

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

Thursday January 8, 2026 at 11:30 AM

Location

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

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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 Thursday Jan 8, 2026 at 11:30 AM.

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
Corrine Manley, Area Superintendent
Liliana Childs, Principal
Guita Sharifi, CFO, LLAC

E. Approve Agenda for the January 8, 2026, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors

Susan Alderson made a motion to approve Agenda for the January 8, 2026, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Dr. David G. Rathgeber seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Michael R Adams Aye

Roll Call

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

II. Consent Agenda

A. Consent Agenda Items

Board President Adams announced the following consent agenda item:

1. The Board will be asked to approve the revised Board Policies on Protections for Students relating to Immigration and Citizenship Status

President Adams then asked if any member would like to discuss any of the agenda items for action separately. Hearing none, Mr. Adams asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items.

Susan Alderson made a motion to approve the consent agenda items.

Dr. David G. Rathgeber seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

III. 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.

IV. Action Items

A. The Board will be asked to approve the June 30, 2025, Annual Audit Report for the school

Guita Sharifi directed the board to the annual audit report and introduced Aubrey Mann, Partner, CPA at Wilkinson, Hadley, King & Co., to review the 2024-25 fiscal year audit report in detail with the board.

Ms. Mann greeted the board and reviewed each of the financial statements in detail and explained the purpose of each report, highlighting specific financial data.

Ms. Mann then directed the board to the Independent Auditor's Report letter located at the end of the report, showing the school received an unmodified report with no findings for the year ending June 30, 2025.

Board President Adams thanked Ms. Mann for her presentation.

Board Member Lukacsza congratulated Ms. Manley and her team.

Hearing no further questions or comments, Mr. Adams asked for a motion.

Susan Alderson made a motion to approve the June 30, 2025, Annual Audit Report for the school.

Dr. David G. Rathgeber seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

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

A. Observations and Comments

Jeff Brown thanked Ms. Sharifi and Ms. Mann for their great work on the audit.

Board Member Rathgeber acknowledged all the hard work that went into the audit reports and the work put in throughout the year.

VI. Closing Items

A. Next Regular Board Meeting Date: February 24, 2026, 1:00pm

B.

Adjourn Meeting

Susan Alderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Dr. David G. Rathgeber seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Michael R Adams Aye

Susan Alderson Aye

Frank Lukacs Aye

Dr. David G. Rathgeber 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 11:41 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Claudette Beck

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