



Oxford Preparatory Academy

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

October 18, 2017
MINUTES

I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of Oxford Preparatory Academy was held at the OPA-Saddleback Valley campus located at 22882 Loumont Dr., Lake Forest, California. The teleconference of the Board of Directors meeting was held at the OPA-South Orange County (SOC) campus located at 23000 Via Santa Maria, Mission Viejo, California.

1. Roll Call

Members	Present	Absent
Sandra Garner, Chair	X	
Joseph Haney, Vice Chair	X	
Albert Diaz, Secretary	X	
Raymond Jackson, Treasurer	X	

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sandra Garner, Chair.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved (Diaz), second (Haney), motion carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the agenda for the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors for October 18, 2017 as presented.

B. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF REASON FOR CLOSED SESSION

Board Chair Garner shared the Closed Session items as:

- Public Employee Appointment – Executive Director (Gov. code section 54957)
- Public Employee Appointment – Interim Managing Director (Gov. code section 54957)
- Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(2)) – 2 matters
- Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(4)) – 1 matters

1. Public Comments on Closed Session Items

Brandy Matthews, SOC parent, spoke in favor of the Board selecting Denise Pascoe for the position of Executive Director. She also spoke in favor of the Board filling the CFO opening quickly as timeliness was important.

Naz Nodjoumi, SOC parent and Advisory Board member, spoke in favor of Denise Pascoe for the Executive Director position. She also spoke regarding her concern for both campuses.

Angela Williams, former SOC parent, spoke in favor of bringing in leadership that is not part of the old ways of OPA. She also stated that the new ED would need to have knowledge of OPA's school and education.

Katie Booth, SOC teacher, thanked Mr. Diaz for meeting with the staff at SOC earlier in the day. She also shared that she felt things started getting louder from parents when Denise Pascoe was returned to the Chancellor position in June. She stated it wasn't fair that Mr. Crowe had worked alone for the last three and a half months. She stated the teachers are scared and she asked the Board to consider what they had before everything got a little crazy.

II. CLOSED SESSION – FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Board Chair Garner announced that the Board would begin Closed Session at 6:40 pm.

III. OPEN SESSION

A. PUBLIC REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Sandra Garner, Chair, reconvened the Open Meeting of the Board of Directors at 10:19 pm. The Board was in closed session from 6:40 pm to 10:19 pm. Ms. Garner reported out that a final agreement and resolution had been made with Turner Agassi. There has also been a final resolution with our insurance carrier, Philadelphia, with a net result that Oxford Preparatory Academy – Chino Valley would pay a total of \$7,500.00 to Turner Agassi and Philadelphia would pay Turner Agassi 1,000,000.00. The Board voted in closed session unanimously to approve this settlement. Garner, Diaz, Haney, Jackson – all Yes. Ms. Garner shared that this settlement process had been a long journey that was worked on since January. She thanked the current and previous Board for their patience and professionalism.

Joseph Haney, Vice Chair, shared that Andrew Crowe, Managing Director had resigned. He shared that he was disappointed that Mr. Crowe was leaving and that he would be missed. Mr. Haney stated that the Board had unanimously appointed Dr. Lisa Hall as the Interim Managing Director and he wished Andrew Crowe all the best in the future.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Diaz) and Second (Haney), motion carried 4-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Sandra Garner, Board Chair, adjourned the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors for October 18, 2017 at 10:24 pm.


Sandra Garner, Board Chair


Albert Diaz, Board Secretary