

NEW Academy Charter Schools Board
Meeting Minutes

Date and Time

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. 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.

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DIAL IN Phone:

1 669 900 6833 and Meeting ID: 689 454 1581

Present:

Board Members:

Victor Gil, President

Martha Arias, Vice President

Patricia Didonato, Secretary

Brent Bradley, Member

Bea Stozer, Member

Staff and Guests:

Dr. Marta Sanchez

Maggie Cervantes

Dr. Clara Guerrero, NACP Principal

Dr. Eric Todd, NASA Principal

David Martinez, NASA Asst. Principal

Heather De Revere, NACP Asst. Principal
 Cristina Mayer, NACP School Business Manager
 Eddie Castro, NASA School Business Manager
 Navelle Molina, NACP ELD Coordinator
 Nelsy Jackson, NASA ELD Coordinator
 Vanessa Garcia, Parent and NACP Task Force
 Patricia McBride, NACP Office Coordinator
 Vanessa Garcia, NACP Parent Liaison

EdTec Staff:

Amita Parikh, Director of Client Management
 Jazmine Espinoza, Business Manager

Del Sol Group:

Alma Marquez

Ana Chavez, Parent Advocate

| | Purpose | Presenter |
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| 1. Opening Items | | |
| a. Record Attendance & Guests | | |
| b. Call the Meeting to Order | | V Gill |
| c. Public Comment - none | | |
| 2. Consent Calendar | Vote | P Didonato |
| a. Minutes: March 24, 2021 | | |
| P. Didonato made the motion to approve 03/24/2021 Board Meeting Minutes | | |
| B. Bradley seconded the motion with the adage that Mr. Castro's name be corrected. | | |
| The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion with the added correction. | | |
| Roll Call: V. Gil, Aye; M. Arias, Aye; B. Bradley, Aye; P. Didonato, Aye | | |
| b. Minutes: April 15, 2021 | | |
| B. Bradley made the motion to approve 4/15/2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes | | |
| P. Didonato seconded the motion. | | |
| Roll Call: V. Gil, Aye; M. Arias, Aye; B. Bradley, Aye; P. Didonato, Aye | | |
| 3. Finance | | |
| a. EdTec Financial Report | | |
| • B. Bradley – Stated that finances are looking healthy; finance committee reviewed current forecast, savings, increasing expenses and cashflows for both NACP and NASA. | | |

- A. Parikh - Provided funding updates for COVID ESSER I, II and III Federal Funding for both NASA and NACP. Noted ADA Funds for Distance Learning provisions will expire at the end of the year. If Distance Learning continues, schools may need to create an independent study policy adoption which cannot exceed 20% of the student population.
- Discussion followed concerning attendance for current year and the number of students electing to stayhome and possible mandates to return to school for next year. Discussion of an Independent Study Policy will be developed by the schools and approved by the Board.

1. Approve Check Registers for March 2021

Vote

B. Bradley

- E. Castro – noted a discrepancy on an invoice has been corrected regarding a payment for an invoice incorrectly overpaid; NASA has since added another step to their AP process to prevent such error. The overpayment will be reimbursed back to the school(NASA).
- B. Bradley – noted no other discrepancies in the register during the Finance Committee Meeting.

B. Bradley made the motion to approve the check registers for March 2021

P. Didonato seconded the motion.

The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call: V. Gil, Aye; M. Arias, Aye; B. Bradley, Aye; P. Didonato, Aye; B. Stozler, Aye

b. Approve Fiscal Policy Revision

Vote

B. Bradley

- B. Bradley – Changes to the policy were made to address the issues noted during the LAUSD Oversight Visit as discussed at the previous Board meeting.
- B. Stozler made the motion to approve the fiscal policy as amended.
B. Bradley seconded the motion.

The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call: V. Gil, Aye; M. Arias, Aye; B. Bradley, Aye; P. Didonato, Aye; B. Stozler, Aye

4. Academic Excellence – Information Only

Discuss

Multiple

a. School site Administer Highlights

b. NEW Academy Partnership Report

- M. Sanchez – Noted that Alma Marquez’s report will cover part of this report.
- E. Todd – NASA is working with the Learning Center to have the Creative Creator project up and running for the summer. The partnership will track families and the academic pieces to be monitored. There was a soft opening with NEW which included a hybrid program.
- V. Garcia – NACP was utilized as a vaccination site coordinated by NEW. Flyers provided were sent to families via Social Media and Remind (parent notification platform).

c. Creative Creator Pilot Project

Discuss

P. Didonato

- P. Didonato – Reported that the cofounders of Creative Creators met with the principals and Board members to review the summerschool program proposal. Program will be offered four days a week, two hours a day for 4 weeks and will provide two film instructors for each session. A one-hour prep time is also included. The number of students is unknown; however,

if there is an increase in enrollment, Creative Creator will increase the hours and groups to accommodate social distancing protocols. A list of materials was provided to the schools (e.g., Chromebooks, video software, etc.).

- It was noted that the curriculum and adherence to common core included writing and science and students' stories. These stories will be used for the branding of the schools.
- Lastly, it was discussed that a public call for bids will need to be publicized. The Board will vote at the next Board meeting after bids/proposals are collected and after the attorney creates the contracts.

5. Governance

a. Strategic Planning Update – Information Only Discuss M. Cervantes/M. Arias

- Discussion regarding Board strategic goals and bylaws. This topic will be discussed at the next board meeting.

b. Approve 2021-22 School Calendar & Instructional Minutes Vote C. Guerrero/E. Todd

- C. Guerrero – Currently the calendar has 180 days; if more days are added we would have to look at the extra costs for staff and it depends on the budgets.
- Discussion: The board will consider extending the calendar. Other districts are considering extending their calendars and administering parent surveys to determine options regarding the calendar extensions.
- E. Todd – By conducting surveys with the school community, it will assist us in looking at the instructional calendar to meet the needs of the students and families.
- There was further discussion by Board members on how to meet the needs of students to mitigate learning. This included the need to providing summer school which will meet those needs as well; Assessments aside from the standardized tests will provide data to determine the needs to be addressed.

B. Stozer made the motion to approve the 2021-22 School Calendar & Instructional Minutes with the option to revise the calendars to accommodate learning loss.

M. Arias seconded the motion.

The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call: V. Gil, Aye; M. Arias, Aye; B. Bradley, Aye; P. Didonato, Aye; B. Stozer, Aye

c. Approve Board Meeting Calendar Vote M Sanchez

- Approval of the Board Meeting Calendar was tabled until the next Board Meeting

d. LAUSD Annual Performance Oversight Visit: Information Only Discuss

1. E. Todd (NASA) – Presented scores and expressed concerns regarding Student Achievement and Educational Performance rating of yellow and how it may affect upcoming charter renewal. There are issues due to testing during COVID. NASA is still deciding if CASSP (state testing) will be administered further discussion and guidance will take place. With regard to the Fiscal Policy rating of two, NASA is addressing the issues and will hopefully increase its score at the next

review.

2. C. Guerrero (NACP) – Noted that NACP had the same scores as NASA. NACP Administration was surprised by the rating for student achievement and educational performance after T. Wichmanowski (LAUSD) was impressed with what the students were doing. T. Wichmanowski stated some schools were not doing as much as NACP.

e. Communication Expert – Alma Marquez (Del Sol Group) Discuss A. Marquez

- A. Marquez – Provided updates and student recruitment strategies. Parent testimonials and interviews were conducted at NACP. Training was provided for the parents to share their voices.
- Website changes – Changes are being recommended to adhere to the goal of branding the schools.
- Governmental relations and connections – Superintendent is donating surgical masks to the schools.
- Website domain was purchased and is working with the IT staff and graphic designer to process the branding of the schools. A landing page for the schools is in progress and it was requested that it be completed by the next board meeting.

6. Closing – meeting closed to the public at 6:54 p.m.

7. Report out of Closed Session on Any Action Taken

8. Closing Items

9. Adjourn