

**NEW Academy Board Meeting
MINUTES**

Date and Time

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 5:00 PM PDT

Public Comment Notice:

Individuals and representatives of organizations are invited to address the Board on any subject that falls within the Board's purview. If the item will be acted on at the Board Meeting, speakers are called on to speak prior to Board action on the item and in the first section of the public comment period. If the speaker's topic will not be voted on at the Board Meeting, their presentation is also made during the Comment portion of the meeting, but after comment on actionable items. Each speaker is limited to a three-minute presentation. The time is doubled if an interpreter is required.

NOTE: If you would like to participate, you may gain access to the meeting by entering the zoom link (URL) in your browser or meeting code below. Phone access is available using the DIAL IN PHONE NUMBER below:

Dial in by phone:

1-669-900-6833

Join Zoom Meeting <https://lmula.zoom.us/j/6894541581>

Meeting ID: 689 454 1581

School Locations for access to meetings: NOTE- Anyone in attendance must wear a mask and follow COVID Guidelines. To access the meeting please call the phone number at the preferred school location. A staff member will welcome attendees and provide access to the meeting.

NASA: 379 Loma Drive Los Angeles, CA 90017
213.413.9183

NACP: 21425 Cohasset Street Canoga Park, CA 91303 **818.710.2640**

Agenda Items

a. Opening Items

The School Board meeting began at 5:00 p.m. after confirming quorum.

Judy Davidds, the new Board member, introduced herself followed by the introduction of the rest of the Board members, staff, back-office provider, and consultants.

Record Attendance & Guest

Patricia DiDonato recorded the attendance.

Board Members: (P) Present-(A) Absent

- Victor Gil, President (P)
- Brent Bradley, Treasurer (P)
- Patricia DiDonato, Secretary (P)
- Martha Arias, Vice President (P)
- Bea Stotzer, Member (P)
- Beth Tishler, Member (A)
- Mary V. Rosas Member (A)
- Judy Davidds-Wright Member (P)

Staff:

- Dr. Eric Todd, NACP School Principal (P)
- David Martinez, NASA School Principal (P)
- Heather De Revere, NACP AP (P)
- Nelsy Jackson, NASA AP (P)
- Eddie Castro, Director of Operations, NASA/NACP (P)
- Patricia McBride, NACP (P)
- Navelle Molina, NACP (P)
- Vanessa Garcia, NACP (P)
- Angelica Ortega, NASA (P)
- Ana Chavez, NASA (P)

Back Office Providers:

- Cindy Franz, Ed Tec (P)
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Consultants

- Marta Sanchez, (P)
- Alma Marquez, Cindy Madrid-Del Sol Group (P)

b. Call the Meeting to Order(A or P)

Victor Gil called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

- Victor Gil, President (P)
- Brent Bradley, Treasurer (P)
- Patricia DiDonato, Secretary (P)
- Martha Arias, Vice President (P)
- Bea Stotzer, Member (P)
- Beth Tishler, Member (A)
- Mary V. Rosas Member (A)
- Judy Davidds-Wright Member (P)

c. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

e. Consent Calendar:

1. Approve Minutes from March 30, 2022, Board Meeting (tabled until next meeting)

NOTES:

The approval of March 30th minutes was postponed and will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

B. Stotzer made the motion to table the approval of the March 20, 2022 minutes

P. DiDonato seconded it.

V. Gil proceeded with the roll call of the Board member votes:

- Martha Arias (Y)
- Judy Davidds (Y)
- Bea Stotzer (Y)
- Patricia Didonato (Y)
- Brent Bradley (Y)
- Victor Gil (Y)

Motion is unanimously approved.

2. Approve: Emergency Declaration Renewal of AB361 Board Findings Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953 (e)

V. Gil made a motion to approve the Emergency Declaration Renewal of AB361

P. DiDonato Seconded the motion

V. Gil proceeded with the roll call of the Board member votes:

- Martha Arias (Y)
- Judy Davidds (Y)
- Bea Stotzer (Y)
- Patricia Didonato (Y)
- Brent Bradley (Y)
- Victor Gil (Y)

Motion is unanimously approved

f. Financials:

1. Approve Check & CC Registers for February 2022 & March 2022

NOTES:

B. Bradley reported that he reviewed the check registers yesterday and had some minor questions, which were answered by Eddie Castro. Victor Gil expressed that he also reviewed the registers and saw no issues.

V. Gil made a motion to approve the financials

P. DiDonato Seconded the Motion

V. Gil proceeded with the roll call of the Board member votes:

- Martha Arias (Y)
- Judy Davidds (Y)
- Bea Stotzer (Y)
- Patricia Didonato (Y)
- Brent Bradley (Y)
- Victor Gil (Y)

Motion is unanimously approved

2. EdTec Finance Presentation
(Already reviewed by Finance Committee)

- C. Franz presented the State Budget update, including the process, proposed legislation, SB579 financial impact,
- She also presented the fiscal year 2022 most current forecast summary and changes to operating budget, income, and Expanded Learning Program Grant funds

g. Educational Excellence:

1. School Site Administrator Reports (written reports available)

NACP

- E. Todd mentioned that transitioning back to in-person instruction has brought some normalcy by providing instruction to students face to face. .
- He stated that staff, teachers, and families partnered with them to make sure that their children were at school every day.
- The COVID-19 vaccination requirement is delayed until July 2023 (about 30 students are fully vaccinated).
- LAUSD virtual visit will take place on May 10, 2022 followed by the in-person visit on May 11, 2022.
- E. Todd stated that both schools are having the end-of-year assessments. Some students will need to be in the summer program based on the results of the assessments.
- The LCAP report will be presented at the next board meeting.
- E. Todd mentioned that they provide before and after-school tutoring for students
- E. Todd announced that they will be having coffee with the principal, spring art, and the Language Academy Cultural Celebration on May 20th.
- Kindergarten promotion will occur on June 9th, and fifth grade promotion on June 10th.

NASA:

- D. Martinez provided his report on the survey conducted with staff. The survey was given on April 15th, and the results were shared with staff.
- D. Martinez reported how confident teachers feel about administrative communication, COVID related safety measures, PCR testing, and the COVID-19 safety protocols.
- D. Martinez said that some measures were taking place such as removal of shields, COVID testing every other week, option for students to remove their face masks outside. D. Martinez stated that all staff is fully vaccinated. Some students are vaccinated as well.
- D. Martinez pointed out that NASA students have been testing negative for COVID, and only two adults were positive.
- D. Martinez reported on the Yo Soy Bilingual Festival and participants such as the representatives from the CEEL Team, a superintendent from LACOE, and a writer among others.
- M. Sanchez mentioned that NACP will also employ a similar survey with their staff. Some of the Board members asked questions after the school leaders' reports.
- M. Arias asked if families could be encouraged to have their children vaccinated.

2. Student Data Sharing and Reports NASA/NACP

Both schools will present student data at the next Board meeting.

h. Governance:

1. Del Sol Group Report: Website update and progress report

NOTES:

- A. Marquez provided a report and progress update of the NACP website. She mentioned that her team went to NACP this week and took some pictures.
- She mentioned that Dr. Todd and Vanessa were very helpful, and she was able to work with the parents on the portraits.

- A. Marquez worked on the website content, interviews, blogs and videos, telling the NACP story. Next step includes working with the programmer to go live.
 - There was a discussion about adding a donation button to the website. To ensure alignment and not risking the charter, a consultation with the legal counsel is recommended to clarify any legal complications. A school representative and Board representative can be part of the conversation with the legal counsel, Roberto.
2. School Food Service Management- (Proposal (RFP)- Bids)

NOTES:

- E. Castro stated that every three years the school requests three bids for the meal program. The school can keep their current meal program company or change to a different company based on their service, nutrition, and taste.
 - E. Castro explained that it is one-month process. It begins with the Board approving the request for three bids. The board will review these and vote to approve one bid.
- B. Stotzer made a motion to approve the initiation of bids for the food services
- V. Gil Seconded the motion
- V. Gil proceeded with the roll call of the Board member votes

- Martha Arias (Y)
- Judy Davidds (Y)
- Bea Stotzer (Y)
- Patricia Didonato (Y)
- Brent Bradley (Y)
- Victor Gil (Y)

Motion is unanimously approved

3. Prosperity Center Room Renovation – Bids

NOTES:

- E. Castro talked about the Prosperity Center room renovation and presented three bids to the Board for approval. The bids included the cost and specifications as to putting up dry wall, electricity, floor, AC system, and paint.
- V. Gil questioned the pricing which seemed high for the work that was going to be done.
- V. Gil pointed out that the bid did not include information regarding lines for the internet/data lines.
- B. Stotzer mentioned that the renovation is a capital improvement and that approval from the owner to amend the lease is necessary in order to begin the renovation. E. Castro would need to discuss and review the renovation proposal with Facility Committee. E. Castro explained that he discussed the issue with Maggie Cervantes (Executive Director of NEW Economics for Women).
- He mentioned that there was a need to have the renovations ready by August when the new school year begins. This item is moved to the Facility Committee for discussion.

4. Approve: Auditor Selection Submission to County (Auditors current until 2022)

NOTES:

B. Bradley expressed that the auditors will not be changed due to their three-year contract with NEW Academy.

4. Approve: Board Meeting Calendar

NOTES:

The Board meeting calendar was presented and reviewed. The Board will continue meeting on Wednesdays at 5:00p.m.

B. Stotzer made a motion to approve the Board meeting calendar for 2022-2023

V. Gil Seconded the Motion

V. Gil proceeded with the roll call of the Board member votes

- Martha Arias (Y)
- Judy Davidds (Y)
- Bea Stotzer (Y)
- Patricia Didonato (Y)
- Brent Bradley (Y)
- Victor Gil (Y)

Motion is unanimously approved

i. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn is unanimously approved

V. Gil adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Approved