

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room
1 p.m., Tuesday, October 11, 2022

The Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles, acting as the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at the Los Angeles City Board of Education Administrative Offices, Board Room, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Michael A. McLean, Executive Officer of the Board of Education called the meeting to order at 1:44 p.m.

The following Board Members were present: Dr. George J. McKenna III, Ms. Mónica García, Mr. Scott Schmerelson, Mr. Nick Melvoin, Ms. Jackie Goldberg, Ms. Tanya Ortiz Franklin and Board President Kelly Gonez. Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho and Student Board Member Nate Shin were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Students of Beethoven Elementary School.

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORTS

STUDENT VOICES

Board President Gonez introduced the Sean Starsky, 8th Grade Hesby Leadership Academy student, Ella Salim, 12th Grade GALA student, and Valeria Chavez, 12th Grade Jefferson High School student to share the resources they are using as they pursue their college and career aspirations.

LABOR PARTNERS

Mr. Max Arias, Executive Director, SEIU Local 99 and union members highlighted the impact and importance of the various positions represented under SEIU. Members of SEIU urged the Board Members and Superintendent to reconsider the school calendar change.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Ortiz Franklin, Innovation Committee Chair, gave updates on the status and work of the committee.

Mr. Schmerelson, Special Education Committee Chair, gave updates on the status and work of the committee.

Mr. Schmerelson, Family Engagement and Community Committee Chair, gave updates on the status and work of the committee.

Ms. Jackie Goldberg, Curriculum and Instruction Committee Chair, shared that the committee will have their first meeting on October 27th.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Student Board Member Shin shared updates on the Individualized Graduation Plan (IGP) and the Preliminary SAT.

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President Gonez resumed the Order of Business.

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CONSENT ITEMS

NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION (On Consent):

- Tab 1. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 049 – 22/23
Procurement Contracts

Amended to Withdraw Items A and K
- Tab 2. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 016 – 22/23
Facilities Contract Actions
- Tab 3. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 050 – 22/23
Report of Cash Disbursements Donation of Money and Materials
- Tab 4. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 063 – 22/23
Routine Personnel Actions

CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS:

- Tab 6. Report of Correspondence including Williams Settlement Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report Summary (ROC-003-22/23)

The Public Hearing statement was read later in the meeting.

BOARD MEMBER RESOLUTION FOR ACTION:

- Tab 9. Ms. Goldberg, Ms. García, Mr. Schmerelson, Mr. Melvoin, Ms. Ortiz Franklin, Ms. Gonez, Mr. Shin - Celebrating National Coming Out Day, Family Matters – 2022 (Res-005-22/23) (Waiver of Board Rule 72)

Whereas, Some states in the U.S. are passing anti-gay, and anti-trans legislation;

Whereas, In the United States Supreme Court, one member of the Court has expressed the wish to repeal same-gender marriage rights;

Whereas, There still remains a great deal of discrimination and prejudice against people who are not heterosexual, including employment and housing;

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District models, advocates and promotes the safe and respectful treatment of all our members;

Whereas, October 11th as National Coming Out Day, was established in 1988 for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals and their families, friends and allies to promote a safe and affirming world;

Whereas, Over 3 million children have an LGBTQ+ parent;

Whereas, Over 10% of student respondents on the LAUSD School Experience Survey self-identified as sexual or gender diverse;

Whereas, Family is instrumental in imbuing self-esteem and positive character development;

Whereas, Research by the Family Acceptance Project reveals that the risk factors commonly associated with LGBTQ+ youth are dramatically reduced when families are affirming;

Whereas, LAUSD launched OUT for Safe Schools in 2013 to ensure consistently safe and affirming spaces for all students, staff and families;

Whereas, Human Relations, Diversity and Equity offers resources for trainings, consultation, activities, lessons, for and about LGBTQ concerns and is committed to fostering a safe and respectful District, school and community culture; and

Whereas, We reaffirm our commitment to the 1988 resolution Respectful Treatment of All Persons by recognizing National Coming Out Day; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By recognizing October 11th as National Coming Out Day, we the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District support policies, practices and curriculum that honor and respect lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning staff, students and their families; and be it finally

Resolved, That we the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District recognize Family Matters for the 2022 National Coming Out Day and OUT for Safe Schools.

The following speakers addressed the Board on Consent Items:

Board of Education Report No. 049 – 22/23, Procurement Contracts

- Aidan Geronimus, Jobs to Move America
- Joe Sullivan, IBEW/NECA
- Yasmine Agelidis, Earth Justice
- Rebecca Schenker, Parents for COVID-Safe Schools
- Eloisa Galindo, Community Member
- Karina Murillo, Community Member
- Hector Huevo, Jobs to Move America

Board of Education Report No. 063 – 22/23, Routine Personnel Actions

- Rosalba Villanueva, Community Member

Report of Correspondence No. 003-22/23, Report of Correspondence including Williams Settlement Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report Summary

Mr. McLean made the following statement:

Before action is taken on the Report of Correspondence including Williams Settlement Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report Summary from the Director of the Educational Equity Compliance Office, a public hearing must be held.

This constitutes a public hearing on the report, and a maximum of 12 individuals who wish to address the Board on this item will be heard. Those who wish to speak and have not already signed-up should sign-up on the speaker website, speakers will be called by name.

- David Tokofsky, Community Member

Board Members commented and asked questions on the consent calendar.

Ms. García moved that the Consent Items be adopted with the following amendments:

- Board of Education Report No. 049 – 22/23, Procurement Contracts, Amended to Withdraw Items A and K

Ms. Gonez seconded the motion, which on roll call vote was adopted, 7 ayes. Mr. Shin recorded an advisory aye vote.

Ms. Ortiz Franklin recorded a no vote on Item I of Board of Education Report No. 049 – 22/23, Procurement Contracts, and an aye on all other report items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following speakers addressed the Board on the following topics:

- Lili Mitre, Equitas Academy
- Marc Wutschke, Former LAUSD Teacher
- Maria Palma, Community Member
- Lucy Garcia, Climate Curricula Committee of the Climate Reality Project
- Aida Vega, Parent Representative
- Natasha Urias, Division of Adult and Career Education
- Judith Mendoza, Unpaid Employee
- Eddie Torres, Unpaid Employee
- Jay Proano, Charter Middle School Teacher

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Superintendent Carvalho and Ms. Pia Sadaqatmal provided an update for the systemic implementation of the 2022-26 Strategic Plan; which was approved on June 21, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION

Tab 5. **BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 055 – 22/23**
Provisional Internship Permits

Ms. García moved that Board of Education Report No. 055 – 22/23 be adopted. Ms. Gonez seconded the motion.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

- David Tokofsky, Community Member

On roll call vote, the report was adopted. The vote was 7 ayes. Student Board Member Shin recorded an advisory aye vote.

Tab 8. **BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 002 – 22/23**
Revised Instructional Calendar for the 2022-2023 School Year

Ms. Goldberg moved that Board of Education Report No. 002 – 22/23 be adopted. Mr. Schmerelson seconded the motion.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

- Rones Pestes, Community Member
- Maria Daisy Ortiz, LAUSD Parent

On roll call vote, the report was adopted. The vote was 7 ayes. Student Board Member Shin recorded an advisory aye vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Tab 7. **CHARTER PETITIONS FOR PUBLIC HEARING NO. 006 – 22/23**

Mr. McLean made the following statement:

This constitutes a public hearing for Equitas Academy 7 and Vista Legacy Global Academy.

A maximum of 12 individuals who wish to address the Board on this item will be heard. Those who wish to speak should sign-up in the rear of the Board Room. Speakers will be called by name.

The Board will be taking action on the charter petition at a subsequent meeting. Petitions denied may be submitted directly to the Los Angeles County Office of Education or directly to the State for action.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

- Adalid Gonzalez, Equitas Academy Charter Schools
- Yahaira Perez, Equitas Academy Charter Schools
- Carla Perez, Equitas Academy Charter Schools
- Cecilia Melgares, Equitas Academy Charter Schools
- Robert Spencer, Equitas Academy Charter Schools
- Brenda Campos, Equitas Academy Charter Schools
- Sofia Roditti, Equitas Academy Charter Schools
- Adriana Perez, Equitas Academy Charter Schools
- Anita Baltazar-Juarez, Equitas Academy Charter Schools
- Ebony Wyatt, Equitas Academy Charter Schools
- Dr. Donald Wilson, Vista Charter Public Schools
- Dr. Collin Felch, Vista Charter Public Schools
- Karen Amaya, Vista Charter Public Schools
- Gloria Morales, Vista Charter Public Schools
- Anthony Pena, Vista Charter Public Schools
- Samuel Salas, Vista Charter Public Schools
- David Tokofsky, Community Member

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schmerelson moved that the meeting be adjourned in honor of Mr. Sofronio Ronnie Platon, Buildings and Grounds Worker at Beckford Charter School for Enriched Studies.

Ms. García adjourned in celebration of the life of Mr. Art Laboe, the recognized DJ who desegregated the airwaves and to unite loved ones through live dedications and “Oldies but Goodies”.

The motion to adjourn was approved by general consent.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

APPROVED BY BOARD: **June 20, 2023**



KELLY GONEZ
PRESIDENT



MICHAEL A. MCLEAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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