



## THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

### Board Meeting Minutes

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**Date and Time**

Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 10:00 AM

**Location**

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

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

L. Rabinowitz, P. Morrison, E. Weiss, S. Yetter, L. Picus and E. Galaviz  
B. Yost joined at 10:40 AM

**Board Members Absent:**

J. Ward

**Representatives Present:**

G. Lee-Chang, R. French, L. Lugo, M. Watson, A. Ortiz, V. Shih, C. Liu, T. Nizetich, J. Williams,  
B. Canosa-Carr, S. Raudry, F. Reading, R. Hoang, K. Figueroa, R. Bains, K. Rivera and S. Barclay.

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**Guest Speakers:** None.

**Guest Present:** W. Strumpfer, O. Yee and R. Griffin.

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**AGENDA**

- 1. Meeting Called to Order:** President Rabinowitz called the meeting at 10:06 AM.
  - 2. Agenda:** Motioned and Approved: 6-0, P. Morrison/S. Yetter.
  - 3. Special Meeting Minutes-January 9, 2020:** Motioned and Approved: 6-0, L. Picus/S. Yetter.
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**PUBLIC COMMENTS on NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Ana Salgado – ACES Parent. Would like therapy services and counseling for students.
  2. Maria Sanchez – ACES Parent. TAS security should be posted outside for student protection. She would like for members of the board to consider having board meetings in the evenings, and for board members to be more active in the community. She believes HRG was terminated without justification.
  3. Darcy Segura – TAS Teacher. Would like teacher involvement in board meetings and for members of the board to continue outreach for teachers to attend board meetings. She believes TAS is moving in a direction of positive change.
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**BOARD PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS AND REPORT**

1. President Rabinowitz announced in regard to COVID-19, “The Centers for Disease Control has information for schools on their website and TAS management should fully familiarize themselves with the information.” CEO shared that “LAUSD had distributed information as well and that TAS, and especially the TAS RN, are preparing.”

President Rabinowitz reported that a decision was made to bring on site a qualified nurse.

President Rabinowitz reported that discussions were being held and actions were being taken behind the scenes to improve student outcomes for success and allocating additional funds to help students.

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**CLOSED SESSION: 10:18 AM**

No action was taken from closed session.

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**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

11:58 AM

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**BOARD COMMITMENT TO UPHOLD BROWN ACT**

“In compliance with Government Code Section 54960, the Board will now vote to approve the following statement: The Accelerated Schools Board unconditionally commits that it will hold Board meetings in an area that can be confined without providing access to our school campuses so that the public will not be required to sign in for security reasons.” **Approved: 6-0**

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## STAFF PRESENTATION AND REPORTS

1. **Mid-Year Progress towards Board Goal #1-Accelerating Student Learning-** Item tabled for April 23, 2020 Board Meeting.
2. **Evidenced Based Model-Financial and Personnel Adequacy-Lawrence O. Picus, Ph.D.-** Board Member Larry Picus discussed evidence-based models for TAS' school finance adequacy best practices and compartments of the models. i.e. resources for struggling students and centralized functions.
3. **Brown Act Training-Law Offices of Young, Minney & Corr-** Item tabled for April 23, 2020 Board Meeting.
4. **Financial Update Presentation-ExEd -** Guest presenter Ryan Griffin provided financial updates as posted.
5. **External Audit Vendor Selection-** CFO Vincent Shih discussed key-points: secured three bids for audit services for 2020, 2021 and 2022.
6. **Insurance Coverage Review-** CFO Vincent Shih discussed current member ASCIP insurance coverages. CFO will bring back to the board at next board meeting an Executive Summary.
7. **External Consultant Report-School Safety-** TAS Principal/ Safety and Security Liaison Francis Reading discussed key-points for safety and security services. Reading will bring back to the board at next board meeting an Executive Summary with estimated cost for projects.
8. **LAUSD Annual Oversight Report for 2019-20 for ACES, TAS, WAHS-** Director presented brief summaries for ACES, TAS & WAHS Annual Oversight Report. CFO Vincent Shih summarized the Fiscal Operations areas of growth and improvement. Director of Human Resources Rob French discussed Organizational Management Programs & Operations On-boarding processes.

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## CONSENT ITEMS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

**All Consent Items Motioned and Approved:** 5-0, L. Picus/E. Galaviz

1. School Safety Plan for ACES, TAS, WAHS for 2020-21
2. School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for ACES, TAS, WAHS
3. External Audit Vendor Selection
4. Next Generation Science Standards Curriculum Purchase
5. Financials for Six Months Ending Dec 31, 2019

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## ADJOURN MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 1:34 PM.

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