



VALIENTE
COLLEGE PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

Meeting of the Board of Directors

February 27th, 2017

7:00pm

8691 California Avenue, South Gate CA 90280

Attendance:

Deena Williams, Board Chair <i>(Present)</i>	Jennifer Bunn Hayden, Board Member <i>(Present)</i>	Carmen Avalos, Board Member <i>(Present)</i>
Eric Young, Board Member <i>(Present)</i>	Tyler Thurlow, Board Member <i>(Present)</i>	Naeem Arastu, Board Member <i>(Present)</i>
Jess Boro, Board Member <i>(Absent)</i>	Mark Racunas, Board Member <i>(Present)</i>	

Also in attendance: Samira Estilai-ExED Financial Representative, Esther Perez-Executive Director.

Open Session

Leader(s)

1. Call the Meeting to Order
Board Meeting opened at 7:07pm.

Board Chair

2. Public Comment
None at this time.

Board Chair

3. Approve:
a. February Board Meeting Minutes

Board Chair

Current minutes need to note no progress from committees under Item #9 from February 2017.

Motion to Approve February Board Meeting Minutes with changes noted above: Mark Racunas
Seconded: Naeem Arastu

Motion Passes Unanimously (no opposition, or abstentions) (Absent: Avalos, Boro & Thurlow)

4. Executive Director’s Report (Review)

E. Perez

- a. Safe Haven Review/Immigration Rights Awareness Meeting

TBD - Valiente Employee

Valiente held an immigration rights awareness meeting for parents. Information presented based on CCSA legal information/brief.

- b. Field Trip Challenge, Events

Field trip set for April 21st, 2017. Students will visit UCSB.

- c. 17-18 Student Lottery Update

E.D. updated board on lottery, admitted students for 17-18.

- d. Enrollment Update (Current, Future) (Same as above)

5. Review: Financial Report

ExED, Inc. Representative

Samira Estilai reviewed financial report. See packet.

6. Approve: Approval of Audit Firm to complete 16-17 Audit *Audit Committee*

Audit Committee confirmed suggestion of audit and confirmed use of Vicenti, Lloyd, Stutzman for review again at same rate.

Motion to Approve use of Vicenti, LLOYD & Stutzman for audit firm: Naeem Arastu

Seconded: Eric Young

Motion Passes Unanimously (no opposition, or abstentions) (Absent: Boro)

7. Facilities Update - Urgent

E. Perez

Review: Prop 39 offer & Facilities Board Committee Updates

Facilities Connection to Long Term Growth Plan

E. Perez

Discussed options and potentials for finding information about options for facilities. ED and facilities committee needs to determine steps for changing occupancy of the church building in order to add classrooms.

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

- a. Academics, Jessica Boro - No updates at this time.

- b. Governance, Deena Williams - Will be discussed in item #9.

- c. Finances, Naeem Arastu - Budget process began with meeting regarding budget based on not adding many students. No final budget yet, but initial discussions have begun.

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

Board Chair

Two board members are excited in having official roles. Jennifer Bunn Hayden is interested in becoming Board Treasurer for our board.

Motion to Appoint Jennifer Bunn Hayden as Board Treasurer of Valiente: Carmen Avalos

Seconded: Tyler Thurlow

Motion approved Unanimously (no opposition, or abstentions) (Absent: Boro)

Jessica Boro is interested in becoming the Secretary of Valiente's Board of Directors.

Motion to Appoint Jessica Boro as Board Secretary of Valiente: Carmen Avalos

Seconded: Eric Young

Motion approved Unanimously (no opposition, or abstentions) (Absent: Boro)

One final role within the Board to be filled is Vice Chair. Valiente is still looking for more board members. Interest in marketing and fundraising experience/knowledge for future Valiente Board Members.

10. Board Member Communications

ExED, Inc. Representative

No updates at this time.

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11. Adjourn Meeting

Board Chair-Appointed Leader

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:41pm. Motion by Tyler Thurlow, Seconded by Mark Racunas.