



THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

Special Board Meeting Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 10:00 AM

Location

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

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

L. Rabinowitz, P. Morrison (joined at 10:15am), E. Espinoza, L. Picus, E. Weiss, S. Yetter and B. Yost

Board Members Absent:

J. Ward

Representatives Present:

G. Lee-Chang, R. French, L. Lugo, M. Watson, A. Ortiz, V. Shih, C. Liu, T. Nizetich, and C. Reyes

Guest Speakers: None.

Guest Present: W. Strumpfer and R. Griffin

AGENDA

1. Meeting Called to Order: President Rabinowitz called the meeting at 10:05 AM.

2. Agenda:

Approved: unanimously 6-0 with Roll Call Votes:

- a. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
- b. Elizabeth Espinosa-approve
- c. Larry Picus-approve
- d. Elisabeth Weiss-approve
- e. Scott Yetter-approve
- f. Binti Yost-approve

3. Meeting Minutes-June 18, 2020:

Approved: unanimously 6-0 with Roll Call Votes:

- a. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
- b. Elizabeth Espinosa-approve
- c. Larry Picus-approve
- d. Elisabeth Weiss-approve
- e. Scott Yetter-approve
- f. Binti Yost-approve

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

4. President Rabinowitz thanked TAS Staff and CEO Grace Lee-Chang for an incredible job with school participation.

5. **Public Hearing on Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan:** No Public Comments.

Lenita Lugo presented learning plan steps, stakeholder feedback, public comments, and next steps. Approval from members of the board at the next board meeting.

6. Consent Items:

a. **FY2019-20 LAUSD Unaudited Actuals:** No public comment/not an approval item.

Vincent Shih and Ryan Griffin provided a summary Year End 2019-20 draft. Finals will be shared with members of the board at the next board meeting. Board President Rabinowitz will meet with COO Vincent Shih, CEO Grace Lee-Chang and Ex-Ed Ryan Griffin for best practices discussion.

b. **Information 2020-21 School Budget:** No public comment/not an approval item.

Vincent Shih and Ryan Griffin provided a summary regarding fully funded 2020-21 school year. Funds will be received next year.

c. **Consolidated Application for Federal Categorical Funding for 2020-21:** No public comment.

Approved: unanimously 7-0 with Roll Call Votes:

- i. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
- ii. Peter Morrison-approve
- iii. Elizabeth Espinosa-approve
- iv. Larry Picus-approve
- v. Elisabeth Weiss-approve
- vi. Scott Yetter-approve
- vii. Binti Yost-approve

- d. **Banking Consolidation Plan:** No public comment.
Approved: unanimously 7-0 with Roll Call Votes:
 - i. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
 - ii. Peter Morrison-approve
 - iii. Elizabeth Espinosa-approve
 - iv. Larry Picus-approve
 - v. Elisabeth Weiss-approve
 - vi. Scott Yetter-approve
 - vii. Binti Yost-approve
 - e. **Facilities Update Lot Expansion:** No public comment.
Information only, no approval needed.
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CLOSED SESSION: 10:46 AM

There was no action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS on CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

(submitted via email: boardmeetingpubliccomments@accelerated.org)

Legal Counsel Wayne Strumpfer read public comments 1-3.

1. **Mike Hawk** – Commented TAS is enthralled in litigation again. Board Members must have a lot to hide and is the reason TAS is being sued and the board is wasting taxpayer dollars on litigation and covering things up.
 2. **Grant Ruggles** – Commented he truly appreciates Grace Lee-Chang as CEO. He does not agree with comments that were made at the last board meeting from friends of a certain former employee that were immature, rude, unprofessional, and embarrassing.
 3. **Ben N. Syder** – Commented the board agenda closed session items contain several potential and/or current litigation that will cost taxpayers and students. TAS has millions in reserves from donations and not from the general fund. Prove that your millions in reserves came from donations, show the receipts.
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RECONVENE OPEN SESSION: 11:36 AM

ADJOURN MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 AM. Motioned LR
