

Calliope Academy
Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 15, 2020
6:30 PM PST
Zoom Conference

Minutes

This meeting was postponed from April 1, 2020 to April 15, 2020 due to COVID-19 Lockdown

I. Welcome – Roll Call

Voting: Georgia Scott, Tina Ahoulim, Dale Henry (joined late)

Non Voting: Tanya Chaldaris, Suzanna Sargsyan, Anna Hunanyan

II. Review and Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes

Tabled - No quorum at start of meeting

III. Financials

\$1,194.12 in bank

Public Storage - largest expense \$215/mo

Namecheap - website

IV. Old Items

a. Grant Updates

Charter Schools Growth Fund (CSGF) - Leadership Capacity Meeting with Tanya last week

b. Enrollment Plans Discussion

Original enrollment model needs to shift and be redeveloped to meet challenges presented due to COVID

c. Facilities update

Archdiocese facility was our first hope, may not be a feasible option for Y1.

Another possible space: Owned by another charter school, they are no longer on that campus, but are still paying for the cost of the building. We may be able to move into that facility and help with payments through a sublease agreement. Discussions are still taking place to see if this is a feasible option.

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V. New Items

a. Covid-19 Discussion

We are unsure how COVID-19 will affect our ability to operate as originally planned. There is a possibility that we may not be able to open this year (slated for Aug. 17, 2020)

We are working with several groups and organizations, to see what our options are, the best route to move forward, and how it may or may not affect our charter if changes need to be made to accommodate the new reality after COVID-19.

We are learning how to navigate this situation as news continues to progress.

We need to be mindful of decisions we make re: the future of Calliope in a world with COVID, and if they will be considered material changes with the LAUSD.

In person PD in July must be postponed or done virtually

We may or may not need to start school at a later time - but need to confirm that this won't be a material change

The board & staff will be asked to come up with questions we need to ask about moving forward

We will discuss COVID decisions at our next meeting

b. New Board Members

Motion: To amend agenda and add action item to approve potential board member:

A. Hunanyan

Dale/Tina

Unanimous approval

Motion: Approve Anna Hunanyan as Calliope Board Member

Tina/Dale

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- VI. Miscellaneous
- a. Reminder on Board Meeting Dates:
May 6, 2020 | June 3, 2020

Website translation is ready, we will need to upload it
New items for next time: Vote on opening date (5/6/2020)
Discuss how to maintain community in current situation with COVID

- VII. Adjourn

COVID Questions:

- If we don't open this year, if/how will it affect our chance for getting WFF & CSGF grants
- If we change the open date, is that considered a material change?
- Has the process of material changes for charters changed with LAUSD now due to COVID?
- If we change the way of operating our regular school day due to COVID (giving enough time to clean and sanitize classrooms, reduce class sizes, etc.), is that a material change?