown Act, no action may occur at this time but it is the Board's prerogative to hold a brief discussion, provide information to the public, provide direction to staff, or schedule the matter for a future meeting.

Board President Newell asked if there were any members of the public who wished to offer public comment. There were no members of the public who offered public comment or submitted written comment.

### **III. Closed Session**

#### **A. Adjourn open public Board meeting to go into closed session.**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(4).): (1 matter).

Carol Stanford made a motion to adjourn the open public Board meeting to go into closed session.

Victoria Hancock seconded the motion.

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

##### **Roll Call**

Carol Stanford	Aye
Victoria Hancock	Aye

**Roll Call**

Ruth Escarcega Newell Aye

**B. Adjourn closed session and reconvene to open public Board meeting.**

Carol Stanford made a motion to adjourn closed session and reconvene to open public Board meeting.

Victoria Hancock seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Ruth Escarcega Newell Aye

Victoria Hancock Aye

Carol Stanford Aye

**C. Report of action taken or recommendations made in closed session, if any.**

Board President Newell reported that by unanimous vote of the board the school will opt out of the class action lawsuit *Reyes v. State of California*, Case Number 34-2020-80003489.

**IV. Additional Corporate Officers and Board Members' Observations and Comments.**

**A. Observations and Comments**

Jeff Brown expressed his hope for future meetings to be held in person.

**V. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

Victoria Hancock made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Carol Stanford seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Ruth Escarcega Newell Aye

Victoria Hancock Aye

Carol Stanford Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ruth Escarcega Newell

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**Accommodations.** Requests for disability-related modifications or accommodations, or translation services, in order to enable all individuals to participate in the Charter School's open and public meetings shall be made by contacting Soliman Villapando at (661) 272-1225 at least twenty four (24) hours before the scheduled meeting.

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