



**APPROVED 08/24/2021**

**California Online Public Schools (CalOPS)  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING**

GOVERNING BOARD for:

**CalCA North Bay  
CalCA Central Valley  
CalCA Central Coast  
CalCA Monterey Bay  
CalCA Ripon  
CalCA Southern California**

Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. PT

**Meeting to be held:**

Via Teleconference due to State Precautions regarding Public Health and Safety  
During COVID-19 Pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20

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**I. Call to Order**

Ms. Pavlich called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. when all participants were present and able to hear each other. The meeting was open to the public and held via teleconference due to state precautions regarding public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**II. Roll Call**

Board Members Present at Roll Call: Elaine Pavlich, Diana Rivas, Adam Pulsipher, and Dave Souza (all via phone);

Board Members Joined During Meeting: Mike Henjum (via phone);

Board Members Absent: Paul Hedrick and Brooke Watkins;

Guests Present: Richard Savage, Executive Director; Marcus White, Heather Tamayo, Richie Romero, Franci Sassin, and LaChelle Carter, School staff; Eileen Sigmund, Laura Johnson, Donna Kozub, and Laura Coleman, Pearson Virtual Schools staff (all via phone).

**III. Public Comment**

There were no public comments at this time.

**IV. Routine Business**

a. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Pavlich asked the Board to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting, and posted by July 30, 2021 in compliance with the Brown Act requirements. There being no changes noted, the following motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the August 3, 2021 Special Board Meeting, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion was approved unanimously.

[Mr. Henjum joined at 3:35 p.m.]

**V. Public Hearing on the Independent Study Policy**

Dr. Sassin announced the commencement of the public hearing at 3:36 p.m. on the Independent Study Policy.

Dr. Sassin reviewed requirement to hold a public hearing to discuss the School's Independent Study Policy. There being no questions and no members of the public in attendance, the Board closed the public hearing at 3:37 p.m. and resumed the regular session meeting of the Board.

**VI. Consent Items**

There were no consent items.

**VII. Action Items**

a. Approval of the Independent Study Policy

Dr. Sassin reviewed with the Board recent legislation that affects the Schools' Independent Study Policy. She reviewed the revisions in detail with the Board.

[Mr. Pulsipher left the meeting at 3:43 p.m. and rejoined the meeting at 3:45 p.m.]

The Board discussed the policy revisions in detail with Dr. Sassin. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Independent Study Policy, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Revision(s) to the 2021-2022 Master Agreement

Dr. Sassin reviewed with the Board recent legislation that required revisions to the previously approved 2021-2022 Master Agreement before the start of the school year. She reviewed the changes in detail with the Board. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

[Ms. Rivas left the meeting at 4:08 p.m.]

RESOLVED, that the Revision(s) to the 2021-2022 Master Agreement, as presented, is hereby approved.

[Ms. Rivas rejoined the meeting at 4:09 p.m.]

The motion passed unanimously.

c. Ratification of Granting High School Diplomas to Students who meet the Requirements of AB 104

Dr. Romero reviewed with the Board the request to grant high school diplomas to students who meet the requirements of AB 104, as included in the Board meeting materials. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Approval of Granting Retroactive High School Diplomas for California Connections Academy Eligible Seniors Numbers 1 through 14, Pursuant to Education Code Section 51430, Effective August 4, 2021 and to Direct the Executive Director, or his Designated Administrator to Communicate with the Qualifying Students, as presented and discussed, is hereby ratified.

The motion passed unanimously.

d. Approval of Revised Board Resolution Regarding Enrollment Limits for the 2021-2022 School Year

Dr. Savage updated the Board on the current enrollment levels and requested the Board table this item as a revision to enrollment limits is not currently needed. There being no further discussion, this item was tabled.

**VIII. Information Items**

a. Board Support Update

Ms. Johnson provided the Board with an update on support services and personnel provided to the school and Board by Pearson Virtual Schools.

b. State Accountability Update

Dr. Romero and Dr. Sassin provided the Board with an update on various state and federal accountability measures, including other requirements surrounding AB 104 and the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) reporting.

[Dr. Savage left the meeting at 4:35 p.m.]

c. Sponsoring District(s) Update

Dr. Sassin provided the Board with an update on additional legislation measures, including the automatic 2-year renewal of all charters that were due for renewal which includes the Monterey Bay and Ripon schools.

**IX. Adjournment and Confirmation of the Next Meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. PT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. PT.