



# THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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### Date and Time

Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 10:00 AM (Approved Minutes)

### Location

4000 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90037 (MPR)

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### REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Board Members Present:** L. Rabinowitz, L. Picus, B. Yost, L. Berz, B. Brooks, M. de la Cruz

**Board Members Absent:** P. Morrison

**Administrative Team Present:** G. Lee-Chang, L. Lugo, S. Dickinson, C. Foley, K. Sheehan, D. Kukta, R. French, T. Nizetich, K. Clerx, A. Zartner, A. Blackwell, B. James, K. Figueroa, O. Mojarro, A. Dominguez, and C. Reyes

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**Guest Speakers:** None.

**Guest Present:** J. Ruley and P. Reyes

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### AGENDA

**Meeting Called to Order:** President Rabinowitz called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

**Pledge of Allegiance** N/A

**Approval of Board Meeting Agenda December 13, 2023, Motioned:** LR/BY **Approved:** Unanimously 6/0

**Regular Board Minutes: October 25, 2023, Motioned:** LR/BY **Approved:** Unanimously 4/0

B. Brooks and M. DeLaCruz abstained as they were not present on the October 25, 2023 meeting.

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### PUBLIC COMMENTS on NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public comments

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**There was one public comment regarding the need for DEI work to be woven into all that we do. There was a request for transparency on how the CEO will be selected and how all education partners will be apart of the process.**

Board President shared he will distribute information of search firms for anyone who is interested. Of the 5 firms interviewed, the two being proposed are very involved with DEI work. Part of the firm's process is to engage educationa partners.

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### **BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS AND REPORT**

No Public Comments

1. A lot is going on in the world and a big problem in his heart is the failure of the K–12 education. We need to be doing more. TAS should sets the example for greatness. We want to be the best in South Los Angles and the State of California. Let's make TAS great again with a robust learning program as we were 30 years ago when we were invited to the White House and featured on Time Magazine.
2. DEI has always been a part of me, and we want the best for our staff.

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### **CEO'S PRESENTATION AND REPORT**

No Public comments

- a. Thanked current board members for their continued service and dedication.
- b. Thanked and acknowledge USC Viterbi School of Engineering Professor Weiss who has stepped down from the board starting 2024. She has contributed greatly to our students and teachers through her involvement on our campus and in our classrooms. She will continue to be involved at TAS through her USC and ATLAS partnership.
- c. Congratulated and welcome Ms. Brooks, mother of 3 students at ACES/TAS and Mr. De la Cruz, father of two students at TAS as new board members.
- d. Congratulated three WAHS senior students on their recent college acceptance:
  - a. Janet Elizalde-Princeton with a four year scholarship
  - b. Kevin Corona-Middlebury College in CT with a four year scholarship
  - c. Jazmin Zamora-CSUN
  - d. CEO looks forward to sharing more great news about student success in the future as this is just the beginning of our acceptance notices.

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### **STAFF PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS, AND ACTION ITEMS**

No Public Comments

1. Action Item - The Board will consider accepting the 2022-23 Independent Financial Audit Report for TAS/ACES/WAHS. **CBO reviewed report Motion:** LP/LR **Approved:** 6-0 Unanimously
2. Action Item - The Board will consider approving the Consolidated Financial Reports through October 2023-24 for TAS/ACES/WAHS. **CBO reviewed financial dashboard information through October. Motion:** LR/LP **Approved:** 6-0 Unanimously

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3. Action Item - The Board will consider approving the 2023-24 First Interim Reports for TAS/ACES/WAHS. **CBO reviewed audit and unaudited actuals process. There was no change in budgets. Motion: LP/LR Approved: 6-0 Unanimously**
4. Action Item - The Board will consider approving revisions to the TAS Bylaws. **This item was reviewed and approved at Annual Organization meeting.**
5. Action Item - The Board will consider approving a contract with a staffing firm. **Board President recommends to the firm Isaacson Miller due to their past work with TAS and larger reach of candidates. A copy of the search company's proposals will be provided to site administrators upon request. Board president asked for CEO and CBO to take the internal lead on the search process. C Motion: LR/LP Approved: 6-0 Unanimously**
6. Information Item: Board Requested Follow-up Item on Anonymous Hotline: We Tip Staff Presentation. **Chief Human Resource Officer provided information on "We Tip" anonymous reporting hotline. This system provides phone, text, web base reporting, and forms in English and Spanish. ASCIP pay first year of cost.**
7. Information Item: Board Requested Follow-Up Item on New Facility Development
  1. Concept/Design Ideas. **Director of Operations shared she worked with Tim Young of CY Architect and considered space need and shortages of classrooms for the concept/design idea. Also, Director of Operations shared modulated construction more affordable and meets with LAUSD standards.**
  2. Cost Analysis. **Director of Operations shared an estimate of 12M with soft cost to 15M**

Board President requested:

1. Director of Operations and Board President to meet with Jill Jones, attorney to strategize next steps
2. Board President to speak to former Board President Eric Johnson who worked on ACES construction project
3. HR to work on a creation and hiring a development person for a capital campaign fund-raising
4. Larry Picus to send out a copy of a recent dissertation on alternative space

Bring back: Board President requested for the CBO to find out what the loan will look like in the books.

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## **CONSENT ITEMS for BOARD APPROVAL**

**No Public Comments.**

**Items 1- 8 Motion: BY/LB Approved: 6-0 Unanimously**

**Item 9 was pulled and will be considered on a later date after more information is discussed.**

1. Approval of Charter School Compliance Monitoring 2023-2024: Compliance Monitoring and Certification of Board Compliance Review 2023-2024 for ACES, TAS, and WAHS
2. ARC Amendment for 30-day Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) for TAS and ACES
3. Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)
4. Approval of Contract with Genesis Floor Covering, Inc. for Playground Resurfacing at ACES
5. Approval of Contract with Genesis Floor Covering, Inc. for Court Resurfacing at TAS/WAHS
6. Approval of Personnel Policy Handbook 2023\_Rev. Dec. 2023 to reflect the Anonymous Hotline
7. Approval of Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) for ACES, TAS, WAHS
8. Approval of Independent Study Policy for ACES, TAS, and WAHS

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9. Approval of Amendment to Sugerman Communications Group Agreement - ACES/TAS/WAHS for 2024

**Motion:** LP/BY    **Approved:** Unanimously 3/0

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**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION AT 11:46 AM**

1. Student Discipline Matter-CA Ed Code 35146 & 48918 - Expulsion Case #2324-001
2. Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54954.5 for School Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 99 and United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA)
3. Conference with Labor Negotiator with Unrepresented Employee-CEO §54954.7
4. Public Employment of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) §54957

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**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AT 1:11 PM**

1. Student Discipline Matter-CA Ed Code 35146 & 48918 - Expulsion Case #2324-001. **Student expelled – Unanimous vote.**

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**Motion:** MDLC/BB    **Approved:** Unanimously