

Desert Sands Charter High School

Regular Board Meeting

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

Date and Time

Thursday April 10, 2025 at 3:30 PM PDT

Location

Meeting Location: 177 Holston Drive, Lancaster, CA 93535

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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	
<i>At this time, staff members will be invited to state their names and titles.</i>			
E. Approve Agenda for the April 10, 2025, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors	Vote	Michael R Adams	
F. Approve Minutes of the February 18, 2025, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors	Approve Minutes	Michael R Adams	
G. Approve Minutes of the March 4, 2025, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors	Approve Minutes	Michael R Adams	
II. Consent Agenda			

Purpose

Presenter

Time

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.

A.	Consent Agenda Items	Vote	Michael R Adams
	1. The Board will be asked to approve the 2025-26 Parent-Student Handbook		
	2. The Board will be asked to approve the revised Suspension and Expulsion Policy and Procedure		
	3. The Board will be asked to approve the revised Title IX Policy Prohibiting Discrimination on the Basis of Sex		
	4. The Board will be asked to approve the revised Harassment, Intimidation, Discrimination and Bullying Policy		
	5. The Board will be asked to approve the revised Service Animal Policy		

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.	Finance Update	FYI	Guita Sharifi
B.	Area Superintendent Update	FYI	Victor Nardiello
C.	California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) Implementation Grant Update	FYI	Alex Morris
D.	Local Control and Accountability Plan Goals and Metrics	FYI	Alex Morris
E.	School Survey Report	FYI	Alex Morris

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F. CDE Notification of 2023-2024 Annual Determination Pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Selection for 2024-2025 Special Education Monitoring Activities	FYI	Memry Molina	
G. Current Vendor List	FYI	Victor Nardiello	
H. 2025-2026 Board Meeting Dates	FYI	Michael R Adams	
V. Public Hearing			
A. Open Public Hearing	Vote	Michael R Adams	
B. The Board will hold a public hearing to solicit the recommendations and comments of members of the public regarding the revised Personalized Learning Policy	Discuss	Victor Nardiello	
C. Close Public Hearing	Vote	Michael R Adams	
VI. Action Items			
A. The Board will be asked to approve the revised Personalized Learning Policy	Vote	Victor Nardiello	
B. The Board will be asked to approve the revised Charter School Accounting Manual	Vote	Guita Sharifi	
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 2025-2026 School Year per California Code of Regulations §80026	Vote	Victor Nardiello	
VII. Additional Corporate Officers and Board Members' Observations and Comments			
A. Observations and Comments	FYI	Michael R Adams	
VIII. Closed Session			

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
A. Adjourn open public Board meeting to go into closed session	Vote	Michael R Adams	
<p>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</p> <p>2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code section 54957(b)(1).) Title: Superintendent</p>			
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	

IX. Closing Items

A. Next Regular Board Meeting Date: June 5, 2025, 3:00pm	FYI	Michael R Adams	
B. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Michael R Adams	

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