

Assurance Learning Academy

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Operated by Antelope Valley Learning Academy Inc, A California
Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation

Date and Time

Monday May 16, 2022 at 2:00 PM

Location

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MEETING LOGISTICS

This meeting is held in compliance with Assembly Bill 361, which allows flexibility in Brown Act teleconferencing procedures as addressed by the Board under Agenda Item I.E. The public is encouraged to participate in the meeting telephonically by dialing the conference line or by clicking the weblink listed on the posted agenda. The public may submit written comments to the Board by emailing publiccomments@assurancelearning.org. The public may also provide comments telephonically during the "Public Comment" section of the meeting agenda.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY

Please see the "Accommodations" notice below.

Directors Present

Claudette Beck (remote), Michael Molloy (remote), Michael R Adams (remote), Victoria Hancock (remote)

Directors Absent

None

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Board President Beck read aloud the notices regarding meeting logistics and accommodations.

Claudette Beck called a meeting of the board of directors of Assurance Learning Academy to order on Monday May 16, 2022 at 2:00 PM.

B. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Adams led the pledge of allegiance.

D. Staff Introductions

Jeff Brown, CEO
Jeri Vincent, Corporate Secretary
Michelle Berry, Area Superintendent
Taera Childers, Area Superintendent
Julie Parra, Area Superintendent
Victor Nardiello, Regional Director of Educational Services
Jeff Martineau, V.P. of Charter Relations
Rachel Taggart, Principal
Sharon Smyth, Principal
Jeremy Johnson, Principal
Bill Thompson, Legal Counsel
Michelle Lopez, Legal Counsel, LLAC

E. Adopt Resolution Continuing Board of Directors' Authority to Hold Virtual or Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361

Jeff Martineau discussed Assembly Bill 361, signed by Governor Newsom on September 16, 2021, and explained that the law exempts the board from certain provisions of the Brown Act related to teleconference meetings during states of emergency, as long as the Board makes required findings as detailed in the law. Under AB 361, boards that would like to continue to meet remotely must determine by majority vote whether, as a result of the state of emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. Mr. Martineau directed the board members to the resolution located in their packet and recommended the board approve the Resolution Continuing Board of Directors' Authority to Hold Virtual or Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.

Michael Molloy made a motion to adopt Resolution Continuing Board of Directors' Authority to Hold Virtual or Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361. Victoria Hancock seconded the motion. The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Victoria Hancock Aye
Michael R Adams Aye
Michael Molloy Aye
Claudette Beck Aye

F. Approve Agenda for the May 16, 2022, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors

Michael R Adams made a motion to approve Agenda for the May 16, 2022, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors. Victoria Hancock seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Michael R Adams Aye
Michael Molloy Aye
Claudette Beck Aye
Victoria Hancock Aye

G. Approve Minutes of the April 18, 2022, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors

Michael Molloy made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 04-18-22.

Michael R Adams seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Michael Molloy Aye
Victoria Hancock Aye
Michael R Adams Aye
Claudette Beck Aye

II. Consent Agenda

A. Consent Agenda Items

Board President Beck announced the consent agenda items and asked if any member would like to discuss any of the agenda items for action separately. Hearing none, Board President Beck asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Victoria Hancock made a motion to approve the consent agenda items.

Michael R Adams seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Victoria Hancock Aye
Claudette Beck Aye
Michael R Adams Aye
Michael Molloy Aye

III. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

Board President Beck 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, by dialing the teleconference line or by clicking the weblink listed on the posted agenda. The time allotted per presentation will not exceed three (3) minutes, except in the case where 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 Beck 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. Local Control and Accountability Plan Goals and Metrics

Michelle Berry directed the board to the LCAP goals and metrics information located in their board package. Ms. Berry informed the board the data reflects the progress the school has made on Goals 1 through 5 from July 2021 to March 10, 2022. Ms. Berry then reviewed each of the goals, highlighting the following:

Goal 1: Increase Academic Progress – Focus Goal

- Teachers are highly qualified: This year the California Department of Education changed the calculation method for this metric causing the school to show a decrease in this metric. Ms. Berry then explained the school continues to hire highly qualified teachers and utilizes PIP and STP credentialed teachers only when a highly qualified teacher is not available.
- Reading – Lexile average: This metric had a shift in how the rate is being calculated this school year compared to prior years. Prior years only included the RIT metric and this school year, the Lexile average includes both the RIT and grade level equivalency. The 2021-22 data is currently in progress.
- DASS graduation cohort rate: This metric is still in progress and has a year-to-date rate of 54%.

Goal 2: Students Will Gain Skills for College and Career Readiness – Broad Goal

- Several categories are still in progress and year-to-date data are on-track to exceed the number of students enrolled in CTE and professional skills courses reported in 2020-21.

Goal 3: Increase Student Retention Rate – Maintenance Goal

- Student attendance rate: Higher than the previous two school years.
- Suspension and expulsion rates: 0.03%

Goal 4: Increase Educational Partner Engagement – Maintenance Goal

- Educational Partner Engagement: This metric has significantly improved this year and parent-teacher conferences are in process.
- Survey: Parents, students, and teachers feel safe and connected at the school's learning centers.

Goal 5: Increase Resiliency – Maintenance Goal

- Resiliency: Staff continues to make this a strong focus as students are returning to the learning centers.

Ms. Berry then requested input from the board members on the LCAP goals and metrics.

Board President Beck thanked Ms. Berry for her updated report.

V. Closed Session

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

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1).) Name of Case: William Rice

vs. Unified Protective Services, Inc., et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number: 20STCV25615

Michael R Adams made a motion to adjourn open public Board meeting to go into closed session.

Victoria Hancock seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Victoria Hancock Aye
Michael Molloy Aye
Claudette Beck Aye
Michael R Adams Aye

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

Michael R Adams made a motion to adjourn closed session and reconvene to open public Board meeting.

Victoria Hancock seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Michael R Adams Aye
Michael Molloy Aye
Claudette Beck Aye
Victoria Hancock Aye

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

Board President Beck stated no action was taken in closed session for the CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1).) Name of Case: William Rice vs. Unified Protective Services, Inc., et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number: 20STCV25615.

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

A. Observations and Comments

Jeff Brown thanked Ms. Berry for her report and shared that he is looking forward to the final numbers at the end of the school year. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting and supporting the school.

Jeri Vincent thanked everyone for their leadership and acknowledged everyone behind the scenes for putting this meeting together.

Board President Beck thanked the principals for attending today's meeting.

VII. Closing Items

A. Next Board Meeting Date: June 1, 2022, 12:00pm

B. Adjourn Meeting

Michael R Adams made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Michael Molloy seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Claudette Beck Aye

Victoria Hancock Aye

Michael R Adams Aye

Michael Molloy Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael R 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.

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