



# THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

## Board Meeting Minutes

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**Date and Time**

Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 10:00 AM

**Location**

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

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**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES****Board Members Present:**

L. Rabinowitz, P. Morrison, B. Yost, L. Picus, E. Weiss, S. Yetter, and E. Espinosa

**Board Members Absent:** J. Ward

**Representatives Present:**

G. Lee-Chang, R. French, L. Lugo, M. Watson, A. Ortiz, V. Shih, T. Nizetich, C. Reyes, K. Figueroa, B. Canosa-Carr, R. Hoang, B. Montoya, F. Reading, K. Clerx, E. Hernandez and J. Williams.

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**Guest Speakers:** None.

**Guest Present:** J. Quinn, W. Strumpfer, O. Yee and R. Griffin

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**AGENDA**

**Meeting Called to Order:** President Rabinowitz called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

**Agenda:** Approved. Motioned PM/BY. Unanimously 7-0 with Roll Call Votes:

1. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
2. Peter Morrison-approve
3. Binti Yost-approve
4. Larry Picus-approve
5. Elisabeth Weiss-approve
6. Scott Yetter-approve
7. Elizabeth Espinosa-approve

**Board Meeting Minutes-December 10, 2020:** Approved. Motioned SY/EW. Unanimously 7-0 with Roll Call Votes:

1. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
  2. Peter Morrison-approve
  3. Binti Yost-approve
  4. Larry Picus-approve
  5. Elisabeth Weiss-approve
  6. Scott Yetter-approve
  7. Elizabeth Espinosa-approve
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**PUBLIC COMMENTS on NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

(submitted via email: [boardmeetingpubliccomments@accelerated.org](mailto:boardmeetingpubliccomments@accelerated.org))

There were no public comments for non-agenda items.

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**BOARD PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS AND REPORT**

President Rabinowitz acknowledged the difficulty of COVID-19 pandemic, extending sympathy and thanks to students, staff, parents, and the community. He announced he has taken the vaccine. President Rabinowitz also announced he will be touring the campus along with CEO, Grace Lee-Chang and Director of Facilities, Tom Nizetich prior to TAS Re-Entry.

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**CEO’S REPORT**

1. CEO provided updates on the following:
    - a. Mid-Year Progress on Board Goals and Student Achievement Data. Board Members provided feedback on presentation and academic data.
    - b. Academic Engagement Student Incentive Program during Distance Learning. This included Middle School and High School tutoring attendance data.
    - c. Update on TAS Framework for Phased Re-Entry
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**STAFF PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:**

1. TAS Re-Entry Update including safety measures being taken at the schools
  2. Annual Brown Act Training was conducted by Wayne Strumpfer of Young, Minney & Corr
  3. Independent Auditor’s Report and Financial Statements for Year Ended June 30, 2019
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**CONSENT ITEMS:** Motioned LP/PM. No public comments.

1. The Accelerated Schools Wellness Plan: ACES, TAS & WAHS
2. 2020-2021 Safety Plans: ACES, TAS & WAHS
3. Foster Youth Transportation Policy: ACES, TAS & WAHS
4. Approval of Independent Auditor’s Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 30, 2019
5. Approval of authorized Bank Signators for TAS

6. Approval of TAS Fiscal Policy-updated for FY2020-2021

Items 4 and 6 were taken off of Consent. Items 1,2,3 & 5 were Approved on consent. Unanimously 7-0 with Roll Call Votes:

1. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
2. Peter Morrison-approve
3. Binti Yost-approve
4. Larry Picus-approve
5. Elisabeth Weiss-approve
6. Scott Yetter-approve
7. Elizabeth Espinosa-approve

Item 4: The Board of Trustees voted unanimously 7-0 to delegate authority to Audit Committee for approval of *the Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements for Year End June 30, 2019*.

Item 6: TAS Fiscal Policy Updated for FY2020-21 was discussed and will be brought back on a future agenda. No action was taken.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS on CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

There were no public comments.

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**ADJOURN to CLOSED SESSION:** 11:29 AM. Peter Morrison left the Board meeting at 12:00 noon.

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**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:** 12:58 PM. There were no public comments. No action taken in Closed Session

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**ADJOURN MEETING:** Meeting adjourned at 12:59 PM. Motioned PM/BY.

Unanimously 6-0 with Roll Call Votes:

1. Leonard Rabinowitz-approve
2. Binti Yost-approve
3. Larry Picus-approve
4. Elisabeth Weiss-approve
5. Scott Yetter-approve
6. Elizabeth Espinosa-approve