

APPROVED

Desert Sands Charter High School

Minutes

Operated by Desert Sands Public Charter, Inc. Special
Board Meeting

A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation

Date and Time

Tuesday December 15, 2020 at 11:00 AM

Location

Conference Line: (661) 249-6805 Code:525676

MEETING LOGISTICS

On March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Executive Order allows state bodies covered by the Brown Act to hold public meetings via teleconferencing. The public is encouraged to participate in the meeting telephonically by dialing the conference line listed above and may submit written comments for prior consideration to the board members. Comments can be submitted to vmendoza@dschs.org. Public comment on the day of the meeting can also be given during the "Public Comment" section of the meeting agenda.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY

Please see the "Accommodations" notice below.

REMINDER

As required by state law (SB 126), this meeting will be audio recorded and posted on the charter school's website.

Directors Present

Dana Clark (remote), James Lott (remote), Marvin D. Smith (remote), Michael R Adams (remote), Ruth Escarcega Newell (remote)

Directors Absent

None

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Michael R Adams called a meeting of the board of directors of Desert Sands Charter High School to order on Tuesday Dec 15, 2020 @ 11:00 AM.

Board President Adams read aloud the notices regarding meeting logistics, accommodations, and audio recording.

B. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Board Member Smith.

D. Staff Introductions

Jeff Brown, CEO
Jeff Martineau, VP Charter Relations
Taera Childers, Area Superintendent
Tanisha Hamberlin, Principal
Connie Petit, Director of Special Programs
Bill Thompson, School Legal Counsel
Michelle Lopez, Legal Counsel, LLAC

E. Approve Agenda for the December 15, 2020, Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

Ruth Escarcega Newell made a motion to approve the Agenda for the December 15, 2020, Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Marvin D. Smith seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Dana Clark	Aye
Ruth Escarcega Newell	Aye
Michael R Adams	Aye
James Lott	Aye
Marvin D. Smith	Aye

II. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

At this time, members of the public may address the Board on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board, whether or not the item is on the agenda. If you would like to participate in public comment, you must have signed in before the commencement of the meeting. Also, our teleconference line is open to members of the public who wish to participate in public comment. The time allotted per presentation will not exceed three (3) minutes, except in the case where a member of the public utilizes a translator, in which case the time allotted will not exceed six (6) minutes. The total time allotted for public comments will not exceed eighteen (18) minutes per agenda item, or ten (10) minutes for non-agenda items. In accordance with the Brown Act, no action may occur at this time but it is the Board's prerogative to hold a brief discussion, provide information to the public, provide direction to staff, or schedule the matter for a future meeting.

Board President Adams asked if there were any members of the public attending the meeting who wished to offer public comment.

There were no members of the public in attendance and no written comments were received.

III. Closed Session

A. Adjourn Open Public Board Meeting to go into Closed Session

James Lott made a motion to adjourn the Open Public Board Meeting to go into Closed Session regarding Confidential Student Expulsion Case # 2020-01.

Ruth Escarcega Newell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Marvin D. Smith Aye
James Lott Aye
Michael R Adams Aye
Dana Clark Aye
Ruth Escarcega Newell Aye

B. Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene Board Meeting

Ruth Escarcega Newell made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and reconvene the Open Public Board Meeting.

James Lott seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Dana Clark Aye
Michael R Adams Aye
James Lott Aye
Ruth Escarcega Newell Aye
Marvin D. Smith Aye

C. Report of Action Taken or Recommendations Made in Closed Session, if any

Board President Adams reported that on a motion made by Ruth Newell and Seconded by James Lott, with a 5-0 vote, in student expulsion case 2020-01, the recommendation of expulsion was approved.

IV. Additional Corporate Officers and Board Members' Observations and Comments.

A. Observations and Comments

There were no additional comments.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Ruth Escarcega Newell made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Marvin D. Smith seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Ruth Escarcega Newell Aye
James Lott Aye
Michael R Adams Aye
Dana Clark Aye
Marvin D. Smith Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Escarcega Newell

Accommodations. Requests for disability-related modifications or accommodations, or translation services, in order to enable all individuals to participate in the Charter School's

open and public meetings shall be made by contacting Soliman Villapando at (661) 272-1225 at least twenty four (24) hours before the scheduled meeting.

Non-Discrimination. The Charter School prohibits discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on the actual or perceived characteristics of disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, national origin, ancestry, race or ethnicity, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, immigration status, potential or actual parental, family or marital status, age, or association with an individual who has any of the aforementioned characteristics, or any other basis protected by federal, state or local law.

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