

**Minutes of the  
CHIME Charter School  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Held via Zoom Video Conference  
Tuesday, November 10, 2020**

**Members Present:** Patrick Smith, Dawn Hamilton, Josh Mark, Marc Polansky, Tony Battaglia, Traci Myman, Jeffrey Becker, Melissa Aguilar  
**Members Absent:** Matthew Rinnert,  
**Others Present:** Erin Studer, Annie Cox, Caitlin Healey, Shelbi Doherty, Irina Castillo, Kathy Jamison

- I. **Public Comment** (3 minutes each)—Speakers may sign up at 5:55 p.m. Members of the public who wish to make comments on agenda or non-agenda items are welcome to do so. Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members cannot respond to presentations as no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation at a later time.

**Public Comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment and none was made

II. **Consent Agenda (5 min)**

The following item(s) may be adopted by a single vote of the board, or any item(s) may be pulled off of consent by any member's request (without any need for a vote to pull from consent).

1. **Approval** of the October 6th, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.
  - a) Pulled for Consent Agenda and Tabled for next meeting as the date was incorrect and, therefore, for a review of the minutes.
    - (1) Agenda for next meeting should also include a motion to approve the 9/14 special meeting..
    - (2) August 25. 2020 Minutes were approved on 9/8/2020

III. Charter School Programs Reports

**LA County Department of Public Health Vulnerable Populations program:** CHIME gave notice to LA County Department of Public Health that we would be bringing students back onto campus using the 10% Vulnerable Populations program offered through LADPH. We were visited and inspected for readiness by an official from LADPH and received clearance to proceed. Over the past three weeks CHIME staff had brought students on to campus for special education assessment. Subsequently, LADPH has increased the parameters of the program to allow schools to bring up to 25% of the total number of students under the program. CHIME administration is hosting a series of conversation with staff about plans for next steps to bring larger numbers of students back to campus for instructional support and service.

Discussion had about Charter School plans and criteria for bringing students back

**TK-2 Waiver program:** LA County Board of Supervisors has instructed LA County Department of Public Health to begin considering waivers to bring back grades TK-2 in compliance with LADPH Return to School protocols. CHIME will review pertinent information and plans with stakeholders and staff and bring forward to a recommendation to the Board regarding a potential TK-2 plan waiver application. LADPH health has also recently amended to this program to allow up to 50 schools in LA County to be approved per week. Just over 70 schools (out of over 2000 in LA County) have been approved for this waiver. Of the schools that have been approved, Las Virgenes Unified is the only public school district.

Discussion had about parent and stakeholder surveys and the required letter of support from a parent association and 50% of your faculty. Discussion had about testing, protocols, and school's decision not to apply at this time. Discussion of LAUSD input and safest practices to protect students and staff and families and issues of contracting COVID-19. Teachers working hard to keep students on track and to achieve grade level performance. ED thinks teachers and staff need to be given credit for they are working hard to develop engagement systems to get kids back on track, to ameliorate any learning loss as much as possible. When in-person learning returns, we need to continue to be able to offer academic support to kids. Even with Covid there's still no research on retention.

**Financing Options:** The Executive Director and ExEd applied to be considered for the California School Finance Authority's ASAP deferral financing program. They also help meetings with Charter Asset Management and Charter School Capital to discuss their funding programs as well. It is anticipated that a deferral funding recommendation will be brought before the board for approval in the December or January board meeting.

**Charter Renewal:** Public hearing for CHIME Institute's Schwarzenegger Community School's 5-year charter petition renewal was heard by the LAUSD board. Executive Director Erin Studer spoke on behalf of the petition in public comment. The Charter Schools Division's recommendation for approval or denial is expected to be shared with the public on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and the item will be brought before the board on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

#### IV. FISCAL REPORT

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the public on November 23rd and the item will be brought before the board on December 8th , 2020. Board will be alerted as to all updates. December 8, 2020 appearances by the ED and the Board may be needed (seven speaker cards on the item).

Irina presents the Financial Dashboard for September of 2020 per her Board Report

**Call for public comment made again because of changed meeting time from prior meetings.**  
There was a call for public comment and none were made.

**V. Adjournment:**

M/S/P Motion (P. Smith) to adjourn the open session of the meeting.

***VOTE***

***Yeses:*** Dawn Hamilton, Josh Mark, Marc Polansky, Tony Battaglia, Traci Myman, Jeffrey Becker, Patrick Smith, Melissa Aguilar

***No's:*** None

***Abstentions:*** None

***MOTION PASSES: 8-0-0***

**Closed Session- Update on legal issue in a closed session. No action taken.**