

Desert Sands Charter High School

Regular Board Meeting

Operated by Desert Sands Public Charter, Inc., A California
NonProfit Public Benefit Corporation

Date and Time

Monday April 24, 2023 at 3:30 PM PDT

Location

Meeting Location:

177 Holston Drive, Lancaster, CA 93535

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MEETING LOGISTICS

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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.

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			3:30 PM
Opening Items			
A. Call the Meeting to Order		Michael R Adams	
B. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum		Michael R Adams	

Members of the Board Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Michael R. Adams, Board President
Ruth Escarcega Newell, Board Secretary
Marvin D. Smith, Board Member
Dana Clark, Board Member
James Lott, Board Member

Learning Centers Roll Call:

44130 20th Street West, Lancaster, CA 93534
16921 E. Avenue O, Suite H, Lake Los Angeles, CA 93591

C. Pledge of Allegiance		Michael R Adams	
D. Staff Introductions		Michael R Adams	

At this time, staff members will be invited to state their names and titles.

E. Approve Agenda for the April 24, 2023, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors	Vote	Michael R Adams	
F. Approve Minutes of the March 8, 2023, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors	Approve Minutes	Michael R Adams	

II. Consent Agenda

All items listed under consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and consistent with approved policies and practices of the Charter School. The Board will be asked to approve all of the consent agenda items by a single vote unless requested by a Board member to be discussed and considered for action separately.

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
A. Consent Agenda Items	Vote	Michael R Adams	

1. The Board will be asked to approve the revised Employee Handbook
2. The Board will be asked to approve the revised COVID-19 Plan for Resuming In-Person Instruction, an addendum to the school's Health and Safety Plan

III. 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. The time allotted per presentation will not exceed three (3) minutes, unless a member of the public utilizes a translator, in which case the time allotted will not exceed six (6) minutes. 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.

A. Public Comment	FYI	Michael R Adams	
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IV. School Reports and Information

A. Area Superintendent Update	FYI	Taera Childers	
B. 2022–2023 Eligibility for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) School Assistance Under the Federal Every Student Succeeds Act	FYI	Taera Childers	
C. LCAP Goals and Metrics	FYI	Alex Morris	
D. School Survey Report	FYI	Alex Morris	
E. Finance Update	FYI	Guita Sharifi	
F. Legislative Update	FYI	Bob Morales	
G. 2023-2024 Board Meeting Dates	FYI	Michael R Adams	

V. Action Items

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
A. The Board will be asked to approve entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Paraclete High School to provide instruction to students	Vote	Taera Childers	
B. The Board will be asked to approve entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Antelope Valley Union High School District to provide instruction to students	Vote	Taera Childers	
C. The Board will be asked to approve the Declaration of Need (DON) forms as a prerequisite to the issuance of an emergency permit and/or limited assignment permit for teachers at the School for the 2023-2024 School Year per California Code of Regulations §80026	Vote	Taera Childers	

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

A. Observations and Comments	FYI	Michael R Adams	
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VII. Closed Session

A. Adjourn open public Board meeting to go into closed session	Vote	Michael R Adams	
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1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1).)
Name of Case: Selena Villegas vs. Desert Sands Public Charter, Inc. et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number: 22STCV24453

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2).): (1 matter)

3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
(Government Code section 54957(b)(1).)
Title: Area Superintendent

B. Adjourn closed session and reconvene to open public Board meeting	Vote	Michael R Adams	
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	Purpose	Presenter	Time
C. Report of action taken or recommendations made in closed session, if any	FYI	Michael R Adams	

VIII. Closing Items

A. Next Regular Board Meeting Date: May 31, 2023, 3:00pm	FYI	Michael R Adams	
B. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Michael R Adams	

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