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## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

May 10, 2023, 5:30 PM

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Meeting ID: 952 5992 7125 (Passcode: 733173)

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

Mr. Joss Tillard-Gates began the board meeting at approximately 5:35 p.m. with quorum.

### 2. Roll Call

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

### 3. Public Comment [info@creteacademy.org](mailto:info@creteacademy.org) (323-791-1600)

No public comment.

### 4. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

### BOARD VOTE

February, March, & April Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

Regular board meeting minutes for Feb-April were **approved by unanimous board vote.**

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**5. Interim Board Chair (President)**

**BOARD VOTE**

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

Mr. Joss Tillard Gates expressed interest in serving as interim board chair until the transition of a permanent board chair. Ms. Lataysia Starks expressed interest in serving in the near future with support of Dr. Reginald Austin. Both Ms. Starks and Dr. Austin, have current commitments and will re-visit with the board in the near future. The board voted to appoint Mr. Tillard Gates as interim board president and was approved by **unanimous board vote**.

**6. Nominated Board Members- Crete Board**

**BOARD VOTE**

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

The board previously reviewed the addition of two additional board members: Michelle Obeso-Theus and Tamara Keller and voted to approve the nomination of both candidates as board members for a term. The board **approved by unanimous vote**.

**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   x      nay\_\_\_\_
- 3. Joss Tillard Gates      yay   x      nay\_\_\_\_
- 4. Bryan Gonzalez        yay \_\_\_\_    nay\_\_\_\_
- 5. Marina Samson         yay \_\_\_\_    nay\_\_\_\_
- 6. Lataysia Starks        yay   x      nay\_\_\_\_
- 7. Ursula Worsham        yay   x      nay\_\_\_\_

The board approved the application to apply for the Universal Prekindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant Program. The board **approved this item by unanimous board vote**.

**8. Updated 2022-2023 TK-6<sup>th</sup> 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

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for Staff and a list of resources available for Suicide Prevention

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

The board acknowledged updates to the Suicide Prevention Plan for Crete Academy and voted to **approve the document by unanimous board vote.**

9. **Student Handbook to be updated** – during the recent 3/2 Oversight Review we received an action item to update our Family Handbook to list the Director of Programs as Crete Academy Homeless Liaison contact

**BOARD VOTE**

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

The board acknowledged updates to the Student Handbook for Crete Academy and voted to **approve the document by unanimous board vote.**

10. **Charter School Facilities Program Funding Board Resolution**

**BOARD VOTE**

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

The board acknowledged the Charter School Facilities Program Funding Board Resolution and voted to **approve the document by unanimous board vote.**

11. **Back Office Provider**

**BOARD REVIEW & VOTE**

Following a discussion led by the Chief of Staff; Mr. Sergio Martus, the board agreed to move forward with the quote of Charter Impact to serve as the back office provider. The review considered financial impact and availability to minimize impact for transition of services. The board voted to **approve the selection of Charter Impact as back office provider by unanimous board vote.**

12. **MTD Fiscal Reports**

**BOARD REVIEW**

1. Financial Summary  
- ADA Analysis

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- Income Statement (YTD Budget vs. YTD Actuals and Budget vs. Forecast)
  - Balance Sheet
2. Cash Flow Forecast
  3. Financial Narrative
  4. Check Register

Time was allotted for the re-visit of board discussion for MTD Financials. The board was provided documentation in advance of the meeting and no additional discussion was needed. The board acknowledged MTD fiscal health and **approved the review as such by unanimous board vote.**

The board meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

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