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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

April 13, 2023, 5:30 PM

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Meeting ID: 968 7868 1942 (Passcode: 803243)

6103 Crenshaw Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA
1775 Ximeno Avenue, Long Beach, CA
18111 Elaine Avenue, Artesia, CA
385 Charles E Young Dr. E, Los Angeles, CA
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515 S Figueroa St, Suite 2000 90071

1. Welcome

In absence of the board secretary, Mr. Joss Tillard-Gates began the board meeting at approximately 5:45 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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| 1. Yusef Alexander | present | _____ | absent | _x_ |
| 2. Dr. Reginald Austin | present | _____ | absent | _x_ |
| 3. Joss Tillard Gates | present | _x_ | absent | _____ |
| 4. Bryan Gonzalez | present | _x_ | absent | _____ |
| 5. Marina Samson | present | _____ | absent | _x_ |
| 6. Lataysia Starks | present | _x_ | absent | _____ |
| 7. Ursula Worsham | present | _____ | absent | _x_ |

3. Public Comment info@creteacademy.org (323-791-1600)

No public comment.

4. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

BOARD VOTE

February & March Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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|------------------------|-----|-------|-----|-------|
| 1. Yusef Alexander | yay | _____ | nay | _____ |
| 2. Dr. Reginald Austin | yay | _____ | nay | _____ |
| 3. Joss Tillard Gates | yay | _____ | nay | _____ |
| 4. Bryan Gonzalez | yay | _____ | nay | _____ |
| 5. Marina Samson | yay | _____ | nay | _____ |
| 6. Lataysia Starks | yay | _____ | nay | _____ |
| 7. Ursula Worsham | yay | _____ | nay | _____ |

*No vote was taken for item #4, which will be moved to a future meeting date.

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5. **The Board requires a Board Chair (President)** and one should be appointed by the entire governing board. To ensure adequate support for the governing board and school respectfully, the Executive team requests an interim Board Chair be named on record, until a permanent board chair is identified.

BOARD VOTE

1. Yusef Alexander yay ____ nay____
2. Dr. Reginald Austin yay ____ nay____
3. Joss Tillard Gates yay ____ nay____
4. Bryan Gonzalez yay ____ nay____
5. Marina Samson yay ____ nay____
6. Lataysia Starks yay ____ nay____
7. Ursula Worsham yay____ nay____

*No vote was taken for item #5, however a discussion was informed by feedback from Dr. Hattie Mitchell. A vote for this item will be moved to a future meeting date. Joss Tillard-Gates offered to serve as interim Chair, for a prescribed/limited term, until the Board identified a Chair that would stay in the role for a full term. Lataysia Starks inquired about Board Chair responsibilities and time commitments. Sergio Martus explained the role and provided information based upon experience as to what the Chair could expect the time and work commitment would entail. Bryan Gonzales expressed he'd like to be mentored in a way that would eventually allow him to serve as Chair. Joss Tillard-Gates ultimately will serve as the interim, while Lataysia is interested in serving after completing the CA Bar Examination.

6. **The Executive Team at Crete Academy would like to add two additional board members** to the Board of Directors. The two individuals for the board's consideration are very passionate about providing a high-quality education to our students and have both served on charter school boards in Los Angeles. This item is for board VOTE. @Brett Mitchell will provide you with the resumes

BOARD VOTE

1. Yusef Alexander yay ____ nay____
2. Dr. Reginald Austin yay ____ nay____
3. Joss Tillard Gates yay ____ nay____
4. Bryan Gonzalez yay ____ nay____
5. Marina Samson yay ____ nay____
6. Lataysia Starks yay ____ nay____
7. Ursula Worsham yay____ nay____

*No vote was taken for item #6, however a discussion included – Mr. Joss Tillard-Gates opening the item by noting the nominated Board Members resumes were available in our Board packet. Hattie Mitchell explained why the Executive Team wanted to expand the Board with 2 additional seats, as allowed by the bylaws. Hattie also introduced the background of the nominated individuals.

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One nominated member (Tiara) spoke about why she is interested in serving on the Crete Board and the skills she had that would allow her to have a positive impact.

7. Universal PreKindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant **BOARD VOTE**

The California 2022–23 State Budget package allocated additional funding for the UPK Planning and Implementation Grant Program as a state early learning initiative with the goal of expanding access to prekindergarten programs at local educational agencies (LEAs).

Crete Academy has applied for this grant program

1. Yusef Alexander yay ____ nay____
2. Dr. Reginald Austin yay ____ nay____
3. Joss Tillard Gates yay ____ nay____
4. Bryan Gonzalez yay ____ nay____
5. Marina Samson yay ____ nay____
6. Lataysia Starks yay ____ nay____
7. Ursula Worsham yay ____ nay____

*No vote was taken for item #7- Hattie Mitchell explained Crete would be pursuing this grant and needs approval from the Board to complete the application.

8. Updated 2022-2023 TK-6th Grade Suicide Prevention Plan for **BOARD VOTE**

Crete Academy. The Suicide Prevention plan has been updated to include documents Suicide Prevention Awareness for staff, Understanding Suicide Myths and Facts, Self Injury Awareness for Staff and a list of resources available for Suicide Prevention

1. Yusef Alexander yay ____ nay____
2. Dr. Reginald Austin yay ____ nay____
3. Joss Tillard Gates yay ____ nay____
4. Bryan Gonzalez yay ____ nay____
5. Marina Samson yay ____ nay____
6. Lataysia Starks yay ____ nay____
7. Ursula Worsham yay ____ nay____

*No vote was taken for item #8-- Hattie Mitchell explained this is an administrative approval.

9. Student Handbook to be updated – during the recent 3/2 **BOARD VOTE**

Oversight Review we received an action item to update our Family Handbook to list the Director of Programs as Crete Academy Homeless Liaison contact

1. Yusef Alexander yay ____ nay____
2. Dr. Reginald Austin yay ____ nay____
3. Joss Tillard Gates yay ____ nay____
4. Bryan Gonzalez yay ____ nay____
5. Marina Samson yay ____ nay____
6. Lataysia Starks yay ____ nay____
7. Ursula Worsham yay ____ nay____

*No vote was taken for item #9- Hattie Mitchell explained this is an administrative approval.

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10. Charter School Facilities Program Funding Board Resolution

BOARD VOTE

- 1. Yusef Alexander yay ____ nay____
- 2. Dr. Reginald Austin yay ____ nay____
- 3. Joss Tillard Gates yay ____ nay____
- 4. Bryan Gonzalez yay ____ nay____
- 5. Marina Samson yay ____ nay____
- 6. Lataysia Starks yay ____ nay____
- 7. Ursula Worsham yay____ nay____

*No vote was taken for item #10-Hattie Mitchell explained the board needed to approve the Resolution to include in the application.

11. EdTec, Charter Impact, and CSMC

BOARD REVIEW & VOTE

*No vote was taken for Item #11-- Sergio Martus explained that we are exploring a new SAAS provider for black office administration. Sergio explained pros and cons, generally, of each while providing what our current providers strengths are. Sergio reminded the Board that we would need to take action on this item as soon as feasible to avoid an interruption in service, as our current contract ends soon.

12. MTD Fiscal Reports

BOARD REVIEW

- 1. Financial Summary
 - ADA Analysis
 - Income Statement (YTD Budget vs. YTD Actuals and Budget vs. Forecast)
 - Balance Sheet
- 2. Cash Flow Forecast
- 3. Financial Narrative
- 4. Check Register
 - Joss Tillard-Gates asked that this vote be held for consideration at a future meeting with additional Board Members, specifically noting Marina Samson's presence as crucial due to her role as treasurer. - The board agreed. The meeting concluded with a celebration of UConn's 5th NCAAM National Championship.

The board meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

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