

NEW Academy Charter Schools Board
Meeting Minutes Final

Date and Time

Wednesday, March 24, 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

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
 Jimena Barrera, NACP Teacher

EdTec Staff:

Amita Parikh, Director of Client Management
 Jazmine Espinoza, Business Manager
 Gerald Cockrell, Data and Categorical Program Specialist

Del Sol Group:

Alma Marquez

Ana Chavez, Parent

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| 1. Opening Items | | |
| a. Record Attendance & Guests | | |
| b. Call the Meeting to Order | | V Gil |
| c. Public Comment - none | | |
| 2. Consent Calendar | | |
| a. Minutes: February 24, 2021 | Vote | P Didonato |
| B. Bradley made the motion to approve 02/24/2021 Board Meeting Minutes | | |
| V. Gil 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. Finance | | |
| a. EdTec Financial Report | | |
| • B. Bradley - Per Finance Committee, discussed the new funding for the Academies. EdTec chart presented new COVID related funding. | | |
| • A. Parikh - Reviewed COVID Funding Recap Table, NEW funds ESSER II and III and AB/SB 86; reviewed ESSER III funding; Advised to strategically think about how to spend and provided spending allowances and restrictions. | | |
| • V. Gill asked who was applying for the funds. | | |

- M. Sanchez stated that the COVID Task Force at each school will report at next meeting
- B. Bradley - stated concerns regarding hiring more people to provide more support.
- M. Sanchez – stated both schools are taking care of staffing at schools right now.

1. Approve 2nd Interim Financial Report Vote B. Bradley

- B. Bradley – Reviewed and stated there is regularity and tracks back to the same information EdTec provides

B. Bradely made the motion to approve the 2nd Interim Financial Report

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 Check Registers for February & March 2021 Vote B. Bradley

- B. Bradley – Pat and I went through it; repeated billing from LAUSD at NACP, nothing unusual was noted.

B. Bradely made the motion to approve the 2nd Interim Financial Report

B. Stozler 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 EdTec Extension of Data Services Contract/ Replace Measure Ed Vote M. Sanchez

- M. Sanchez – Introduced Gerald Cockrell from EdTec
- G. Cockrell – reviewed services EdTec is taking over from the ending Measure Ed contract (same services that Measure Ed was providing).
- G. Cockrell - Stated he reviewed the current Measure Ed contract and noted that EdTec services would cover the Measured Ed services and assured that there would not be any service gaps.
- G. Cockrell – EdTec has an advantage by being both the Back Office Provider with a connection to pieces of operation that are heavily reliant on data like attendance like CALPADS data; can check internally with one another on numbers for data acquisition.
- Has managed schools for 16 years; 10 members on the data team and will provide Power School support (Student Information System for both schools). Presentations can be made at Board Meetings as well. Data submissions will begin in June. CEO of Measure Ed is cooperative to ensure a smooth transition. Stated that SPED data into CALPADS will be supported as these are common services.

B. Stozer made the motion to approve the EdTec Extension of Data Services Contract to Replace Measure Ed.

V. Gil 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. Academic Excellence – Information Only

a. School site Administer Highlights

- D. Martinez – NACP and NASA working on internal data; analyze after spring break; ELPAC is winding down. Reported that the California Department of Education is waiving state testing (CASSP) and is recommending the use internal assessment data (MAPS) and running records and benchmarking for the end of the year. NACP will be using interim assessments (from CASSP) to create formative assessments so students will keep up with the content of the CASSP assessments while proving data as well.

b. NEW Academy Partnership Report

- M. Sanchez – Noted that Alma Marquez’s report covers this as well
- E. Todd – Noted that NASA continues to have a series of meetings with NEW and Learning Center regarding reopening a hybrid program; what will the summer program will look like to mitigate learning loss and how to get students back on campus safely
- P. McBride and V. Garcia – NACP met with Zine Community Center to meet with parents interested in enrollment;NACP had the lottery and sent our enrollment information and sent information about the Learning Center as well. Also has a reciprocity with NEW on programs/information shared on both social media platforms

c. CCSA Conference Report

- P. Didonato, B. Stozer and M. Arias – Reported on their attendance at the virtual CCSA Conference in the areas of finance, Federal and State Government compliance, effective Board meetings, Brown Act updates, facilities, new charters and charter renewals (new laws for renewals).

d. Webpage Updates: Beehively Contract

- M. Sanchez – Reported the Academies have a three year contract for the webpages; noted the communication expert has been working with Beehively as directed by the board.
- A. Marquez – Reported a meeting with Admin and Beehively and noted the priorities they are tracking; coordinating with Beehively; requesting information and changes as well; parents are looking for how to have easy access to enroll
- Discussion among Board members took place related to the expectations for the website improvement. Discussion included the need for the website to reflect the school connections to all NEW entities. Principals expressed they would like to be included in those discussions as well. Principals expressed how much better the sites were and was complimented by LAUSD’s Oversight Visit.

- April 21 is next board meeting for deadline on changes pending list of changes requested is provided to the schools with reasonable deadlines. It was noted that the website must be geared toward parents and funders.

5. Governance

a. Fiscal Policy Revisions Discussion

- B. Bradley- Reported that legal counsel, Roberto Lara, was reviewing the Policy for minor and major concerns expressed by the Board (e.g., emergency expenditures). He noted the last revision was 2019. The Board will vote to approve the updated Fiscal Policy and Procedures at the next meeting.

b. Audit Firm Selection Review 2022

- The Audit firm contract was reviewed previously and is for 3 years. Selection will not change until the end of their terms.

c. Communication Expert: – Alma Marquez (Del Sol Group)

- Developed 6 videos on overview of NACP;
- Helping parents with workshops
- Highlighting principal and her leadership; feel the principal role is an important asset to the school
- Conducted parent socialmedia training to be an advocate for the school
- Noted that they are now phasing into government relations and leadership – people who work with the officials;
- Has been working with Beehively to update the website

d. Approve Organizational Chart (provided to Board members ahead of time)

- M. Sanchez – mentioned that the current organizational chart was different than the one in Charter Petition. It was revised to reflect additions/omissions and now must be approved by the Board.

B. Bradley made the motion to approve the updated NEW Academies Organizational Chart

V. Gil 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

d. Conflict of Interest 700 Forms

- E. Castro – thanked everyone who have provided their forms for uploading to the required DropBox folder; final submission is April 1st. E. Castro will be in contact with people who have not completed the form.

6. Closing – meeting closed to the public at 6:51 p.m.

7. Report out of Closed Session on Any Action Taken

8. Closing Items

9. Adjourn

Approved