

**Los Angeles Unified School District
Parent and Community Services
Community Advisory Committee
Minutes
May 19, 2021**

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Ms. Mosko was not present and Ms. Zamora chaired the meeting. She called the meeting to order at 1:08PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Rocio Elorza, CAC Member, led the Pledge of Allegiance at 1:08 pm.

III. Public Comment

Ariel Harman-Holmes, Parliamentarian, oversaw public comment at 1:09 pm. PAC Chair Paul Robak encouraged members not to block the bylaws. Miho Murai of CAPCA commented that she wanted the CAC to address the lack of in-person assessments conducted during the pandemic.

IV. Material Overview

Mayra Zamora, Vice Chairperson and Acting Chair, reviewed the materials for today's meeting.

V. CAC Chairperson's Report

The CAC Chairperson's Report was not presented live due to Ms. Mosko's absence.

VI. Greetings from LAUSD Board of Education Member

Kelly Gonez, LAUSD Board of Education President: Announced the interim Superintendent, the fact that Beutner is stepping down, and will share next steps for searching for a permanent replacement. She shared her experiences seeing schools reopen. The Board has had ongoing conversations about how to support students – “Path to Recovery” conversations. There has been a large influx of state and federal funds to help recovery. They're focusing on accelerated learning and supporting teachers and support staff. She stated the CAC will be important as they plan how to help special education students. She mentioned block grants to schools and other future Board actions. Finally, the Board approved the universal preschool motion.

VII. Student Presentations

Student members shared their experiences serving on the CAC. They shared how much they learned about special education and some suggestions for the future.

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VIII. Roll Call/Establish Quorum

Ariel Harman-Holmes, Parliamentarian acting as Secretary, conducted roll call for the establishment of the quorum. A quorum was established with 23 members.

IX. Division of Special Education Update

Marco Tolj, Director, shared an update from the Division of Special Education. A Q&A session followed. Topics discussed included an update on IEP meetings held, IEP assessments conducted, LAUSD face mask accommodation and exemption process, extended school year, and Career and Transition Centers.

X. Presentation on Inclusion, Division of Special Education

Lela Rondeau, Veronica Mullen, Jennifer Cornwell, Leo Gonzalez, and Kristin Brooks gave a presentation on Inclusion followed by a question and answer session. The topics included defining inclusion, the benefits of inclusion for both disabled and abled students, the supports provided to schools to encourage inclusion, creating school plans for inclusion, collaboration with specialists, organizations, and colleges and universities, funding for inclusive practices, the Universal Design for Learning, and success stories.

XI. Unfinished Business – Review CAC Bylaws for Future Approval

Ariel Harman-Holmes, Chair of the Ad-Hoc Bylaws Committee, presented the draft of the amended bylaws. All substantive changes were presented in detail.

During this presentation, it came to the CAC's attention that there were no longer enough CAC members present to constitute a quorum. The Parliamentarian ruled that the rest of the agenda apart from Approval of Minutes could be completed because the remaining items were not action items requiring a vote. The Parliamentarian also ruled that the vote on the motion to extend the meeting was valid despite loss of quorum because it was a vote on an administrative matter and not on a substantive matter. However, after confusion caused by remarks from staff members from Parent and Community Services, the agenda was not completed.

XII. Approval of Minutes April 21, 2021

Minutes were not brought before the CAC for approval because quorum was lost.

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XIII. Reactivate the Legislation Ad Hoc Committee

This agenda item was not brought before the CAC due to the loss of quorum, over the Parliamentarian's ruling that the agenda should be completed. This item did not require CAC action because it had already been activated by majority vote at a prior meeting. The Legislation Ad Hoc will meet going forward during the Parent Ambassadors time slot.

XIV. Parent and Community Services Update

Antonio Plascencia, Administrator, shared updates pertinent to parent committees and CAC. He extended appreciation to CAC members and wants to know if any family needs help during the holiday season. His office is working to coordinate how family engagement will continue during distance learning. PCS has been working to engage stakeholders in the budget development process and hosting a series of meetings including those related to Parliamentary Procedures and Access, Equity and Acceleration. The district has been working to organize Covid-19 testing for students and family members. He reminded CAC members of the upcoming Board of Education meetings.

XV. New Business for Possible Action at Future Meetings – Ratify Bylaw Changes, Approve IEP Workshop

This agenda item was not completed.

XVI. Announcements from members and PCS staff

This agenda item was not completed.

XVII. Adjournment

Mayra Zamora, Vice-Chair acting as Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ariel Harman-Holmes