

APPROVED

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

Monday October 27, 2025 at 12:30 PM

Location

Meeting Location: 737 Windy Point Dr., Ste. 101, San Marcos, CA 92069

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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, Dr. David G. Rathgeber, Frank Lukacs (remote), Michael R Adams (remote), Susan Alderson

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 Monday Oct 27, 2025 at 12:30 PM.

B. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Board President Adams performed a board member roll call, and a quorum was established.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Secretary Beck led the pledge of allegiance.

D. Staff Introductions

Jeff Brown, CEO

Jeri Vincent, Corporate Secretary

Shellie Hanes, Superintendent

Darin Bower, COO

Corrine Manley, Area Superintendent

Liliana Childs, Principal

Maribelle Mallari, Federal and State Programs Coordinator

Bill Thompson, Legal Counsel

Guita Sharifi, CFO, LLAC

E. Approve Agenda for the October 27, 2025, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors

Claudette Beck made a motion to approve Agenda for the October 27, 2025, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Susan Alderson seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

F. Approve Minutes of the August 26, 2025, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors

Claudette Beck made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 08-26-25.

Susan Alderson seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Michael R Adams Aye
Dr. David G. Rathgeber Aye
Susan Alderson Aye
Claudette Beck Aye
Frank Lukacs 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. The time allotted per presentation will not exceed three (3) minutes, unless 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. Area Superintendent Update

Corrine Manley greeted the board and discussed the school's Average Daily Attendance (ADA) and enrollment. She discussed a few matters impacting the Anaheim resource center

and the need to relocate. She then informed the board they are looking into opening a new resource center in Fountain Valley.

Board Member Adams thanked Ms. Manley for her update.

B. Vendor List

Corrine Manley directed the board to the current vendor list located in their board packet. She reminded the board this information is provided bi-annually and includes information about all vendors used between July 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024. Ms. Manley then requested the board to review the list for any potential conflicts of interest and to reach out to her or legal counsel with any questions or concerns.

Board Member Adams thanked Ms. Manley.

C. 2024-2025 Significant Disproportionality Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CCEIS) Plan Update

Maribelle Malari greeted the board and directed them to the 2024-2025 Significant Disproportionality Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CCEIS) Plan Update. Ms. Malari explained that every year the school must evaluate their special education population and identify any racial or ethnic overrepresentation. When there is overrepresentation in the same area, within the same population, for three consecutive years, it is classified as Significant Disproportionality (SIGDIS). The data revealed an overrepresentation of Hispanic students identified under Specific Learning Disability for three consecutive years.

Ms. Malari then explained that staff reviewed policies, practices and procedures, collected and reviewed data from a variety of sources, including parent and family input, and developed an action plan. The plan was aligned with the school's reclassification efforts, and two goals were set.

Ms. Malari then reported that for the 2025–2026 school year, OCI is no longer classified as Significant Disproportionality. She informed the board they would continue to provide CDE quarterly progress on their goals, activities, and budget expenditures.

Board Member Adams thanked Ms. Malari.

Board Member Alderson asked for additional information on continuing support for English learning students. Ms. Malari shared with the board the various methods used to encourage students to complete their credits. Ms. Alderson thanked Ms. Malari for the information.

IV. Action Items

- A. The Board will be asked to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Dual Enrollment (Non CCAP) Between the Rio Hondo Community College District and Orange County Workforce Innovation High School, and adopt Board Resolution memorializing the same**

Corrine Manley directed the board to the proposed Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Dual Enrollment (Non-CCAP) with Rio Hondo Community College District. She explained the program is designed to remove barriers and make it easier for students to enroll in college courses while still attending OCI. Although students already have access to dual enrollment opportunities, this MOU streamlines the process and improves coordination between the school and the college. Additionally, this agreement allows Rio Hondo faculty to teach college-level courses directly on OCI's campus. This partnership represents a positive step forward in expanding academic pathways and strengthening college readiness for all students.

Board Member Adams thanked Ms. Manley.

Board Member Alderson asked for information about the guidelines for students enrolled in dual-enrollment, particularly for students who may need extra help. Ms. Manley assured the board that the students would continue to receive support from the staff throughout the course. Liliana Childs then shared the requirements the students must meet in order to participate in the dual-enrollment.

Claudette Beck made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Dual Enrollment (Non CCAP) Between the Rio Hondo Community College District and Orange County Workforce Innovation High School, and adopt Board Resolution memorializing the same.

Susan Alderson seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

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

A. Observations and Comments

Jeff Brown thanked the staff for their great work.

Jeri Vincent shared her gratitude for the board and their investment in the education of their students.

Shellie Hanes shared that she is looking forward to the growth in Fountain Valley.

Bill Thompson expressed his excitement for the new location as well.

VI. Closed Session

A.

Adjourn open public Board meeting to go into closed session

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

(Government Code section 54957(b)(1).)

Title: Superintendent

Claudette Beck made a motion to adjourn open public Board meeting to go into closed session.

Susan Alderson seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

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

Claudette Beck made a motion to adjourn closed session and reconvene to open public Board meeting.

Susan Alderson seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Susan Alderson	Aye
Claudette Beck	Aye
Frank Lukacs	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 stated no action was taken in closed session for:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

(Government Code section 54957(b)(1).)

Title: Superintendent

VII. Closing Items

A. Next Regular Board Meeting Date: December 2, 2025, 1:00pm

B. Adjourn Meeting

Claudette Beck made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Susan Alderson 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
Susan Alderson Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 1:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Claudette Beck

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