

NEW Academy Board Meeting

Minutes

Date and Time

Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 6:00 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.

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NASA: 379 Loma Dr,

Los Angeles, CA 90017

Please call in for access to the building: 1-213-413-9183

Attendees:

Board Members

Victor Gil, President

Martha Arias, Vice President

Brent Bradley, Treasurer

Bea Stotzer, Member

Patricia DiDonato, Secretary

Advisory Council

Maggie Cervantes, New Economics for Women

School Staff

Dr. Marta Sanchez, Chief Academic Specialist, Consultant
Alma Marquez, Communication Del Sol Group, Consultant

NASA

Dr. Eric Todd, Principal, NASA
David Martinez, Assistant President, NASA
Eddie Castro, Director of Operations, NASA

NACP

Dr. Clara Guerrero, Principal, NACP (resigned 6/14/21)
Heather De Revere, Asst. President, NACP

Back Room Operator – EdTec

Cindy Frantz
Jazmine Estrada

Agenda Items, Purpose, Presenter

a. Opening Items

b. Record Attendance & Guest

c. Call the Meeting to Order – Victor Gil

d. Public Comment – None

e. Consent Calendar

1. Review minutes from May 19, 2021

-Will review at next board meeting and will table item for next board meeting.

2. Approve May Check Register Vote P. DiDonato

- There were no significant items noted in review of the check registers.
- B. Bradley moves for approval of the check registers as provided by EdTec, for both schools.
P. DiDonato seconded the motion.
Roll – B. Bradley, M. Arias, P. DiDonato, and V. Gil – all vote yes.
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

3. Finance – EdTec

Ed Tech reviewed the budget forecast for FY 2021-2022 and explained the items that increased/decreased income and expenses. See the handout for review.

Local Accountability Control Plan (LCAP) & Budget Overview for Parents – Dr. Eric Todd

- Held the public hearing during the last meeting. Approving the LCAP with the updates
B. Bradley moves for approval of the LCAP for both schools.
2nd – 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

2. Approve FY 22 Annual School Budgets (See the FY22 Annual School Budget Documents provided by EdTec for details)

- The government and legislature formally adopted a budget today but with a caveat that there will be more changes.
- Deferrals through June and not early pay back, keeping to the original payment timeline. No projected deferrals for FY21-22.
- Full day attendance expected for the Fall 21
- Universal Transitional Kindergarten for age 4 can they be combined with 5-year-olds. There will be more operational details on the age groups late
- Bilingual Bicultural Language Academic Development (BCLAD). Certification for bilingual teachers. It is obtained from a university to show that they are allowed to teach the two languages and in Dual Immersion classrooms.
- NASA Headcount will be expanded by adding space to its Prosperity site. It will convert storage space to outfit another class.

Motion: B. Bradley moved for approval of the annual school budget presented by EdTec for both schools.

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

3. Approve School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) - Dr. Eric Todd

Designed to help in the creation of the new LCAP. And will include the documents attached to the LCAP. The board has already reviewed the documents.

Motion: B. Bradley moves for the approval of the school plan for student achievement.

B. Stotzer 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

4. Approve EPA Resolution & Spending Plan

NASA/NACP

Motion: B. Bradley makes the motion to approve the EPA Resolution and Spending Plan.

M. Arias – seconded this 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

5. Approve Recommendation for the Investment Account – Vote B. Bradley

- B. Bradley shared that the finance committee feels it is prudent to move some money from NACP's money management account into the investment account, so that it can earn at a greater rate of return.
- The Money Market Account has approximately \$989K. Of this amount \$900K would be put into the municipal bond funds. It is expected that this will generate approximately \$18K to help cover operating expenses. Approximately \$50K will remain in the money market account to remain liquid. The remaining amount will be transferred to NACP's operating funds to help cover the cost of the Del Sol, Inc. contract.
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6. Approve/Discuss Financing for Del Sol Group Contract

- When the original contract for the Del Sol group was voted on by the board, we indicated that it would be paid by the investment account held at NACP, its earnings. But it is not earning enough to cover the \$100K Del Sol contract.
- Jazmine Esparza helped to reconcile, and the investment account owes NACP about \$36K. We need to take that amount from the investment account and pay NACP.

Motion: B. Bradley moves to withdraw \$36K out of the principal from the NACP Investment account as a one- time payment to NACP to reconcile the amount to pay for the Del Sol account

B. Stotzer 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. Stotzer, Aye

• Academic Excellence – Information Only

1. Summer School Session-Calendar and Instructional Plan Discuss M. Sanchez/E.Todd - NASA

- Copies provided for the summer school budgets. Subjects will cover math, reading, writing and film making. Begins with breakfast and ends in the late afternoon. Parent orientation is taking place this week.
- Parents must attend orientation and the student will start Monday June 21.
- Must consider COVID guidance from the state. New protocols will be in place and will discuss with teachers and staff and parents.
- They will have a pre and post-test to show the board the impact of the summer school for the students.
- Nasa has about 120 students for summer school.

Ms. Heather De Revere – NACP

- Will have at least 6 weeks of academic learning.
- Creating Creators will be involved. Dr. M. Sanchez will be meeting with Irma and Leticia this week to discuss their program for summer school.
- Ms. Heather De Revere indicated that programs will be the same as NASA's.
- Summer school will run from 8 to 11, followed by lunch and then they will go to the Learning Center from 1 to 5:30 p.m
- The curriculum will focus to address learning loss. The program will be restricted to 10-12 students per grade to focus on the highest need students. There will be about 60-70 students for NACP but may change depending on what the governor/state allows in classrooms.

Governance

1. Strategic Planning Update – Information Only

Need to have another meeting in July to finalize the strategic board meeting so we can finalize the strategic goals for the next 2 years. Will send out meeting invite for this.

2. Approve Amended Bylaws 2021

VOTE

M. Arias

These amendments have been recommended and discussed but had not been formalized. Thus, we are going to formalize the following:

- Section 4.2 – Number of Directors – specifies the number to show what shall constitute the entire Board. It shall be not less than 7 and not more than 9.

- Section 4.3 – This is more of a clarification regarding the voting of election and term of office of directors and to specify the duration of the terms.
- The Director position shall be elected for a term of 3 years.
- NEW Economics for Women has the right to appoint 40% of the board members. The 40% was made part of the agreement when NEW Economics formed NEW Academy. It stated that NEW Econ would be the guarantor for the NACP site and would have a voice on the board.
- Section 6.1 Appointment of Officers – specifies these terms.
- Attorney Roberto Lara reviewed the language to make sure that it was all legal and correctly phrased.

Motion – BB moves to accept the changes to the bylaws, given the changes described in section 4.2 (from no fewer than 7 to no more than 9).

V. Gil seconded the motion

Roll Call: V. Gil, Aye; M. Arias, Aye; B. Bradley, Aye; P. DiDonato, Aye; B. Stozer, Aye
The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

3. Approve Local Performance Indicators

We are in compliance with our dashboard and each of our goals that we have identified and need to be reached.

Motion – V.Gil made motion to approve the local perf indicators

B. Bradley seconded the motion

Roll Call: V. Gil, Aye; M. Arias, Aye; B. Bradley, Aye; P. DiDonato, Aye; B. Stozer, Aye
The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

4. Approve Vendor Contracts

(Please see next page for list of Vendors)

The board reviewed the list of vendors.

Motion – V.Gil made a motion to approve the list of the vendor contracts with the changes noted above, as amended.

B. Bradley seconded the motion

Roll Call: V. Gil, Aye; M. Arias, Aye; B. Bradley, Aye; P. DiDonato, Aye; B. Stozer, Aye
The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

5. Approve Edtec Back Office Provider Contract

EdTec submitted a 3-year contract. The finance committee agreed that taking the longer-term contract makes sense due to the discount, along with the good service provided by this vendor.

Dr. M. Sanchez will help with the mini contract for the LCAP.

Motion: B. Stotzer moved to accept and approve the Edtec contract

V. Gil seconded the motion

Roll Call: V. Gil, Aye; M. Arias, Aye; B. Bradley, Aye; P. DiDonato, Aye; B. Stozer, Aye
The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

6. Approve Chief Academic Specialist Contract Renewal

The contract for Dr. M Sanchez was reviewed by LAUSD, Attorney Roberto Lara recommended that the statement that allows for an automatic renewal be removed from all contracts.

Motion – V. Gil moves to approve the chief academic contract for another year.

B. Bradley seconded the motion

Roll Call: V. Gil, Aye; M. Arias, Aye; B. Bradley, Aye; P. DiDonato, Aye; B. Stotzer, Aye
The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

7. Approve Del Sol Group Contract

Dr. M Sanchez sent out the contract for Del Sol for board review. B. Bradley recommended 40% of the contract value, if renewed, should be repaid out of the investment account and the remaining 40% be paid out of NACP.

Motion: B. Stotzer made a motion to approve B. Bradley's recommendation on how the contract should be funded and approved.

B. Bradley seconded the motion.

Roll Call: V. Gil, Aye; M. Arias, Aye; B. Bradley, Aye; P. DiDonato, Aye; B. Stotzer, Aye
The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

• Closed Session

Section 54957: Public Employee

Discipline/Dismissal/Release Contract Review and Renewal

• Report out of Closed Session on Any Action Taken

- Discussion took place. No action items/no votes. Personnel assignments and changes for the schools were recommended.

Closing Items – None

Adjourned at 7:30 p.m. PST