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# Diego Hills Central Public Charter School

## Minutes

### Regular Board Meeting

Operated by Diego Plus Education Corporation, A California Non-Profit  
Public Benefit Corporation

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#### Date and Time

Monday November 8, 2021 at 5:00 PM

#### Location

The meeting can be viewed at:

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Or call in for Audio only:

Conference Line: (657) 207-0015 Code: 342 459 147#

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#### MEETING LOGISTICS

This meeting is held in compliance with Assembly Bill 361, which allows flexibility in Brown Act teleconferencing procedures as addressed by the Board under Agenda Item I.E. The public is encouraged to participate in the meeting telephonically by dialing the conference line or by clicking the weblink listed on the posted agenda. The public may submit written comments to the Board by emailing [publiccomments@dhcentralcharter.org](mailto:publiccomments@dhcentralcharter.org). The public may also provide comments telephonically 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), Jacqueline Reynoso (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 Nov 8, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

**B. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum**

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

Board Secretary Stanford led the pledge of allegiance.

**D. Staff Introductions**

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

**E. Adopt Resolution Continuing Board of Directors' Authority to Hold Virtual or Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361**

At the request of Board President Newell, Jeff Martineau discussed Assembly Bill 361, signed by Governor Newsom on September 16, 2021, and explained that the law exempts the board from certain provisions of the Brown Act related to teleconference meetings during states of emergency, as long as the Board makes required findings as detailed in the law. Under AB 361, boards that would like to continue to meet remotely must determine by majority vote whether as a result of the state of emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. Jeff Martineau directed the board members to the resolution located in their packet and recommended the board approve the Resolution Continuing Board of Directors' Authority to Hold Virtual or Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.

Carol Stanford made a motion to adopt Resolution Continuing Board of Directors' Authority to Hold Virtual or Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.

Jacqueline Reynoso seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Ruth Escarcega Newell	Aye
Carol Stanford	Aye
Jacqueline Reynoso	Aye
Victoria Hancock	Aye

**F. Approve Agenda for the November 8, 2021, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors**

Victoria Hancock made a motion to approve Agenda for the November 8, 2021, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Carol Stanford seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Victoria Hancock Aye  
Carol Stanford Aye  
Ruth Escarcega Newell Aye  
Jacqueline Reynoso 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, by dialing the teleconference line or by clicking the weblink listed on the posted agenda. 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. 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. Public Hearing #1**

**A. Open Public Hearing**

Jacqueline Reynoso made a motion to open the public hearing.  
Victoria Hancock seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

Carol Stanford Aye  
Jacqueline Reynoso Aye  
Victoria Hancock Aye  
Ruth Escarcega Newell Aye

**B. The Board will hold a public hearing to solicit the recommendations and comments of members of the public regarding the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Plan**

Board President Newell announced the public hearing opened at 5:11 p.m.

Lindsay Reese provided background information to the board regarding the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant (EEBG), a state funding opportunity which will be apportioned to schools to spend from fiscal years 2021–22 to 2025–26. The school will be funded \$104,266 by the California Department of Education (CDE) for the EEBG to be used for professional learning for teachers, administrators, or paraprofessionals who work with pupils, and classified staff that interact with pupils.

Ms. Reese explained there are two conditions for receipt of EEBG funding: (1) develop and adopt a spending plan by December 30, 2021, which must be presented at a public board

meeting before the plan is adopted at a subsequent public board meeting; and (2) by September 30, 2026, report detailed expenditure information to the CDE.

Ms. Reese then reported on the school's five areas of focus for the EEBG funds as summarized below:

Focus Area #1 - Coaching and mentoring of staff serving in an instructional setting.

Focus Area #3 - Practices and strategies that re-engage pupils and lead to accelerated learning.

Focus Area #4 - Strategies to implement social-emotional learning, trauma-informed practices, suicide prevention, access to mental health services, and other improved well-being approaches.

Focus Area #5 - Practices to create a positive school climate.

Focus Area #7 - Instruction and education to support effective language acquisition programs for English learners.

Ms. Reese further explained the school will review the EEBG plan and make refinements as needed to align with any organizational changes, school goals, and CDE requirements. The plan will be brought back to the board for final approval at the December board meeting.

Ms. Reese then asked if any board member or member of the public had any comments or questions regarding the EEBG Plan.

Board President Newell asked about reporting requirements. Ms. Reese informed the board they will track expenses each year to provide an accurate report in 2026. They will monitor and check at least quarterly.

Board Member Reynoso asked Ms. Reese to share how the focus areas were chosen. Ms. Reese informed the board of their process for determining which areas needed the most focus and why they chose those areas to apply funds to. Ms. Reynoso thanked Ms. Reese for the information and praised her for including restorative justice practices.

### C. Close Public Hearing

Hearing no comments from the public, Board President Newell asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Jacqueline Reynoso made a motion to close the public hearing.

Victoria Hancock seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

Victoria Hancock        Aye

Ruth Escarcega Newell    Aye

Carol Stanford            Aye

Jacqueline Reynoso        Aye

Board President Newell announced the public hearing closed at 5:21 p.m.

## IV. Public Hearing #2

### A. Open Public Hearing

Carol Stanford made a motion to open the public hearing.

Victoria Hancock seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Jacqueline Reynoso Aye  
Carol Stanford Aye  
Victoria Hancock Aye  
Ruth Escarcega Newell Aye

**B. The Board will hold a public hearing to solicit the recommendations and comments of members of the public regarding the Revised Personalized Learning Policy**

Board President Newell announced the public hearing opened at 5:21 p.m.

Lindsay Reese provided the background to the board regarding the revised Personalized Learning Policy that complies with the latest legislative mandates per Assembly Bill 167, which was signed by the Governor on September 23, 2021. AB 167 is a follow-up bill to AB 130 that required the school to revise and board approve the Personalized Learning Policy back in July 2021.

Lindsay Reese then reviewed the revisions with the board including the following highlights:

1. Which students must be identified for tiered reengagement strategies
2. As part of the tiered reengagement strategies, clarifying that parents or guardians must be notified within one school day of the recording of a non-attendance day or lack of participation.
3. The timeline for collecting master agreements for the 2021-22 school year, which is no later than 30 days after the first day of instruction in an independent study program or October 15, whichever date comes later.
4. Minor clean-up edits.

Lindsay Reese then asked if any board member or member of the public had any comments or questions regarding the revised Personalized Learning Policy.

**C. Close Public Hearing**

Hearing no comments from the public, Board President Newell asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Victoria Hancock made a motion to close the public hearing.  
Carol Stanford seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

Ruth Escarcega Newell Aye  
Carol Stanford Aye  
Victoria Hancock Aye  
Jacqueline Reynoso Aye

Board President Newell announced the public hearing closed at 5:25 p.m.

**V. Action Items**

**A. The Board will be asked to approve the Revised Personalized Learning Policy**

Board President Newell asked for a motion to approve the revised Personalized Learning Policy that was shared during the Public Hearing.

Carol Stanford made a motion to approve the Revised Personalized Learning Policy.  
Victoria Hancock seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

Carol Stanford	Aye
Ruth Escarcega Newell	Aye
Victoria Hancock	Aye
Jacqueline Reynoso	Aye

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

**A. Observations and Comments**

Jeff Brown thanked the board.

Jeri Vincent expressed her appreciation for Ms. Reese and her commitment to her students.

Board President Newell thanked Ms. Reese and her staff for all they do for the students.

Board Member Hancock thanked Ms. Reese for always providing so much detail in her reports.

Board Member Reynoso thanked Ms. Reese as well for being so welcoming and answering all of her questions.

**VII. Closing Items**

**A. Next Regular Board Meeting Date: December 9, 2021, 5:00pm**

**B. Adjourn Meeting**

Carol Stanford made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Jacqueline Reynoso seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

Carol Stanford	Aye
Jacqueline Reynoso	Aye
Victoria Hancock	Aye
Ruth Escarcega Newell	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol Stanford

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**Accommodations.** All meetings of the Board of Directors are held in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. 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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