



# THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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### Date and Time

Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 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, P. Morrison, E. Weiss, B. Yost, and L. Picus

#### Board Members Absent:

#### Administrative Team Present:

G. Lee-Chang, L. Lugo, S. Dickinson, C. Foley, K. Sheehan, D. Kukta, R. French, T. Nizetich, F. Reading, T. Crowther, C. Reyes, and O. Mojarro

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**Guest Speakers:** None.

**Guest Present:** Anthony Pizarro, Anni Safarloo, and P. Reyes

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### AGENDA

**Meeting Called to Order:** President Rabinowitz called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by E. Weiss

**Agenda: Motioned:** LP/BY                      **Approved:** Unanimously 5-0

**Regular Board Minutes February 23, 2023**                      **Motioned:** LR/LP **Approved:** Unanimously 5-0

**Next Board Meeting**  
**Regular Board meeting on Thursday, June 22, 2023**

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## **PUBLIC COMMENTS on NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

G. Contreras, an ACES parent, spoke on behalf of students that are accused of things they did not do and the consequences they've received. Ms. Contreras stated that her son was accused of something he did not do and was disciplined with 10 days of out-of-school suspension. Ms. Contreras cited the Parent Handbook in the section that says, "No student can be out of school for more than 10 days". Ms. Contreras requests fairness for all students.

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

1. Thanked everyone for being present at the meeting, thanked board members for their volunteer service, and expressed he feels proud of the TAS team.
2. Board members discussed board meeting dates regularly falling on Thursdays for the 2023-24 School Year. There was a discussion and agreement for board meetings to be held regularly on Wednesdays for the 2023-24 school year.

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

1. CEO reviewed TAS efforts towards mission and vision continuity
  - a. Board members reviewed and discussed teacher recruitment and retention data for 2022-23
  - b. Board members reviewed and discussed 2021-22 CAASPP Data; 2022-23 Wallis Annenberg Class of 2023 Graduation Data
  - c. Board members reviewed 2022-23 LAUSD Annual Oversight Report for ACES/TAS/WAHS
  - d. Board Members expressed a collective vision for TAS to provide an excellent educational experience for all our students and discussed how to uplift our performance to even greater heights.
    - i. What can we do better in our teaching and learning? We may interview some students and graduates to find out in which areas we can improve.
    - ii. How do our coaches support teachers?
    - iii. How can we provide more tutors for more students?
    - iv. How can we learn from student focus groups to gain information about classroom instruction and experience?
    - v. Student resilience is critical to academic achievement.
    - vi. Our 2021-22 SBAC results indicate we cannot do business as usual and must push harder. We must be better than LAUSD and the State. Are we creating a culture of anything less than high achievement?
    - vii. We must take "big swings."
    - viii. Do we have the right curriculum?
  - e. Board members shared how they see TAS Vision of public and private partnerships in action:
    - i. Dr. Weiss shared about the long-time collaboration that she started with USC and ACES which now also expands to TAS Middle School.

- ii. Dr. Picus shared about staff who have participated in a partnership with USC.
  - iii. L. Rabinowitz shared about educational and community partnerships that first started TAS and how many partners come together to build this excellent facility.
  - iv. B. Yost shared about how experiences outside school to learn more about careers and industries in DTLA can have a significant impact on student connectedness to learning.
  - v. P. Morrison shared his law firm provided pro-bono legal services for ACES construction.
2. Update from District PD Committee: Dr. Thomas Crowther, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment and Francis Reading, the Director of Elementary Education provided an update on Professional Development Committee (PDC) work in 2022-23.
- a. Board Members asked how often our teachers review student data.
  - b. Dr. Crowther shared that as an organization, we review data at least 3 times a year: Beginning, Middle and End of Year data.

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## STAFF PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS, AND ACTION ITEMS

No Public Comments

1. Comments and Reports from Finance Committee Meeting on April 19, 2023. **Finance Committee reviewed enrollment, 23-24 budget preview, revised Investment Policy Statement, and revisions to fiscal policies and procedures.**
2. TAS Consolidated Financial Reports through April 19, 2023, for TAS/ACES/WAHS. **Consolidated forecast (Income statement reviewed). Review of ELOP Grant requirements and the need for Board approval of the plan before spending money.**  
**Motion:** LR/LP **Approved:** Unanimously 5-0
3. Highlights of Governor's May Revise for 2023-24. **Provided highlights from May revise regarding economic items. 2023-2024 State budget rises. The legislative process will continue through June. January proposals versus May revisions (TAS consolidated estimates).**
4. Preliminary Budget Overview for 2023-24. **Provided 2023-2024 preliminary budget summary. Forecasts provided for ACES, TAS, WAHS, and Home Office for the 2023-2024 School year (ACES, income, expenses, operating income). Budget adoption on June 22, 2023, Board meeting.**
5. Approval of Revisions to TAS Investment Policy Statement ACES/TAS/WAHS.  
**Motion:** LR/LP **Approved:** 4-0 (Ms. Yost stepped out of the meeting)
6. Approval of 2023-24 Agreement with ExED TAS/ACES/WAHS. **Review of agreement with ExEd. ExED will be present at the June 22 Board meeting.**  
**Motion:** LR/LP **Approved:** 4-0 (Ms. Yost stepped out of the meeting)

7. Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators (ACES)  
**Annual requirement by CTC. Safeguard for hard-to-fill positions to allow the hiring of partially credentialed teachers by requesting emergency credential.**  
**Motion:** LR/EW **Approved:** Unanimously 5-0
8. Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators (TAS)  
**Annual requirement by CTC. Safeguard for hard-to-fill positions to allow the hiring of partially credentialed teachers by requesting emergency credential.**  
**Motion:** LR/LP **Approved:** Unanimously 5-0
9. Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators (WAHS)  
**Annual requirement by CTC. Safeguard for hard-to-fill positions to allow the hiring of partially credentialed teachers by requesting emergency credential.**  
**Motion:** LR/LP **Approved:** Unanimously 5-0

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### **CONSENT ITEMS for BOARD APPROVAL**

No Public Comments.

**Items 1 to 5** were approved. **Motion:** BY/LP **Approved:** Unanimously 5-0

1. Academic Calendar for 2023-2024 for ACES/TAS/WAHS
2. Approval of the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) Plan TAS/ACES
3. Ratification of ARC Amendment for Spring Break 2023 Programming TAS/ACES
4. Ratification of Invo Healthcare Agreement for Behavior and Mental Health Support for ACES/TAS/WAHS
5. Project Wayfinder – Core curriculum licenses, support, and training – TAS/WAHS

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### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Public Hearing for Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for ACES/TAS/WAHS

The Board will hold a public hearing to solicit the recommendations and comments of members of the public regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed to be included in the local control and accountability plan or annual update to the local control and accountability plan for ACES/TAS/WAHS.

No public comments.

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### **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION AT 12:02 PM**

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### **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AT 12:59 PM**

No action was taken during the closed session.

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### **ADJOURN AT 12:59 PM**

**Motion:** EW/LP **Approved:** Unanimously 5-0

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