

New Academy Charter Schools Board  
Meeting and Retreat Minutes

**Date and Time**

Wednesday January 20, 2021 at 4:00 PM PDT

**Public Comment Notice:**

Individuals and representatives of organizations are invited to address the Board on any subject that falls within the Board's purview. If the item will be acted on at the Board Meeting, speakers are called on to speak prior to Board action on the item and in the first section of the public comment period. If the speaker's topic will not be voted on at the Board Meeting, their presentation is also made during the Comment portion of the meeting, but after comment on actionable items. Each speaker is limited to a three-minute presentation. The time is doubled if an interpreter is required.

**NOTE: If you would like to participate, you may gain access to the meeting by entering the zoom link (URL) in your browser or meeting code below. Phone access is available using the DIAL IN PHONE NUMBER below:**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://mula.zoom.us/j/6894541581>

**DIAL IN: Phone:**

**1 669 900 6833**

**Meeting ID:**

**689 454 1581**

**Attendees:**

Victor Gil, Board President

Martha Arias, Board VP

Brent Bradley, Board Member

Bea Stotzer, Board Member

Patricia DiDonato, Board Secretary

**Guests:**

Alma Marquez, Del Sol Principal

Cindy Borbon, Del Sol

Roberto Lara, Esq.

**Purpose**

**Presenter**

**1. Opening Items**

- a. Record Attendance & Guests – P. DiDonato
- b. Call the Meeting to Order
- c. Public Comment – None

V Gil

## 2. Consent Calendar

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| a. Approve Minutes: November 18, 2020 | Vote | P. Didonato |
| b. Approve Minutes: December 11, 2020 |      |             |

Minor spelling edits were made to the November 18 and December 11, 2020 minutes.

Motion made by: B. Stotzer to accept the 11/18/2020 minutes as amended.

M. Arias seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call: V. Gil, Aye; M. Arias, Aye; B. Bradley, Aye; B. Stotzer, Aye; P. DiDonato, Aye

Motion: B. Bradley to accept the 12/11/2020 minutes as amended.

P. Didonato seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call: V. Gil, Aye; M. Arias, Aye; B. Bradley, Aye; B. Stotzer, Aye; P. DiDonato, Aye

## 3. Governance:

### a. Training Session: Brown Act Training and Updates Roberto Lara –Information Only

Attorney Roberto Lara went over new key areas of the Brown Act that require compliance:

- Provide an accessible location for the public to attend the board meetings and have an opportunity to make a public comment. a staff member there with video capability to admit any public attendees. Does not have to be at both schools, can be at one school location.
- A notice of the meeting must be posted at each location.
- NEW Academy already posts the agendas at each school, on the website and is distributed to staff and board members.
- Board meetings held on Zoom do not need to be recorded
- A quorum must be present to conduct board related business and approvals.
- Email may be used for dissemination of information to board members via email without an exchange of discussion among board members
- Zoom Meetings: Must follow the same Brown Act guidelines for posting agendas, scheduling of meetings and for public comment during formal regular business meetings.
- Regular meetings need to provide 72 hours advance notice, Emergency meetings need to provide 24 hours advance notice.
- Roll call is required for all vote items.

### b. Presentation and Social Media Training: Alma Marquez, Del Sol Group-Information Only

- Alma Marquez, Del Sol shared her report dated January 20, 2021 (See handout). A Marquez reviewed the document with the board. Cindy Borbon, from Del Sol, was also on the zoom call and shared some of the findings. M. Sanchez and B. Stotzer are working with Alma Marquez to help with her assessments/findings.
- Document has goals for the school under the following items:
  - Updates
  - Observations
  - Recommended Goals for Board

- Recommended Goals for NACP Staff
- Updates on Landscape Analysis
- Training, Talking Points and Agreement on Assignments

Key points highlighted (see attached written report):

- Parents involvement and advocacy for their children’s education.
- Building strategic partnerships (public figures, LAUSD board, etc.)
- Building a strong branding of the schools to include the community-based model to address its unique model and services (childhood education and community needs such as housing, a clinic, food, parent trainings) in collaboration with NEW.
- Messaging should provide external validation and credibility.
- Highlight the positive aspects of the schools, such as their instructional model (daily extended remote instruction during the pandemic), while other schools have struggled in this aspect.
- Provide an effective two-way communication channel with parents to convey and exchange information. This should include a feedback mechanism to hear from the families.

A Marquez addressed the strengths and weaknesses seen in her research and some new goals to consider, such as growth of the school, making it a level 3 school, remaining financially viable and strong to support its growth, and providing additional services to help families thrive in many aspects.

A Marquez will provide a list of recommendations for completion with the available resources. This includes improving the school websites, updating information on board members and add a donation tab for public donations.

Next Steps as action items (once decided):

- Create a timeline.
- Meet with parents.
- Create recommendations.
- A Marquez to meet with M. Sanchez and B. Stotzer on the community framework and build out.
- Consider other model charter schools characteristics and best practices (Vaughn Next Century Learning Center, Equitas, etc.).
- Principals will engage in the process and be accountable for the goals set.
- Update and improve the school websites, provide link to each school and to NEW. Include school statistics to highlight high achievement. Needs current board member information, including a short biography and picture.

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| 4. Closing Items<br>No closing items. | V.Gil       |
| 5. Adjourn Meeting                    | Vote V. Gil |

Motion made by V. Gil to adjourn the meeting.

Pat seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call: V. Gil, Aye; M. Arias, Aye; B. Bradley, Aye; B. Stotzer, Aye; P. DiDonato, Aye

Meeting adjourned at: 7:13 p.m. PST