

**NEW Academy Charter School
Board Meeting Minutes: 12/10/24**

Date and Time

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Board Meeting: 5:00 PM PDT

SCHOOL LOCATIONS FOR ACCESS TO MEETINGS:

NOTE: There have been COVID cases reported at the schools. It is strongly recommended that those in attendance at each school wear a mask.

A staff member will welcome attendees and provide access to the meeting at each school location. Masks will be available.

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JOIN ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86727058351>

Meeting ID: 867 2705 8351

Passcode: 299737

**Phone access is available using the DIAL IN PHONE NUMBER below:
669-900-6833**

NACP Staff and Community Members have access to NACP by dialing (818.710.2640) to enter meeting location)

Address: 21425 Cohasset Street Canoga Park, CA 91303

(A QUORUM OF BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE PRESENT AT NACP)

NASA Staff and Community Members have access to NASA by dialing (213.413.9183) to enter meeting location)

Address: 379 Loma Drive Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213.413.9183)

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.

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Agenda Items	Purpose	Presenter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Items • Record Attendance & Guest <p>Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victor Gil, President (P) • Brent Bradley, Treasurer (P) • Patricia DiDonato, Secretary (A) • Maggie Cervantes, Member (P) • Beth Tishler, Member (P) • Mary V. Rosas Member (P) <p>Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Eric Todd, Chief Operations Officer NACP/NASA (P) • Dr. Marta Sanchez, Chief Academic Specialist, NACP/NASA (P) • Dr. Nelsy Jackson, NASA School Principal (P) • Nina LaMasiei, NACP School Principal (P) • Angelica Ortega, NASA Vice Principal (P) • Eddie Castro, Director of Operations (P) NASA/NACP • Patricia Stotzer, NACP (P) • Navelle Molina, NACP (P) • Maritza Castillo, NACP (P) • Sara Abronson, NACP (P) • Alejandro Jimenez, NACP (P) • Jimena Barrera, NACP (P) • Joanna Espinoza, NASA (P) • Marisela Barreno, NASA (P) • Ana Chavez, NASA (P) • Yoana Sanchez-Valenzuela (P) • Samantha Mei (P) <p>Back Office Providers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meagan Miller, Ed Tec (P) <p>Consultants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marti Dodson, Human Resources Consulting (A) <p>Guests</p> <p>Dr. Ron Solorsano (P) Bea Stotzer (P)</p>		<p>V. Gil/ P. DiDonato</p>

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Call the Meeting to Order

- Victor Gil, President (P)
- Brent Bradley, Treasurer (P)
- Patricia DiDonato, Secretary (A)
- Maggie Cervantes, Member (P)
- Beth Tishler, Member (P)
- Mary V. Rosas Member (P)

Public Comment

- **Consent Calendar:**
 - Approve Minutes for October 22, 2024 Board Meeting

Motion was made to approve the minutes from October 22, 2024, by Brent Bradley.

Motion Seconded by: Maggie Cervantes

- Victor Gil, President
- Brent Bradley, Treasurer
- Patricia DiDonato, Secretary
- Maggie Cervantes, Member
- Beth Tishler, Member
- Mary V. Rosas Member

Motion is unanimously approved

- Approve Check CC Registers NASA/NACP (September & October 2024)

Motion was made to approve the Check CC Registers NASA/NACP from September and October 2024, by Brent Bradley.

Motion Seconded by: Maggie Cervantes

- Victor Gil, President
- Brent Bradley, Treasurer
- Patricia DiDonato, Secretary
- Maggie Cervantes, Member
- Beth Tishler, Member
- Mary V. Rosas Member

Motion is unanimously approved

Vote

V. Gil

Vote

V. Gil/B. Bradley

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Educational Excellence:

Discuss

E. Todd

- COO Updates (available as written reports **only**)

Dr. Todd presented an overview of the (CSDC) Charter Conference in Sacramento, including key points of one of the keynote speakers, Gerry Lawson. He shared data comparison of NASA and NACP to the neighboring schools such as Camino Nuevo and the state. Dr. Todd discussed the Charter renewal process and shared the idea of communicating with Gerry Lawson regarding the charter renewal.

- Education Committee Report: STEAM Strategic Plan

Discuss

M. Cervantes/M. Sanchez/

B. Tishler

M. Sanchez

R. Solorzano

Dr. Sanchez, Beth Tishler, and Maggie Cervantes reported on the STEAM strategic planning and implementation and mentioned that the meetings with Education Committee were initiated and will be continued.

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- Testing Data Update & Educational Plan to improve test data

Dr. Sanchez presented a data update and educational plan to improve CAASPP and ELPAC test data.

Student Data update:

- # of Language Academy Students
- # of English Only Students
- How long enrolled at each school
- State Scores & School Scores per grade (per student as well but not necessarily reported to the Board unless it is requested)
- General Demographics: gender per grade

Educational plan to improve test scores:

- Enrichment program vendors to provide Pre & Post test scores for each grade
- Enrichment program vendors and staff for ELOP will be given student profiles and each student's learning needs.
- Each vendor hired must be able to measure their impact on student learning. They are required to show how they are supporting and improving their academic performance.
- Measure improvement on social and emotional learning-(Currently, state dashboard show that both schools have 0 suspensions and are in good standing in this area)
- Measure school climate and what is needed to improve academic achievement (Currently, state dashboard shows both schools with positive climate based on low absenteeism)
- Focus on regularly improving how well students can find & present information about a topic to improve testing skills

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- Principals' Educational Suggestions for Improving Test Scores
 - Nina LeMasurier presented NACP data and described a plan to improve test scores.
 - Dr. Jackson described a plan to improve NASA students' test scores.
- (NOTE: Both reports are available in written form)
- Both school Principals will send a proposal of how many IAs are needed at each school to support students and teachers.

Discuss

**N. Jackson/ N.
LeMasurier**

School Site Administrator Reports (available as written reports)

Discuss

Teacher Term Waiver for Christine Monrreal

Vote

E. Castro

Eddie Castro requested approval for a short term waiver for Christine Monrreal to be able to teach in a first grade classroom at NASA.

Motion was made to approve a short term waiver for Christine Monrreal by Victor Gil.

Motion Seconded by: Mary Rosas
Victor Gil, President

- Brent Bradley, Treasurer
- Patricia DiDonato, Secretary
- Maggie Cervantes, Member
- Beth Tishler, Member
- Mary V. Rosas Member

Motion is unanimously approved

Local Agency Investment Fund in the State Treasury

Vote

B. Bradley

Motion was made to approve investment in the Local Agency Investment Fund in the State Treasury by Brent Bradley.

Motion Seconded by: Mary Rosas

- Victor Gil, President
- Brent Bradley, Treasurer
- Patricia DiDonato, Secretary
- Maggie Cervantes, Member
- Beth Tishler, Member
- Mary V. Rosas Member

Motion is unanimously approved

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Updated Board Meeting Calendar

Vote

V. Gil

Motion was made to approve the updated Board meeting calendar by Victor Gil.

Motion Seconded by: Maggie Cervantes

- Victor Gil, President
- Brent Bradley, Treasurer
- Patricia DiDonato, Secretary
- Maggie Cervantes, Member
- Beth Tishler, Member
- Mary V. Rosas Member

Motion is unanimously approved

Vote

E. Castro

Vote

NASA Employee Holiday Incentive

NACP Employee Holiday Incentive

Motion was made to approve the employee holiday incentive for both NASA/NACP by Maggie Cervantes.

Motion Seconded by: Mary Rosas

- Victor Gil, President
- Brent Bradley, Treasurer
- Patricia DiDonato, Secretary
- Maggie Cervantes, Member
- Beth Tishler, Member
- Mary V. Rosas Member

Motion is unanimously approved

Governance:

- NEW Academy Audit Committee Members Confirmation of existing members that will continue. The audit committee will approve the final audit: (Pat DiDonato and Bea Stotze)
- Compliance Monitoring Certification LAUSD

Discuss/Vote

V. Gil

Vote

E. Castro

Motion was made to approve the compliance monitoring certification by Victor Gil.

Motion Seconded by: Beth Tishler

- Victor Gil, President
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Motion is unanimously approved

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Resolution to revise NEW Academy Charter Schools' current Organizational Chart to reflect changes to leadership structure

Vote

V.Gil

Motion was made to approve Resolution to revise NEW Academy Charter Schools' current Organizational Chart by Victor Gil.

Motion Seconded by: Beth Tishler

- Victor Gil, President
- Brent Bradley, Treasurer
- Patricia DiDonato, Secretary
- Maggie Cervantes, Member
- Beth Tishler, Member
- Mary V. Rosas Member

Motion is unanimously approved

• **Financials:**

- EdTec Financial Presentation:

Meagan presented the EdTec report, including FY25, current forecast vs previous forecast, monthly cash balance, enrollment and attendance, and a report overview submitted on Nov. 15.

**Discuss
/Vote**

M. Miller

Vote

Vote

M. Miller

Approve 1st Interim Financial Report

Motion was made to approve the interim financial report by Brent Bradley.

Motion Seconded by: Mary Rosas

- Victor Gil, President
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- Patricia DiDonato, Secretary
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Motion is unanimously approved

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Approve Annual Audit

Motion was made to approve the annual audit by Mary Rosas.

Motion Seconded by: Maggie Cervantes

- Victor Gil, President
- Brent Bradley, Treasurer
- Patricia DiDonato, Secretary
- Maggie Cervantes, Member
- Beth Tishler, Member
- Mary V. Rosas Member

Motion is unanimously approved

Approve three Instructional Assistants for each school

Motion was made to approve three Instructional Assistants by Victor Gil.

Motion Seconded by: Mary Rosas

- Victor Gil, President
- Brent Bradley, Treasurer
- Patricia DiDonato, Secretary
- Maggie Cervantes, Member
- Beth Tishler, Member
- Mary V. Rosas Member

Motion is unanimously approved

- **Adjourn**

The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Vote

E. Castro/M. Miller

Vote

E.Castro/M.Miller

V. Gil

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THE ORDER OF BUSINESS MAY BE CHANGED WITHOUT NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the order of consideration of matters on this agenda may be changed without prior notice.

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