

# Desert Sands Charter High School

## Regular Board Meeting

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

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### Date and Time

Monday April 15, 2024 at 3:30 PM PDT

### Location

**Meeting Location:** 177 Holston Drive, Lancaster, CA 93535

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### MEETING LOGISTICS

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### 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.

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## Agenda

|   | Purpose  | Presenter       | Time            |
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| <b>I. Opening Items</b>   |  |                 | <b>3:30 PM</b>  |
| Opening Items   |  |                 |                 |
| <b>A.</b>   | Call the Meeting to Order  | Michael R Adams |                 |
| <b>B.</b>   | Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum  | Michael R Adams |                 |
| <b>Members of the Board Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum</b>                   |  |                 |                 |
| Michael R. Adams, Board President   |  |                 |                 |
| Ruth Escarcega Newell, Board Secretary  |  |                 |                 |
| Marvin D. Smith, Board Member   |  |                 |                 |
| Dana Clark, Board Member  |  |                 |                 |
| James Lott, Board Member  |  |                 |                 |
| <b>Learning Centers Roll Call:</b>  |  |                 |                 |
| 44130 20th Street West, Lancaster, CA 93534   |  |                 |                 |
| 16921 E. Avenue O, Suite H, Lake Los Angeles, CA 93591                              |  |                 |                 |
| <b>C.</b>   | Pledge of Allegiance   | Michael R Adams |                 |
| <b>D.</b>   | Staff Introductions  | Michael R Adams |                 |
| <i>At this time, staff members will be invited to state their names and titles.</i> |  |                 |                 |
| <b>E.</b>   | Approve Agenda for the April 15, 2024, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors    | Vote            | Michael R Adams |
| <b>F.</b>   | Approve Minutes of the February 20, 2024, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors | Approve Minutes | Michael R Adams |
| <b>G.</b>   | Approve Minutes of the March 4, 2024, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors     | Approve Minutes | Michael R Adams |
| <b>II. Consent Agenda</b>   |  |                 |                 |

*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*

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| <i>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.</i> |         |           |      |

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| A. Consent Agenda Items | Vote | Michael R Adams |  |
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1. The Board will be asked to approve the revised Uniform Complaint Policy and Procedures
2. The Board will be asked to approve the revised Academic Integrity and Plagiarism Policy, an update to the school’s 2024-2025 Parent-Student Handbook

### 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.*

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

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| A. Finance Update   | FYI | Guita Sharifi             |  |
| B. Legislative Update   | FYI | Bob Morales/Bill Thompson |  |
| C. Area Superintendent Update   | FYI | Victor Nardiello          |  |
| D. Local Control and Accountability Plan Goals and Metrics  | FYI | Alex Morris               |  |
| E. School Survey Report   | FYI | Victor Nardiello          |  |
| F. CDE Notification of 2022-2023 Annual Determination Pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Selection for 2023-2024 Special Education Monitoring Activities | FYI | Memry Molina              |  |
| G. 2024-2025 Draft Board Meeting Dates  | FYI | Michael R Adams           |  |

**V. Action Items**

- A.** The Board will be asked to approve the amended Conflict of Interest Code Vote Jeff Martineau
- B.** 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 2024-2025 School Year per California Code of Regulations §80026 Vote Victor Nardiello

**VI. Additional Corporate Officers and Board Members’ Observations and Comments**

- A.** Observations and Comments FYI Michael R Adams

**VII. Closed Session**

- A.** Adjourn open public Board meeting to go into closed session Vote Michael R Adams

- 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. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
(Government Code section 54957(b)(1).)  
Title: Superintendent
- 3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR  
(Government Code section 54957.6)  
Agency designated representative: Steve Churchwell or Jenni Krengel  
Unrepresented Employee: Area Superintendent

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

**VIII. Action Item**

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| A. The Board will be asked to review and approve the salary range for Area Superintendent compensation | Vote    | Bill Thompson |      |

**IX. Closing Items**

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| A. Next Regular Board Meeting Date: May 30, 2024, 3:00pm | FYI  | Michael R Adams |  |
| B. Adjourn Meeting                                       | Vote | Michael R Adams |  |

**Accommodations.** All meetings of the Board of Directors are held in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. 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.

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