

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 April 21, 2026 at 3:30 PM PDT

Location

Meeting Location: 177 Holston Drive, Lancaster, CA 93535

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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.

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
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I. Opening Items

3:30 PM

Opening Items

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| A. | Call the Meeting to Order | | Michael Adams |
| B. | Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum | | Michael 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

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| C. | Pledge of Allegiance | | Michael Adams |
| D. | Staff Introductions | | Michael Adams |
| | <i>At this time, staff members will be invited to state their names and titles.</i> | | |
| E. | Approve Agenda for the April 21, 2026, Regular
Public Meeting of the Board of Directors | Vote | Michael Adams |
| F. | Approve Minutes of the March 3, 2026, Regular
Public Meeting of the Board of Directors | Approve
Minutes | Michael 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.

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| A. | Consent Agenda Items | Vote | Michael Adams |
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1. The Board will be asked to approve the 2026-2027 Employee Handbook

2. The Board will be asked to approve the 2026-2027 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.

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

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| 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 | |
| F. CDE Notification of 2024-2025 Annual Determination Pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Selection for 2025-2026 Special Education Monitoring Activities | FYI | Memry Molina | |
| G. Current Vendor List | FYI | Victor Nardiello | |
| H. 2026-2027 Draft Board Meeting Dates | FYI | Michael Adams | |

V. Action Items

A. The Board will be asked to approve the Charter School's renewal application and re-certification for Dashboard Alternative School Status	Vote	Victor Nardiello	
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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 2026-2027 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 Adams	
VII. Closed Session			
A. Adjourn open public Board meeting to go into closed session	Vote	Michael Adams	
<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	Michael Adams	
C. Report of action taken or recommendations made in closed session, if any	FYI	Michael Adams	
VIII. Closing Items			
A. Next Regular Board Meeting Date: June 4, 2026, 2:30pm	FYI	Michael Adams	
B. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Michael 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.

Non-Discrimination. The Charter School prohibits discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on the actual or perceived characteristics of disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, national origin, ancestry, race or ethnicity, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, immigration status, potential or actual parental, family or marital status, age, or association with an individual who has any of the aforementioned characteristics, or any other basis protected by federal, state or local law.

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