

Diego Hills Central Public Charter School

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

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

Date and Time

Monday May 16, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Location

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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. 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.

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent

None

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 May 16, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

B. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Reynoso led the pledge of allegiance.

D. Staff Introductions

Jeff Brown, CEO
Jeri Vincent, Corporate Secretary
Lindsay Reese, Area Superintendent
Lisa Youngflesh, Principal
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

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. Mr. 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.

Jacqueline Reynoso made a motion to adopt Resolution Continuing Board of Directors' Authority to Hold Virtual or Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361. Victoria Hancock seconded the motion. The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

F. Approve Agenda for the May 16, 2022, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors

Carol Stanford made a motion to approve Agenda for the May 16, 2022, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors. Victoria Hancock seconded the motion. The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Victoria Hancock	Aye
Carol Stanford	Aye
Jacqueline Reynoso	Aye

Roll Call

Ruth Escarcega Newell Aye

G. Approve Minutes of the April 21, 2022, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors

Victoria Hancock made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 04-21-22.

Jacqueline Reynoso 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

II. Consent Agenda

A. Consent Agenda Items

Board President Newell announced the consent agenda items and asked if any member would like to discuss any of the agenda items for action separately. Hearing none, Board President Newell asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Jacqueline Reynoso made a motion to approve the consent agenda items.

Carol Stanford seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Jacqueline Reynoso Aye

Carol Stanford Aye

Ruth Escarcega Newell Aye

Victoria Hancock Aye

III. 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.

IV. School Reports and Information

A. Local Control and Accountability Plan Goals and Metrics

Lindsay Reese directed the board to the LCAP goals and metrics information located in their board package. Ms. Reese informed the board the data reflects the progress the school has made on Goals 1 through 4 since the last board update in January. Ms. Reese reminded the board the data presented is as of March 2022 and she expects the data to evolve through the end of this school year. Ms. Reese then reviewed each of the goals, highlighting the following:

Goal 1: Increase Academic Progress – Focus Goal

- Reading Lexile average – decreased slightly from prior year and the school staff are currently re-testing and anticipate increases in this metric.
- Mathematics quintile average decreased slightly from prior year and the school staff are currently re-testing and anticipate increases in this metric.
- EL reclassification rate – this metric is currently in progress and the school anticipates meeting this metric by the end of the school year.
- Credit completion – increased from 1.86 to 1.87.
- DASS graduation cohort rate – current rate is 65.75% and is still in progress. The school anticipates meeting last school year’s rate.

Goal 2: Students Will Gain Skills for College and Career Readiness – Broad Goal

- Several categories are still in progress and explained “completion of Professional Skills course,” which decreased significantly. Ms. Reese explained this is likely linked to an overall drop in new enrollments, which makes up the largest subgroup of students the completing Professional Skills course.

Goal 3: Increase Student Retention Rate – Maintenance Goal

- Success rate slightly increased from 83.9% to 84.4%.
- Retention rate slightly decreased to 69.7% and is an area of focus for staff.
- Attendance rate slightly decreased to 79.98%, which is below the 85% and is an area of focus for the team.
- Dropout rate decreased from 15.4% to 13.9%.
- Suspension and expulsion rates remain low at 0%.

Goal 4: Increase Educational Partner Engagement – Maintenance Goal

- PAC/ELAC participation increased and opportunities for parent conferences, orientation, events, and activities increased slightly.
- Parent survey showed 93% of parents feel encouraged to participate.
- Student and staff survey showed 89% of students and 85% of staff feel safe, and 62% of students and 76% of staff feel connected to the school. This is an important metric for the school and the school team is examining how to help students and staff feel more connected to the program.

Ms. Reese then requested input from the governing board members on the LCAP goals and metrics.

Board President Newell thanked Ms. Reese for her report.

Board Member Reynoso asked if these trends are typical for this time of the year. Ms. Reese informed the board she does not feel this is typical and commented on the struggle the school has experienced since returning from the pandemic. She reviewed various reasons that have been attributed to some of the issues being seen. She assured the board they are working on it and hoping to get back to pre-pandemic levels soon.

V. Additional Corporate Officers and Board Members' Observations and Comments

A. Observations and Comments

Jeff Brown congratulated the staff for all of the effort they are putting into the school. He offered encouraging words to the staff. Lastly, he thanked the board for their continued oversight.

VI. Closing Items

A. Next Regular Board Meeting Date: June 9, 2022, 5:00pm

B. Adjourn Meeting

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

Roll Call

Carol Stanford	Aye
Victoria Hancock	Aye
Jacqueline Reynoso	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 5:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Stanford

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