



THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

Board Meeting Minutes

Date and Time

Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 10:00 AM

Location

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

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

L. Rabinowitz, P. Morrison, B. Yost, L. Picus, E. Weiss, S. Yetter, E. Espinosa, and J. Ward

Board Members Absent:**Representatives Present:**

G. Lee-Chang, R. French, L. Lugo, M. Watson, A. Ortiz, V. Shih, T. Nizetich, C. Reyes, A. Dominguez, K. Figueroa, B. Canosa-Carr, R. Hoang, B. Montoya, F. Reading, and J. Williams.

Guest Speakers: None.

Guest Present: J. Quinn, W. Strumpfer, R. Griffin, M. Harber, A. Guzman, D. Ramirez (WAHS Student).

AGENDA

Meeting Called to Order: President Rabinowitz called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

Agenda: Approved. Motioned LP/PM. Unanimously 8-0 with Roll Call Votes:

1. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
2. Peter Morrison-approve
3. Binti Yost-approve
4. Larry Picus-approve
5. Elisabeth Weiss-approve
6. Scott Yetter-approve
7. Elizabeth Espinosa-approve
8. John Ward-approve

Annual Board Meeting Minutes-December 10, 2020: Approved. Motioned JW/LP.

Unanimously 8-0 with Roll Call Votes:

1. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
2. Peter Morrison-approve
3. Binti Yost-approve
4. Larry Picus-approve
5. Elisabeth Weiss-approve
6. Scott Yetter-approve
7. Elizabeth Espinosa-approve
8. John Ward-approve

Regular Board Meeting Minutes-December 10, 2020: Approved. Motioned EW/SY.

Unanimously 8-0 with Roll Call Votes:

1. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
2. Peter Morrison-approve
3. Binti Yost-approve
4. Larry Picus-approve
5. Elisabeth Weiss-approve
6. Scott Yetter-approve
7. Elizabeth Espinosa-approve
8. John Ward-approve

PUBLIC COMMENTS on NON-AGENDA ITEMS

(submitted via email: boardmeetingpubliccomments@accelerated.org)

Lenita Lugo – There are no public comments for non-agenda items

BOARD PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Acknowledged troubling and unprecedented times... extending sympathy and thanks to students, staff, parents and the community. President Rabinowitz announced he is looking forward to the day when we can return to normalcy, and when able he will take vaccine.

PRESENTATION OF THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS (TAS) AND UNITED TEACHERS LOS ANGELES’ (UTLA) INITIAL PROPOSAL FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (CBA) NEGOTIATIONS

Chief Executive Officer Grace Lee-Chang read UTLA’s initial proposal letter for Collective Bargaining Agreement to members of the board.

CEO’S REPORT

1. CEO read Statement of Non-Violence and Capital Riots of January 6, 2021.
The Accelerated Schools, as we did six months ago, condemn acts of bigotry, injustice, and violence.

Today, only a few weeks into a new year that holds much promise, we find ourselves condemning a violent insurrection against the U.S Capitol and our democracy itself. While we live in divisive and complicated times, our TAS community is united in our commitment to our scholars and our hopes for their bright future.

TAS will continue to educate, support, and inspire our students, families, faculty, and staff. We will model civility and promote civic action for change. We will lean on each other as a community in order to get through a truly unprecedented time in our history.

Our hearts go out to our students, families, faculty, and staff during these challenging times.

1. CEO provided an update on:

- a. COVID-19 positive cases, family member cases, and loss among TAS Staff and Faculty
 - b. Student attendance update during COVID
 - c. Mid-Year Progress on Board Goals and Student Achievement Data. Board Members provided suggestions and positive feedback on presentation and data.
 - d. Update on Academic Incentive Program during Distance Learning, including new partnership with Encorps for Middle School students to provide 1 on 1 tutoring in Math.
 - e. Board Members brainstormed and shared ideas on how to support students for chronic absenteeism.
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STAFF PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

1. **Conflict of Interest Code** presented by Chief Financial Officer.
 2. **FY2020-21 Financial Statements as of December 31, 2020** presented by Chief Financial Officer and Ryan Griffin of ExEd.
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CONSENT ITEMS: Motioned SY/EW. No public comments.

1. Adopt Updated Conflict of Interest Code for Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Approval
2. FY2020-2021 Financial Statements as of December 31, 2020
3. LCAP Federal Addendum: ACES, TAS & WAHS
4. School Accountability Report Card (SARC): ACES, TAS & WAHS

Items 1-4: Approved. Unanimously 8-0 with Roll Call Votes:

1. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
2. Peter Morrison-approve
3. Binti Yost-approve
4. Larry Picus-approve
5. Elisabeth Weiss-approve
6. Scott Yetter-approve
7. Elizabeth Espinosa-approve
8. John Ward-approve

PUBLIC COMMENTS on CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURN to CLOSED SESSION: 11:32 AM

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION: 12:16 PM. There were no public comments.
No Action Taken in Closed Session

ADJOURN MEETING: Meeting adjourned at 12:17 PM. Motioned PM/BY.

Unanimously 7-0 with Roll Call Votes:

1. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
2. Peter Morrison-approve
3. Binti Yost-approve
4. Larry Picus-approve
5. Elisabeth Weiss-approve
6. Scott Yetter-approve
7. Elizabeth Espinosa-approve