

# New Academy Charter School

## Minutes

### NEW Academy Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Wednesday May 29, 2019 at 4:00 PM

**Location**

303 S. LOMA DR., LOS ANGELES, CA 90017, 21425 Cohasset St. Canoga Park, CA 91303,22850  
Paul Revere Dr, Calabasas

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**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.

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**Directors Present**

B. Bradley (remote), G. Simpson, M. Arias, P. Didonato, R. Solorzano

**Directors Absent**

V. Gil

**Guests Present**

Analisa diosdado, B. Stotzer, Brenda Coronado, C. Guerrero, D. Martinez, E. Castro, E. Todd, Jimena Rodriguez, Jose Rodriguez-LAUSD, M. Sanchez, Odette Guzman, Roberto Lara

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**I. Opening Items****A. Record Attendance and Guests****B. Call the Meeting to Order**

R. Solorzano called a meeting of the board of directors of New Academy Charter School to order on Wednesday May 29, 2019 @ 4:00 PM at 303 S. LOMA DR., LOS ANGELES, CA 90017, 21425 Cohasset St. Canoga Park, CA 91303,22850 Paul Revere Dr, Calabasas.

**C. Approve Minutes-April 25, 2019**

G. Simpson made a motion to approve minutes from the NEW Academy Board Meeting on 04-25-19.

M. Arias seconded the motion.

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

### **Roll Call**

R. Solorzano Aye  
M. Arias Aye  
G. Simpson Aye  
B. Bradley Aye  
V. Gil Absent  
P. Didonato Aye

## **II. Education Committee and Academic Excellence**

### **A. School Site Administrator Reports-Information Only**

Dr. Guerrero

- Last Friday Clara had student awards
- Projected enrollment: Still have wait lists
- Teachers will be working on CASP assessment scores but waiting for the next scores to come in in July
- Dr. Jones came on May 21 and May 28-Will come back for the August session
- June 7 at 8:30 is the culmination ceremony at NACP-Board Members will attend, Dr. Solorzano confirmed

Dr. Todd

Went through the Rocket Bulletin

Went over the preliminary **SBAC scores**: Highlighted green 44% of 3rd graders meeting/met the standards

Now trending high for 3rd grade, 4th grade same trending up,

- 5th graders last year 56% meeting or exceeding standard
  - Now 76% meeting or exceeding.
- 5th grade teachers were looped and changed to add strength to instructional pool
- Math- Trending high
- Struggling:4th grade in Math
- 5th grade trending high in Math as well 61% up

### **Bonsai-Beehively Presentation**

Dr. Todd invited the guests to present the Beehively Public Website. This was on behalf of both schools.

Staff is seasoned and in IT for 25years, are educators and education advocates

Software is based on google and google integrated.

Beehively builds websites for schools, professionally supported, and user friendly, Mobile friendly, on call for helping schools.

Beehively support: support is there by email, phone, text

Included pricing sheets and will tailor to our request for services. Costs – Pay a one-time fee and then monthly amounts.

Implementation: takes 2 months, can speed it up

Have telephone number of dedicated representative for the school.

If you have an emergency at any time, can call them. They can put notices that school is under emergency status, etc.

Bonsai: IT for schools, Foundational, Devices and Access, Faculty and Staff, Google aps, student and parent experience.

Bonsai is next

Byron – we do everything for schools – from the foundational infrastructure to devise management for teachers, their laptops and classroom technology – one to one, Chromebook, iPads, we think of all the needs.

We put everything in place to have a great experience. Also build a maturity plan to get you to future tech improvements.

We provide, what is unique of bonsai is to provide professional development for teachers. Work with the administration and work with the leaders and refine the professional development and set milestones and objectives and we work with them on a routine basis with software curriculum.

We have team members how are former educators and teachers.

Work with classroom displays and have relationship with other companies and use them guide them in the products and services provided.

**Bonsai support** – to ensure that every user is comfortable using the systems.

Every school has a support manager who will be the normal point of contact.

Purchasing and guidance support – can get partners to work with us to get cheaper prices to save the school some money.

Believe in making personal contacts, are friendly.

Core values or part of Bonsai DNA – when you call us we don't talk techno jargon and about how tech interfaces with education to support us well.

Strategic technology planning – have professionals to build tech plans to get from where we are to where we want to be technology wise.

Can help teachers and all other personnel get comfortable to using the technology provided to the school, will learn new things that can also be used in the classroom,

Use Google translator for parents who are Spanish or other language speakers

We can also do a duplicate landing – Schools will have to translate it and then company will provide back up. This is included at no extra charge and unlimited pages.

Company shared the mock ups with school actual photos

Member Solorzano:would like to have an opening page/screen to show NEW, NACP and NASA

#### **B. School Site Academic Data Reports**

These were included in the school site reports

#### **C. Chief Academic Specialist Report**

School site administrator reports highlighted the CAS work with schools.

CAS report focused on personnel issues during closed session.

CAS gave overview of matters that are pending: Edtec, ExED, Handbook, Contracts, LAUSD

### **III. Governance and Strategic Planning**

#### **A. Teacher Contracts-Information Only**

Martha reported that we are working on the contracts and have new an updated versions reviewed by legal counsel

Member Arias: Mentioned that contracts were being updated and the handbook committee would align the needed areas with the contracts.

### **IV. Finance**

#### **A. March Financials - Action Item**

- Both schools were up
- NACP: Net income increased
- NASA loss decreased due to gain/increase in enrollment.
- Investment is providing 10,000 a month that the board can direct for expenditures
- Check Register:A reversal payroll, There was an error on the check and it had to be reissued and the other reversed.
- Changes made that no more manual checks
- Member Bradley commended schools for controlling the spending

- CAS Sanchez: mentioned that we are following LAUSD's advice by having credit cards to track spending, no petty cash and no manual checks.
- Member Simpson: Reinforced the importance of accountability by using Spendbridge with board approvals

P. Didonato made a motion to approve the March 2019 financials.

M. Arias seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

R. Solorzano Aye  
M. Arias Aye  
B. Bradley Aye  
P. Didonato Aye  
G. Simpson Aye  
V. Gil Absent

**V. Closing Items**

**A. Closed Session**

**B. Adjourn Meeting**

G. Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

P. Didonato seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

P. Didonato Aye  
V. Gil Absent  
G. Simpson Aye  
M. Arias Aye  
B. Bradley Aye  
R. Solorzano Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
R. Solorzano