

Desert Sands Charter High School

Regular Board Meeting

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

Date and Time

Tuesday March 3, 2026 at 3:30 PM PST

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	Ruth Escarcega Newell	
B.	Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum	Ruth Escarcega Newell	
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	Ruth Escarcega Newell	
D.	Staff Introductions	Ruth Escarcega Newell	
<i>At this time, staff members will be invited to state their names and titles.</i>			
E.	Approve Agenda for the March 3, 2026, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors	Vote Ruth Escarcega Newell	
F.	Approve Minutes of the December 9, 2025, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors	Approve Minutes Ruth Escarcega Newell	
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

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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

Ruth Escarcega
Newell

1. The Board will be asked to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar
2. The Board will be asked to approve the School Accountability Report Card
3. The Board will be asked to approve the Student Artificial Intelligence Use, Ethics, and Security Policy
4. The Board will be asked to approve the revised Uniform Complaint Policy and Procedures

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

Ruth Escarcega
Newell

IV. School Reports and Information

A. Finance Update

FYI

Guita Sharifi

B. Area Superintendent Update

FYI

Victor Nardiello

C. California Dashboard Report

FYI

Alex Morris

D. Graduation Date

FYI

Ruth Escarcega
Newell

V. Action Items

A. The Board will be asked to approve the Second Interim Report and the Revised Budget for the 2025-2026 school year

Vote

Guita Sharifi

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B. The Board will be asked to approve using the auditing firm Wilkinson, Hadley & King & Co., LLP for the 2025-2026 audit	Vote	Guita Sharifi	
VI. Additional Corporate Officers and Board Members' Observations and Comments			
A. Observations and Comments	FYI	Ruth Escarcega Newell	
VII. Closed Session			
A. Adjourn open public Board meeting to go into closed session	Vote	Ruth Escarcega Newell	
<p>1. 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	Ruth Escarcega Newell	
C. Report of action taken or recommendations made in closed session, if any	FYI	Ruth Escarcega Newell	
VIII. Closing Items			
A. Next Regular Board Meeting Date: April 21, 2026, 3:30pm	FYI	Ruth Escarcega Newell	
B. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Ruth Escarcega Newell	

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