



## THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

### Board Meeting Minutes

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 10:00 AM (Approved Minutes)

#### Location

4000 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90037 (MPR)

Teleconference: TAS 2 – 119 E. 37<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles, CA 90011

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#### REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Board Members Present:** L. Rabinowitz, L. Picus, L. Berz, P. Morrison, and B. Brooks (arrived at 12:20pm)

**Board Members Absent:** B. Yost and M. De La Cruz

**Administrative Team Present:** L. Lugo, D. Kukta, C. Foley, K. Sheehan, F. Reading, R. French, T. Crowther, A. Zartner, K. Clerx, L. Hilarides, D. Tran, D. Segura, O. Mojarro, and C. Reyes

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**Guest Speakers:** None.

**Guest Present:** J. Ruley and P. Reyes

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#### AGENDA

**Meeting Called to Order:** President Rabinowitz called the meeting to order at 10:11 AM.

**Pledge of Allegiance and comment:** Lizeth Garcia, a Senior, started the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Daleth Gonzalez, a Senior, expressed her appreciation for her time at TAS and recalled how her first-grade teacher's comment inspired her and helped her along her academic journey at TAS.

**Approval of Board Meeting Agenda for June 5, 2024, Motioned:** LP/PM **Approved:** Unanimously 4/0

**Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes: April 17, 2024, Motioned:** LP/LR **Approved:** 3/0 P. Morrison abstained from vote as he was not present at the April 17, 2024, meeting.

**Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes: May 22, 2024, Motioned:** LP/LR **Approved:** 3/0 L. Berz abstained from vote as she was not present at the May 22, 2024, meeting.

**Next Board Meeting**  
**Board meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2024**

**Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes: May 24, 2024, Motioned:** LP/LR **Approved:** Unanimously 4/0

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## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments on non-agenda items.

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## **STAFF PRESENTATION, REPORTS, AND ACTION ITEMS**

No Public Comments

1. Action Item - Review of Comparable Compensation Data for Charter School Heads of School/Executive Directors/CEOs. **Motion:** LR/LP **Approved:** 4/0 Unanimously approved

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## **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION AT 10:18 AM**

1. Public Employment, Title: Chief Executive Officer (CEO) (Govt. Code Section 54957)
2. Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54954.5 for School Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 99
3. Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54954.5 for United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA)

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## **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AT 11:24 AM**

1. Report out any action taken in closed session. **No action taken**
2. Oral report of executive compensation for CEO. **The search for a CEO resulted in 300 applicants, from which 20 were chosen for interviews. There were 4 semifinalists, reduced to three with one candidate withdrawing during the process. Jesse Melgares received an offer of employment subject to Board approval. Mr. Melgares will have a work schedule of 229 days per school year; a base annual salary of \$260,000; the ability to earn bonuses in 2024-25 and 2025-26, with eligibility criteria as mutually agreed upon by the Board and Mr. Melgares; paid time off of 20 days per year, accrued to a maximum of 40 days, and health and other benefits of employment as granted to TAS employees, delivered as a monthly stipend.**
3. Approval of Employment Agreement for CEO. **Motion:** LR/PM **Approved:** 4/0 Unanimously approved.

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## **Board President Comments and Reports**

No public comments

Student achievement is our focus. We want every box in blue on CA Dashboard.

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## **Staff Presentations, Reports, and Action Items**

One public comment

1. Action Item – Approve TAS Consolidated and Site Financial Reports Through April 2024 TAS/ACES/WAHS. **Review of Financial Dashboard. CBO will initiate issuance of Dashboard by site. Possible board resolution to schedule a Finance Committee meeting to discuss planned deficit spending. Motion: PM/LP Approved: 4/0 Unanimously approved**
2. Information Item - Highlights of Governor’s May Revise budget for 2024-25. **The Governor does not anticipate a recession. However, if Proposition 98's Rainy Day Fund is fully depleted, there would be additional one-time education cuts. Suspending Proposition 98 creates an obligation for the state to restore education funding to a higher level through "maintenance factor" payments.**
3. Information Item - Preliminary TAS Budget Overview for 2024-25. Budgets for 2024-25 must be submitted to LAUSD by June 14, 2024. Budget review will continue up to the time of submission, looking at trends at the object code level and strategic use of one-time funding.
4. Action Item - Variable Term Waiver Request for the 2024-25 school year - CTE teacher Mr. Marquis Martin, grades 9 through 12. Mr. Martin will be employed on the basis of this credential waiver. **Dr. Foley shared that California requires a CTE teacher to have EL authorization. This is a hard-to-fill position. Motion: LR/LP Approval: 4/0 Unanimously approved.**
5. Action Item – The Board will receive a report on TAS dress codes and uniform policies and will possibly take action to approve one or both. **Review of the School Uniform presentation, which includes TAS dress codes and uniform policies for all of The Accelerated School.**

**Public comment on this agenda item:** Angelica Jimenez expressed her support for the dress code and uniform policy and requested the Board's approval. She also suggested improving the quality of food in the school cafeteria but acknowledged that she would need to be more involved with the cafeteria to provide specific feedback in the future.

**L. Picus shared that research shows that uniforms have little impact on student academic performance but he does understand the cost of not wearing a uniform and the safety of students.**

**Motion: LR/PM Approved: 4/0 Unanimously approved**

6. Action Item - The Board will consider adding one additional regular meeting to the calendar for the 2023-24 school year or rescheduling the June 20 regular meeting to an alternate date. **No action taken. The next regular Board meeting will remain scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2024.**
7. Action Item - Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the Accelerated Charter Elementary School (ACES) District CDS Code: 19 64733 0100743. **Presentation by Dr. Foley. Motion: LR/LP Approved: 4/0 Unanimously approved.**
8. Action Item -Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for The Accelerated School (TAS) District CDS Code: 19 64733 6112536. **Presentation by Dr. Foley. Motion: LR/LP Approved: 4/0 Unanimously approved.**
9. Action Item -Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the Wallis Annenberg High School (WAHS) District CDS Code: 19 64733 0100750. **Presentation by Dr. Foley. Motion: LR/LP Approved: 4/0 Unanimously approved.**

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#### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

No public comments

The Board will hold a public hearing to solicit the recommendations and comments of members of the public regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed to be included in each charter school's Local Control and Accountability Plan (ACES).

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No public comments

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**CONSENT ITEMS FOR BOARD APPROVAL**

**Items 1-4 Motion:** PM/LR **Approved:** 4/0 Unanimously approved

1. Board will consider approving contract with Panorama Education to provide special education-related services (Student Success Platform (analytics), Panorama Survey Platform, and professional development)
2. Board will consider ratifying contract with EduTech to provide shared services/network support.
3. Board will consider ratifying contract with EduTech to provide cybersecurity services.
4. Board will consider ratifying contract with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore to provide legal services.

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**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION 12:21 PM**

1. Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Govt. Code Section 54956.9: (1 case)
2. Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation (Paragraph (1) subdivision (d) of Govt. Code Section 54956.9) Case #20STCV25735
3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation Pursuant to Govt. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) - Name of Case: Student ID #15159

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**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION 12:52 PM**

1. Report out any action taken in closed session. **No action taken during closed session.**

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**ADJOURN 12:52 PM**

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