



THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

Board Meeting Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Location

The Accelerated School (TAS MPR)
4000 S. Main Street Los Angeles, CA 90037

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**Board Members Present:**

J. Quinn, L. Rabinowitz, E. Weiss, B. Yetter, B. Yost, L. Picus, J. Ward.

Board Members Absent:

P. Morrison

Representatives Present:

Admin Team: G. Lee-Chang, R. French, M. Watson, V. Shih, L. Lugo, F. Reading, S. Raudry, R. Hoang, C. Liu, T. Nizetich, R. Hoang, R. Canosa-Carr, and A. Ortiz.

Guest Speakers: Ryan Griffin.

Guest Present: Wayne Strumpfer and Oliver Yee.

AGENDA

- 1. Meeting Called to Order:** President Quinn called the meeting at 10:06 AM.
 - 2. Agenda:** Motioned and Approved: 7-0, L. Rabinowitz/S. Yetter.
 - 3. Minutes-October 24, 2019:** Motioned and Approved: 7-0, L. Picus/J. Ward.
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Scott Yetter – ACES Parent and Pastor lives in the community. Scott informed the public that he cares about the community, members of the TAS board have made tremendous sacrifices to be a part of the board, and parents can make TAS a better school.
2. Hilda Rodriguez Guzman (HRG) – Addressed the Public Comments section of the October board minutes, and indicated the summary statement was incorrect.
3. Attorney Wayne Strumpfer– Clarified Brown Act violations, and the public comments section of the October Board Minutes.
4. Maria Zommara – TAS Parent. Addressed HRG termination and would like her reinstated.
5. Anairel Diaz – ACES Parent. Would like a professional interpreter at board meetings and to vote for parent reps for TAS board members. She voiced concerns about why she wasn't part of the voting process for the newly appointed ACES parent rep and she would like HRG reinstated.
6. Jorge Roman – SEIU Representative. Suggested members of the board reflect over the holidays, and to reinstate HRG.
7. Hilda Rodriguez Guzman – Former TAS employee. Voiced concerns regarding the election process for TAS board members, and a lack of members from the community holding seats on the board.
8. Leonard Rabinowitz – Board President. Informed the audience both he and Carole Little gave the school property to the non-profit to be a school and they were able to take a tax deduction. However, neither of them received a personal tax deduction due to regulations within the tax code, this was a gift from the heart.
9. Attorney Wayne Strumpfer– At the request of Juli Quinn readdressed the public indicating the Board must be careful in responding, if it's not on the agenda they cannot address those items as it's a Brown Act violation and Board Meetings cannot be disrupted.
10. ACCE Member - Questioned members of the board, asking why there isn't diversity on the board, why aren't there people on the board that look like her. She also advocated for HRG. No speaker card.

PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

1. **Resignation of Board President and Board Member:** President Quinn announced her resignation from TAS Board. However, she will be staying on as a member of TAS Foundation Board.
2. **Report Out on Election Results from Annual Meeting:** President Quinn summarized the 2020 slate of elected officers and committees.

PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

- 1. Annual update on CA Assessment of Student Progress and Performance (CAASPP) for ACES, TAS & WAHS:** CEO Grace Lee-Chang provided a summary on the presentation and data relating to Board Goal #1 of Accelerating Student Outcomes. Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Lenita Lugo provided background information, she summarized trend analysis for next steps and plans of implementing individual student plans with Systems and Operations Manager, Cong Liu. Director of Elementary Education, Susan Raudry presented ELA & Math Data for ACES. TAS Principal, Francis Reading presented ELA & Math Data for TAS. WAHS Principal, Rosie Hoang presented ELA & Math Data for 11th grade only.
 - 2. CALPADS Preliminary Certification:** Tabled.
 - 3. Financial Updates:** CFO Vincent Shih and guest presenter Ryan Griffin provided financial updates, key points for July-Oct, and financial dashboard data for ADA enrollment.
 - 4. Facilities Update:** CFO Vincent Shih presented updates on facilities updates: Security Assessment and Proposed Building Project.
 - 5. TAS Certification of Signatures:** CFO, Vincent Shih briefly summarized intent.
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CONSENT ITEMS

Consent Items #1-2, 4-5 and 7-10 Motioned and Approved: 7-0, L. Rabinowitz/E. Weiss.

1. LAUSD Annual Oversight Visit-Certification of Board Compliance Review (ACES, TAS & WAHS)
2. English Learner Master Plan-ACES, TAS & WAHS
4. FY2019-2020 Quarter Financials
5. FY2019-2020 1st Interim Reports
7. Fiscal and Procurement Policy Updates
8. Investment Policy Statement Recommendation
9. Reorganization of Bank Instruments
10. TAS Certification of Signatures

Consent Item #3 and 6 removed.

CLOSED SESSION

12:27 PM.

Reconvene Open Session: No action was taken from closed session.

1:02 PM.

Adjourn Meeting

- A. Meeting adjourned at 1:03 PM.