

Orange County Workforce Innovation High School

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Operated by Western Educational Corporation, A California Non-Profit
Public Benefit Corporation

Date and Time

Thursday January 5, 2023 at 11:30 AM

Location

Meeting Link:

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MEETING LOGISTICS

This meeting is held in compliance with Assembly Bill 361, which allows flexibility in Brown Act teleconferencing procedures as addressed by the Board under Agenda Item I.E. The public is encouraged to participate in the meeting telephonically by dialing the conference line or by clicking the weblink listed on the posted agenda. The public may submit written comments to the Board by emailing publiccomments@innovationhigh.org. The public may also provide comments telephonically during the "Public Comment" section of the meeting agenda.

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Please see the "Accommodations" notice below.

REMINDER

As required by state law (SB 126), this meeting will be audio recorded and posted on the charter school's website.

Directors Present

Claudette Beck (remote), Dr. David G. Rathgeber (remote), Frank Lukacs (remote), Michael R Adams (remote)

Directors Absent

None

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Board President Adams read aloud the notices regarding meeting logistics, accommodations and audio recording.

Michael R Adams called a meeting of the board of directors of Orange County Workforce Innovation High School to order on Thursday Jan 5, 2023 at 11:30 AM.

B. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Lukacs led the pledge of allegiance.

D. Staff Introductions

Jeff Brown, CEO

Jeri Vincent, Corporate Secretary

Julie Parra, Area Superintendent

Bao Nguyen, State and Federal Programs Coordinator

Jeff Martineau, V.P. of Charter Relations

Skip Hansen, President of LLAC

Bill Thompson, Legal Counsel

Pete Faragia, CEO, LLAC

Michelle Lopez, Legal Counsel, LLAC

E. Adopt Resolution Continuing Board of Directors' Authority to Hold Virtual or Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361

Jeff Martineau discussed Assembly Bill 361, signed by Governor Newsom on September 16, 2021, and explained that the law exempts the board from certain provisions of the Brown Act related to teleconference meetings during states of emergency, as long as the Board makes required findings as detailed in the law. Under AB 361, boards that would like to continue to meet remotely must determine by majority vote whether as a result of the state of emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. Mr. Martineau directed the board members to the resolution located in their packet and recommended the board approve the Resolution Continuing Board of Directors' Authority to Hold Virtual or Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.

Frank Lukacs made a motion to adopt Resolution Continuing Board of Directors' Authority to Hold Virtual or Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.

Claudette Beck seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Dr. David G. Rathgeber Aye

Michael R Adams Aye

Claudette Beck Aye

Frank Lukacs Aye

F. Approve Agenda for the January 5, 2023, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors

Frank Lukacs made a motion to approve Agenda for the January 5, 2023, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors.
Claudette Beck seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Michael R Adams	Aye
Claudette Beck	Aye
Frank Lukacs	Aye
Dr. David G. Rathgeber	Aye

II. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

Board President Adams read the following announcement for members of the public:

At this time, members of the public may address the Board on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board, whether or not the item is on the agenda, by dialing the teleconference line or by clicking the weblink listed on the posted agenda. The time allotted per presentation will not exceed three (3) minutes, except in the case where a member of the public utilizes a translator, in which case the time allotted will not exceed six (6) minutes. In accordance with the Brown Act, no action may occur at this time, but it is the Board's prerogative to hold a brief discussion, provide information to the public, provide direction to staff, or schedule the matter for a future meeting.

Board President Adams asked if there were any members of the public who wished to offer public comment. There were no members of the public who offered public comment or submitted written comment.

III. School Reports and Information

A. Title I Program Evaluation for SY 2021-2022 Report

Julie Parra introduced Boa Nguyen, the State and Federal Program Coordinator. Mr. Nguyen reviewed the literacy intervention program, personnel to support students, and the NWEA Reading assessment. Mr. Nguyen then reviewed the effectiveness of the school's literacy intervention program for SY 2021-22 and explained, based on the evaluation results, the school will be increasing the collaboration between the SRS and intervention staff to increase student appointment attendance, prioritizing ELA course placement and course completion for students, as well as ongoing review of EL and RFEP student's forms to ensure IELDP and RFEP implementation and extending the intervention outreach services.

Next, Mr. Nguyen discussed the PAC and ELAC meetings and survey responses for SY 2021-22. Mr. Nguyen explained the various methods they have put in place for SY 2022-23 to improve parental involvement, including offering varying meeting times to accommodate parent schedules, extended meeting times to thoroughly discuss all information being shared and using a variety of methods to reach parents and guardians.

Board Member Lukacs asked for additional information regarding the monitoring process. Mr. Nguyen discussed with the board the plan to increase constant progress monitoring.

Board Member Rathgeber brought a calculation error to the attention of Mr. Nguyen. Mr. Nguyen apologized for the error and informed the board he would make the

necessary corrections. Mr. Rathgeber then commented on the parental participation goal and expressed his concern regarding the level of encouragement for parents to participate.

B. Annual Lifelong Learning Administration Corporation (LLAC) Services Report

Pete Faragia, CEO of Lifelong Learning Administration Corporation (LLAC), presented the 2021-2022 Annual Report to the Board of Directors. The presentation described the services provided to the school by LLAC during the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Faragia reviewed the services and accomplishments of each division within LLAC including the Educational Products and Services Division, Facilities and Safety Department, Technology Services Department, External Affairs Department, Charter Affairs Department, People Services Division, and the Finance Division.

Board Secretary Beck praised the idea of communicating with new legislators and making sure they are aware of what the school offers the community. Ms. Beck also shared her support and appreciation for the great work of LLAC's finance team.

Board Member Lukacs asked Mr. Faragia if he has noticed a shift in the overall view of charter schools at the state level. Mr. Faragia, Mr. Morales, and Mr. Hansen discussed the progress that has been made, the support of current and new legislators, and the importance of continuing the work of the external affairs team.

IV. Additional Corporate Officers and Board Members' Observations and Comments

A. Observations and Comments

Jeff Brown thanked Mr. Faragia for his report and discussed the importance of positive team work. Mr. Brown expressed his disappointment with the Title I report and shared that he will meet with staff to discuss ways to improve it.

Jeri Vincent expressed the importance of LLAC and how the work they do allows Ms. Parra and her team to focus on the students.

Skip Hansen thanked the board members for their continued support.

V. Closed Session

A. Adjourn open public Board meeting to go into closed session

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Gov. Code section 54957(b) (1).) Title: Area Superintendent

Frank Lukacs made a motion to adjourn open public Board meeting to go into closed session.

Claudette Beck seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Frank Lukacs	Aye
Dr. David G. Rathgeber	Aye
Michael R Adams	Aye
Claudette Beck	Aye

B. Adjourn closed session and reconvene to open public Board meeting

Frank Lukacs made a motion to adjourn closed session and reconvene to open public Board meeting.

Claudette Beck seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Frank Lukacs	Aye
Claudette Beck	Aye
Dr. David G. Rathgeber	Aye
Michael R Adams	Aye

C. Report of action taken or recommendations made in closed session, if any

Board President Adams experienced technical difficulties and left the meeting.

Board Secretary Beck stated no action was taken in closed session for the following:
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Gov. Code section 54957(b)
(1).) Title: Area Superintendent

VI. Closing Items

A. Next Regular Board Meeting Date: February 2, 2023, 12:00pm

B. Adjourn Meeting

Frank Lukacs made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Claudette Beck seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Michael R Adams	Absent
Dr. David G. Rathgeber	Aye
Frank Lukacs	Aye
Claudette Beck	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Claudette Beck

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