



VALIENTE
COLLEGE PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

Meeting of the Board of Directors

January 23rd, 2016

7:00pm

8691 California Avenue, South Gate CA 90280

Attendance:

Jess Boro, Board Appointed Leader for this Meeting (Present)	Jennifer Bunn Hayden, Board Member (Present)
Eric Young, Board Member (Present)	Naeem Arastu, Board Member (Present)
Carmen Avalos, Board Member (Present)	Tyler Thurlow, Board Member (Present)
Mark Racunas, Board Member (Present)	Deena Williams, Board Chair (Absent)

Also Present: Esther L. Perez, Ed.D.-Executive Director, Samira Estilai-ExED Financial Representative

Open Session

Leader(s)

1. Call the Meeting to Order
Meeting called to order at 7:09pm.

Board Chair-Appointed Leader

2. Public Comment
No public comment requested/present.

Board Chair-Appointed Leader

3. Approve:
a. November Board Meeting Minutes

Board Chair-Appointed Leader

Moved by Carmen Avalos, Second by Mark Racunas

Jess Boro, Yes	Jennifer Bunn Hayden, Yes
Eric Young, Yes	Naeem Arastu, Abstention
Carmen Avalos, Yes	Tyler Thurlow, Yes
Mark Racunas, Yes	Deena Williams, Board Chair (Absent)

Minutes Approved, one abstention (due to absence on date of meeting notes).

4. Executive Director's Report *E. Perez*
- a. Field Trip Challenge - students are given opportunity to meet certain goals in order to go on an optional field trip to a university in San Diego.
 - b. Reading Intervention - Students are given reading-level intervention groups in order to meet reading level needs.
 - c. NSLP Review - Valiente's Administrative review of their meals program revealed a need to clean up processes that newer staff were never informed of from prior leadership. School administrative team will increase training and improve processes immediately.

Recommendation from board members to check in how families are hearing about Valiente who are applying. Perception---start sending signals that 6th grade is signing up fast and priority is given to 4th and 5th grader.

5. Review & Approve: Safe Haven, Letter from Board *E. Perez*

E. Perez recommended CCSA approved language on a safe haven letter to ensure communities affected by current political fears are shown safe treatment and haven at Valiente.

Motion to approve Carmen Avalos, Seconded by Jennifer Bunn Hayden

Jess Boro, Yes	Jennifer Bunn Hayden, Yes
Eric Young, Yes	Naeem Arastu, Yes
Carmen Avalos, Yes	Tyler Thurlow, Yes
Mark Racunas, Yes	Deena Williams, Board Chair (Absent)

Motion passes unanimously, no abstentions.

6. Review & Approve: School Accountability Report Card 15-16 *E. Perez*

Motion to approve with any potentially appropriate changes to facilities based on an inquiry from the facility inspection made by Carmen Avalos; seconded by Naeem Arastu.

Jess Boro, Yes	Jennifer Bunn Hayden, Yes
Eric Young, Yes	Naeem Arastu, Yes
Carmen Avalos, Yes	Tyler Thurlow, Yes
Mark Racunas, Yes	Deena Williams, Board Chair (Absent)

Motion to approve 15-16 SARC approves unanimously, no abstentions.

7. Review & Approve: FY 15-16 Tax Returns

ExED, Inc. Representative

Samira Estilai gave report on state budgeting for education.

Motion to approve 15-16 Tax Returns by Naeem Arastu; seconded by Mark Racunas.

Jess Boro, Yes	Jennifer Bunn Hayden, Yes
Eric Young, Yes	Naeem Arastu, Yes
Carmen Avalos, Yes	Tyler Thurlow, Yes
Mark Racunas, Yes	Deena Williams, Board Chair (Absent)

Motion passes unanimously, no abstentions.

8. Review: Financial Report

ExED, Inc. Representative

Samira Estilai reviewed financial report from January 2017.

9. Progress from Committees (Review) - Updates from Committee Chairs (if applicable):

- a. Academics, Jessica Boro-No updates at this time from academic committee.
- b. Governance, Deena Williams (or Board Chair Appointed Leader)-No updates at this time from Governance committee. There is a push to get more board members to join committees and take responsibility.
- c. Finances (no leader)-No updates from finance at this time.
- d. Facilities, Mark Racunas-Discussion of facilities; at next board meeting vote will take place on which location(s) will need to be negotiated in order to obtain adequate space for the 17-18 school year.

10. Review & Approve: Board Member Term Lengths, Elected Positions/Titles

Board Chair-Appointed Leader

Tabled/Postponed until February 2017 meeting.

11. Board Member Communications

ExED, Inc. Representative

None at this time.

Closed Session

12. Employee/Personnel Matter

E. Perez

Reopening of Board Meeting at 8:41pm

Open Session

13. Adjourn Meeting

Board Chair-Appointed Leader

No action taken during closed session; no news to report. Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:42 by C. Avalos; Seconded by M. Racunas All present Board Members Agreed, no abstentions.