

APPROVED

Desert Sands Charter High School

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

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

Date and Time

Thursday June 5, 2025 at 2:30 PM

Location

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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, James Lott, Marvin D. Smith, Michael R Adams, Ruth Escarcega Newell

Directors Absent

None

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

Ruth Escarcega Newell

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

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

Michael R Adams called a meeting of the board of directors of Desert Sands Charter High School to order on Thursday Jun 5, 2025 at 2:30 PM.

B. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Board President Adams performed a board member roll call, and a quorum was established.

Board President Adams then introduced Jillian Rojas, who performed a roll call of the learning center locations that joined the meeting via a two-way teleconference line.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Smith led the pledge of allegiance.

D. Staff Introductions

Jeff Brown, CEO

Jeri Vincent, Corporate Secretary

Shellie Hanes, Superintendent

Jenny Bonilla, Principal

Karen Aguirre, Assistant Principal

Victor Nardiello, Area Superintendent

Bill Thompson, Legal Counsel

Alex Morris, State and Federal Programs Coordinator

Claudio Wohl, Sr. VP of Finance, LLAC

E. Approve Agenda for the June 5, 2025, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors

Dana Clark made a motion to approve Agenda for the June 5, 2025, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Marvin D. Smith seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

F. Approve Minutes of the April 10, 2025, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors

Dana Clark made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 04-10-25.

James Lott seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

II. Consent Agenda

A. Consent Agenda Items

Board President announced the following consent agenda items:

1. The Board will be asked to accept the Uniform Complaints Report for the 2024-2025 school year: 0 Complaints Received.
2. The Board will be asked to approve the revised School Safety Plan.

President Adams then asked if any member would like to discuss any of the agenda items for action separately. Hearing none, Mr. Adams asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items.

Marvin D. Smith made a motion to approve the consent agenda items.
James Lott seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Marvin D. Smith	Aye
Dana Clark	Aye
Michael R Adams	Aye

Roll Call

James Lott Aye
Ruth Escarcega Newell Absent

III. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

Board President Adams read the following announcement for members of the public:

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.

Board President Adams asked if there were any members of the public who wished to offer public comment. There were no members of the public who offered public comment or submitted written comment.

IV. School Reports and Information

A. Finance Update

Claudio Wohl directed the board to the Hanmi Bank Revolving Line of Credit (RLOC) financial update included in the board packet and reviewed the school's credit amount including the current interest rate of 8.0%, which is lower than the previous RLOC update provided to the board. Mr. Wohl then reviewed the expiration date, the current RLOC withdrawal amount, and the RLOC covenants ratios.

Mr. Wohl also provided the board with an update on the school's line of credit with LLAC, including the current interest rate of 6% and the current balance.

Board President Adams thanked Mr. Wohl.

B. Area Superintendent Update

Victor Nardiello greeted the board and discussed the school's learning period 10 data, including Average Daily Attendance (ADA), enrollment, overall credit completion, and core credit completion. He then shared pictures from the school's recent graduation ceremony. Board President Adams thanked Mr. Nardiello.

C. Report on Mathematics Placement Results

Mr. Nardiello reminded the board that the California Mathematics Placement Act of 2015 required the board to adopt "a fair, objective, and transparent mathematics placement

policy.” The policy addresses students entering ninth grade and includes multiple academic measures, an early-year placement checkpoint, annual data review to prevent bias, an appeals process, and public posting on each school’s website.

Mr. Nardiello then reviewed the 2024-2025 school year math placement categories for 9th graders:

- 29% of 9th grade math students placed in remedial math courses
- 66% of 9th grade math students placed in Algebra 1 (grade level course)
- 5% of 9th grade math students placed in Geometry or Algebra II (above grade level course)

Mr. Nardiello then reported all 9th grade students who took math progressed in their courses, and none were held back.

Board President Adams thanked Mr. Nardiello.

D. LCFF Local Indicators Report

Alex Morris informed the board that all schools in California are required to measure and report their performance on the local, which are based on five of the LCFF state priorities. The school uses the California Department of Education’s self-reflection tool to determine if the performance standard was met or not met.

Mr. Morris then provided a presentation on the following state priorities:

- Priority 1: Appropriately assigned teachers, access to curriculum-aligned instructional materials, and safe, clean, and functional school facilities – MET
- Priority 2: Implementation of State Academic Standards – MET
- Priority 3: Parent Engagement – MET
- Priority 6: School Climate – MET
- Priority 7: Access to a Broad Course of Study - MET

Mr. Morris then asked the board if they had any questions or comments.

Board President Adams thanked Mr. Morris.

E. Annual IRS Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax and the California return for 2023, as filed

Claudio Wohl informed the board that the corporation’s annual 990 federal tax return and the California return for 2023, which was provided to each board member, was filed timely.

Board President Adams thanked Mr. Wohl.

Ruth Escarcega Newell arrived at 2:43 PM.

F. 2025-2026 Board Meeting Dates

Board President Adams directed the board to the draft 2025-2026 regular board meeting calendar located in their board packet and requested the board to review the meeting dates and times.

V. Public Hearing

A. Open Public Hearing

Board President Adams requested a motion to open the public hearing.

Ruth Escarcega Newell made a motion to open the public hearing.

Marvin D. Smith seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Michael R Adams Aye

James Lott Aye

Ruth Escarcega Newell Aye

Marvin D. Smith Aye

Dana Clark Aye

Board President Adams announced the public hearing opened at 2:44 p.m.

B. The Board will hold a public hearing to solicit the recommendations and comments of members of the public regarding the 2025-2026 Budget Overview for Parents (BOP) and the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2025-2026 school year

Alex Morris provided a presentation on the Budget Overview for Parents and Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Annual Update. He reviewed the total projected revenue and the specific amounts coming from each funding source, including LCFF funds, state funding, and federal funding.

Mr. Morris then reviewed the supplemental and concentration grants portion of LCFF funding the school is projected to receive for increased or improved services for high-needs students. He explained these funds are generated based on the enrollment of unduplicated students, including foster youth, English learners, and low-income students.

Next, Mr. Morris reviewed the school's proposed four LCAP goals and actions for the 2025-2026 school year.

- Goal 1 – Increase Academic Progress.
- Goal 2 – Students Will Gain Skills for College and Career Readiness.
- Goal 3 – Increase Student Retention.
- Goal 4 – Increase Educational Partner Engagement.

Lastly, Mr. Morris discussed the school's successes, identified needs, and comprehensive support and improvement from the 2024-2025 school year LCAP goals and actions. He

concluded her presentation and asked for questions or comments from members of the public and the board members.

C. Close Public Hearing

Board President Adams thanked Mr. Morris for his report. Hearing no further questions or comments, Mr. Adams requested a motion.

Dana Clark made a motion to close the public hearing.

Marvin D. Smith seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Ruth Escarcega Newell Aye

James Lott Aye

Dana Clark Aye

Michael R Adams Aye

Marvin D. Smith Aye

Board President Adams announced the public hearing closed at 2:48 p.m.

VI. Action Items

A. The Board will be asked to approve the 2025-2026 Budget Overview for Parents (BOP) and Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2025-2026 school year

Alex Morris recommended the board approve the 2025-2026 Budget Overview for Parents (BOP) and the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2025-2026 school year that was shared during the Public Hearing.

James Lott made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Budget Overview for Parents (BOP) and Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2025-2026 school year.

Ruth Escarcega Newell seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Marvin D. Smith Aye

Dana Clark Aye

Ruth Escarcega Newell Aye

James Lott Aye

Michael R Adams Aye

B. The Board will be asked to confirm its acknowledgment that Michael R. Adams, Ruth Escarcega Newell, Marvin D. Smith, Dana Clark and James Lott, have been reappointed as members of the Board of Directors by Educational Advancement Corporation, the sole member of Desert Sands Public Charter, Inc., for the term July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

Bill Thompson reported to the board that the Board of Directors of Educational Advancement Corporation (EAC), the sole member of Desert Sands Public Charter, Inc.,

has acted to reappoint Michael R. Adams, Ruth Escarcega Newell, Marvin D. Smith, Dana Clark and James Lott, as members of the Desert Sands Charter High School Board of Directors for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Mr. Thompson then recommended the board vote to confirm its acknowledgment of EAC's action to reappoint the board members.

Board President Adams thanked Mr. Thompson and asked for a motion.

Ruth Escarcega Newell made a motion to confirm the board's acknowledgment that Michael R. Adams, Ruth Escarcega Newell, Marvin D. Smith, Dana Clark and James Lott, have been reappointed as members of the Board of Directors by Educational Advancement Corporation, the sole member of Desert Sands Public Charter, Inc., for the term July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Marvin D. Smith seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

C. 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

Victor Nardiello directed the board to the MOU with Antelope Valley Union High School District located in their board package. Mr. Nardiello reminded the board that the school has established a very successful partnership with Antelope Valley Union High School District to provide enrichment courses for students. Mr. Nardiello then explained that Antelope Valley Union High School District and the school will work cooperatively to ensure that the classes meet Antelope Valley Union High School District and state academic credit requirements, and that all eligible students who enroll and participate meet state requirements for charter school attendance accounting purposes. Mr. Nardiello recommended the board approve the Student Enrichment and Credit Recovery agreement to provide opportunities for students.

Board President Adams thanked Mr. Nardiello and asked for a motion.

Marvin D. Smith made a motion to approve entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Antelope Valley Union High School District to provide instruction to students.

James Lott seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

James Lott	Aye
Michael R Adams	Aye
Ruth Escarcega Newell	Aye

Roll Call

Dana Clark	Aye
Marvin D. Smith	Aye

D. The Board will be asked to approve entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Paraclete High School to provide instruction to students

Victor Nardiello directed the board to the MOU with Paraclete High School located in their board package. Mr. Nardiello reminded the board that the school has established a very successful partnership with Paraclete High School to provide enrichment courses for students. Mr. Nardiello then explained that Paraclete High School and the school will work cooperatively to ensure that the classes meet Paraclete High School and state academic credit requirements, and that all eligible students who enroll and participate meet state requirements for charter school attendance accounting purposes. Mr. Nardiello recommended the board approve the Student Enrichment and Credit Recovery agreement to provide opportunities for students

Board President Adams thanked Mr. Nardiello and asked for a motion.

Ruth Escarcega Newell made a motion to approve entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Paraclete High School to provide instruction to students.

Dana Clark seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

E. The Board will be asked to approve the Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding Annual Report for fiscal year 2024-25

Victor Nardiello informed the board as a condition of receipt of the Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) funds, the school annually submits a report for board approval on the details of the type of arts education programs funded by the program, the number of full-time equivalent teachers, classified personnel, and teaching aides, the number of pupils served, and the number of school sites providing arts education programs with those funds. Mr. Nardiello then provided the board with a summary of the AMS annual report included in the board packet and recommended the board approve the annual report for the 2024-2025 school year.

Board President Adams thanked Mr. Nardiello and asked for a motion.

James Lott made a motion to approve the Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding Annual Report for fiscal year 2024-25.

Marvin D. Smith seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

F. The Board will be asked to approve revisions to Diploma Path 2 – Special Circumstances for students aged 19 or older who are at risk of not graduating due to extenuating life circumstances, and Diploma Path 3 – Special Programs for protected student populations (state minimum)

Victor Nardiello directed the board to the information located in their board packet regarding proposed revisions to diploma paths 2 and 3. She explained the school is requesting approval to revise Diploma Path 2 for students aged 19 or older and who are at risk of not graduating due to extenuating circumstances. The proposed changes reduce the credit requirements from 170 to 140, which also brings the total closer to the state minimum of 130. It also adds 5 credits for Work Readiness and 5 credits for Computer Literacy to ensure students graduate with essential career-preparation skills. This revision better supports older students facing barriers such as full-time employment, parenting, or relocation, as well as aligning with practices used in adult education programs across California.

Mr. Nardiello then explained the school is also requesting approval to revise Diploma Path 3. Path 3 eligibility will be limited to students identified under Assembly Bill protections, such as foster, homeless, adjudicated, or migrant students. Additionally, WIOA eligibility will be removed from this path to ensure those students are instead being served through the revised Diploma Path 2, which includes added workforce preparation components.

Pending approval, these revisions will go into effect on July 1, 2025.

The board and staff discussed the process of determining qualifications for Path 2.

Board President Adams thanked Mr. Nardiello and asked for a motion.

Ruth Escarcega Newell made a motion to approve revisions to Diploma Path 2 – Special Circumstances for students aged 19 or older who are at risk of not graduating due to extenuating life circumstances, and Diploma Path 3 – Special Programs for protected student populations (state minimum).

Marvin D. Smith seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

G. The Board will be asked to re-authorize the officers of the corporation to award discretionary incentives to employees at various sundry times

Victor Nardiello requested the board to reauthorize the Corporate Officers to award discretionary incentives to employees at various sundry times.

Board President Adams thanked Mr. Nardiello and asked for a motion.

James Lott made a motion to re-authorize the officers of the corporation to award discretionary incentives to employees at various sundry times.

Marvin D. Smith seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

H. The Board will be asked to reauthorize the Corporate Officers and Senior Administration to make all reasonable and necessary business arrangements, and enter into all reasonable and necessary transactions, including but not limited to, contracts with vendors, employees, consultants and others

Board President Adams requested a motion to reauthorize the Corporate Officers and Senior Administration to make all reasonable and necessary business arrangements, and enter into all reasonable and necessary transactions, including but not limited to, contracts with vendors, employees, consultants and others.

Dana Clark made a motion to reauthorize the Corporate Officers and Senior Administration to make all reasonable and necessary business arrangements, and enter into all reasonable and necessary transactions, including but not limited to, contracts with vendors, employees, consultants and others.

Ruth Escarcega Newell seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

I. The Board will be asked to approve the revised Charter School Accounting Manual

Claudio Wohl directed the board to the summary page overview of the recommended changes to the Charter School Accounting Manual included in the board packet. He then reviewed the proposed changes and recommended the board approve the revised Accounting Manual.

Board President Adams thanked Mr. Wohl and asked for a motion.

Dana Clark made a motion to approve the revised Charter School Accounting Manual.

Ruth Escarcega Newell seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

J. The Board will be asked to approve the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) for school year 2025-2026, which drives the primary source of funding for the charter school

Claudio Wohl explained that LCFF funding is the primary source of the school's revenue and determines the funding for charter schools, which has two primary components: a base rate component that applies to all schools that depends exclusively on Average Daily Attendance (ADA) by grade span, and a supplemental and concentration component that depends on the percentage of the school's English Learners, foster youth, and low income students. The LCFF calculation is the largest source of the school's unrestricted revenue and is essential to budget and LCAP development. Mr. Wohl reviewed the total LCFF revenue estimated to be received for the 2025-2026 school year, including the total supplemental and concentration funding. He then recommended the board approve the LCFF for the school year 2025-2026.

Board President Adams thanked Mr. Wohl and asked for a motion.

Ruth Escarcega Newell made a motion to approve the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) for school year 2025-2026, which drives the primary source of funding for the charter school.

Marvin D. Smith seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

K. The Board will be asked to approve the Education Protection Account (EPA) spending determinations

Claudio Wohl explained that the Education Protection Account (EPA) is a component of the LCFF funding that must be used only for instruction and be posted on the school's website every year. Mr. Wohl then discussed the total estimated EPA revenue to be received by

the school for the 2025-2026 school year and recommended the board approve the EPA spending determinations.

Board President Adams thanked Mr. Wohl and asked for a motion.

James Lott made a motion to approve the Education Protection Account (EPA) spending determinations.

Marvin D. Smith seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

L. The Board will be asked to approve the Budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year

Claudio Wohl informed the board the school's budget is based on funding information from the Governor's May Revision to the state budget and will be adjusted in the future if there are changes to the budget when it is signed in June or in subsequent revisions during the summer.

Mr. Wohl explained the May Revision to the State Budget estimates a shortfall of \$12B. However, the Education Budget remains relatively unchanged compared to January's proposal. The State is funding a COLA of 2.3% (compared to 2.43% in January) for LCFF sources and other programs, including State Special Ed and Mandated Block Grant. The budget is also allocating \$1.7B in one-time Discretionary Block Grants (compared to \$1.8B in January) for professional development, teacher recruitment /retention, CTE and dual enrollment programs, which will provide funding of approximately \$312/ADA. The Budget also includes a deferral of \$1.8B that will delay about 30% to 50% of June 2026 LCFF payment until July 2026.

Mr. Wohl then discussed the school's projected ADA of 1,833 for the school year 2025-2026, which is the same compared to the 2024-2025 school year.

Next, Mr. Wohl reviewed the projected revenue for the school and explained the revenue amounts from LCFF sources, federal funds, and other state revenue, including lottery funds. He noted the school is not projecting local revenue.

Mr. Wohl then reviewed the school's expenditures and discussed the salaries, benefits, and purchasing as compared to the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Wohl also reviewed the operating expenses.

Mr. Wohl informed the board the school is projecting a positive net position and ratio of reserves to expenditures. She then recommended the board approve the school budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Board President Adams thanked Mr. Wohl and asked for a motion.

Dana Clark made a motion to approve the Budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Marvin D. Smith seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

M. The Board will be asked to approve the Consolidated Application process and submission for all reports required for the 2025-2026 school year

Victor Nardiello greeted the board and reminded the board the California Department of Education (CDE) uses the Consolidated Application, or ConApp, to distribute categorical funds from various federal programs to schools throughout California. Annually, each local educational agency submits the spring release of the ConApp to document participation in certain categorical programs and provide assurances to comply with the legal requirements of each program. Mr. Nardiello informed the board that after careful consideration, the school has decided to no longer accept Title I funds. This decision allows the school to maintain the resources, flexibility, and autonomy necessary to best serve its students. Mr. Nardiello then thanked the board and asked if there were any questions.

Board President Adams thanked Mr. Wohl and asked for a motion.

James Lott made a motion to approve the Consolidated Application process and submission for all reports required for the 2025-2026 school year.

Ruth Escarcega Newell seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

N. The Board will be requested to renew the Revolving Line of Credit (RLOC) with Hanmi Bank for the 2025-2026 school year, as necessary, to ensure sufficient cash flow in accordance with the RLOC terms and applicable interest rates

Claudio Wohl reminded the board of the current Hanmi Bank agreement, which provides a line of credit at a lower interest rate and financial support to the school only when necessary to maintain adequate cash flow. Mr. Wohl then explained that the school has the opportunity

to renew the Revolving Line of Credit (RLOC) with Hanmi Bank for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of \$4M, at the current interest rate of 8.00%. Mr. Wohl reminded the board that the interest rate is calculated at the greater of: (1) the prime rate plus 0.50%, or (2) 3.75%. Currently the higher of the two options is the prime rate of 7.5% plus 0.5%, setting the rate at 8%. He then recommended the board approve the Hanmi Bank RLOC.

Board President Adams thanked Mr. Wohl and asked for a motion.

Ruth Escarcega Newell made a motion to renew the Revolving Line of Credit (RLOC) with Hanmi Bank for the 2025-2026 school year, as necessary, to ensure sufficient cash flow in accordance with the RLOC terms and applicable interest rates.

Marvin D. Smith seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

O. The Board will be requested to approve securing a revolving loan from Lifelong Learning Administration Corporation (LLAC) for the 2025-2026 school year, as necessary, to ensure sufficient cash flow, in accordance with the promissory note terms and applicable interest rates

Claudio Wohl explained to the board that Lifelong Learning Administration Corp. (LLAC), the school's vendor for administrative and educational services, offers a short-term borrowing option to support the school when necessary. The note provides a maximum borrowing limit of \$2M, with an interest rate of 6%, and includes an option for the lender to adjust the rate once during the fiscal year based on market rate changes. Mr. Wohl explained the amount is a maximum and the school may utilize it entirely, or not at all. Mr. Wohl further emphasized this is an alternative financing option for the school to meet short-term cash flow needs and only if needed for the 2025-2026 school year. He then recommended the board approve the LLAC promissory note.

Board President Adams thanked Mr. Wohl and asked for a motion.

James Lott made a motion to approve securing a revolving loan from Lifelong Learning Administration Corporation (LLAC) for the 2025-2026 school year, as necessary, to ensure sufficient cash flow, in accordance with the promissory note terms and applicable interest rates.

Dana Clark seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

Roll Call

Michael R Adams Aye

P. The Board will be asked to approve the signers for all bank accounts

Board President Adams recommended the board reconfirm Jeff Brown, Jeri Vincent, Shellie Hanes, and Jeff Martineau as the school's authorized bank account signers.

Ruth Escarcega Newell made a motion to approve the signers for all bank accounts.

James Lott seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Dana Clark Aye

James Lott Aye

Michael R Adams Aye

Ruth Escarcega Newell Aye

Marvin D. Smith Aye

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

A. Observations and Comments

Jeff Brown thanked the board for all they have done for the school and for continuing to serve the school for another year. He also thanked the staff for all their hard work.

Jeri Vincent also thanked the board for continuing to serve the school for another year.

Board Member Smith commented on the credit completion. Mr. Nardiello discussed the factors impacting students this time of year.

VIII. Closed Session

A. Adjourn open public Board meeting to go into closed session

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 County Superior Court Case No. 22STCV24453

2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

(Government Code section 54957(b)(1).)

Title: Superintendent

Dana Clark made a motion to adjourn open public Board meeting to go into closed session.

Ruth Escarcega Newell seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

B. Adjourn closed session and reconvene to open public Board meeting

James Lott made a motion to adjourn closed session and reconvene to open public Board meeting.

Ruth Escarcega Newell seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

C. Report of action taken or recommendations made in closed session, if any

Board President Adams stated no action was taken in closed session for the following:

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 County Superior Court Case No. 22STCV24453

2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

(Government Code section 54957(b)(1).)

Title: Superintendent

IX. Closing Items

A. Next Regular Board Meeting Date: September 4, 2025, 3:00pm

B. Adjourn Meeting

Dana Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

James Lott seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

James Lott	Aye
Dana Clark	Aye
Ruth Escarcega Newell	Aye

Roll Call

Marvin D. Smith Aye
Michael R Adams Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Escarcega Newell

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