

Minutes-Approved  
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting  
September 7, 2023

Board Members Present: Sue Ingles, Laura Stoland, Mark Galanty, Ed Eadon, Jennifer Jacobus, Tammy Stanton, Maya Rao, and Josh Stokes

Absent: Dominique DjeDje

A quorum was present.

Also present: OCS Executive Director, Kristy Mack Fett; OCS Business Coordinator Maryangee Cano; and from Excellent Education, Ayanthy Peiris.

**Meeting called to order at 6:02pm.**

### **Open Forum**

A former OCS teacher spoke about circumstances surrounding their departure and asked the board to take a look at hiring and firing practices.

### **Finance**

The Board reviewed the June 2023 end of year financial report and check register. Operating cash at the end of June was \$1.8 million, representing a 24% reserve. Facility related restricted cash balance was \$331K.

**MOTION: Josh Stokes moved to approve the June 2023 Financial report and check register.** Maya Rao seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The board reviewed the 2022-23 Unaudited Actuals Report (SACS Form 62).

**MOTION: Josh Stokes moved to approve the report.** Tammy Stanton seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The board heard an update on fundraising from Jenny, the new AFG captain.

### **Director's Report**

The board heard a report on student performance, hiring, and mentoring.

The board reviewed CAASPP math and ELA summary scores. Based on these overall scores, Math will be a focus of instruction and professional development in the coming year.

A librarian and 1st-4th movement teacher have been hired. All remaining teacher openings, intervention team and admin team positions, and TK/K assistant positions have been filled. Hiring is still ongoing for 3 aftercare supervisors. A mentoring team has been assembled to support teachers throughout the year in deepening the practice of Public Waldorf education.

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### **Approval of Minutes**

The board reviewed meeting minutes from the August 17, 2023 meeting.

**MOTION: Tammy Stanton moved to approve the minutes, as amended.** Maya Rao seconded. Ed and Mark abstained. All others were in favor and the motion passed.

### **DEIB Committee Report**

The board heard an update from the DEIB Committee on the equity plan action steps and on plans for monthly festivals.

### **Governance Committee Report**

The Governance Chair gave an update on the by-laws review. The board reviewed redline changes suggested by OCS legal advisors. A final version will be brought back to the board after another round of legal review.

**MOTION: Laura Stoland moved to appoint Megan Helms, OCS Assistant Director, to the Governance committee.** Ed Eadon seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Options for board self-assessment surveys and possible implementation was discussed.

There was a discussion regarding alignment of the Conflict of Interest Policy as approved by LACOE and the version included in the Employee Handbook. Accessibility of 990 Governance Policies was discussed.

The board convened to Closed Session at 7:01pm.

The board reconvened to Open Session at 7:45pm.  
There were no actions to report out.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

Sue Ingles  
Secretary, OCS Board of Trustees