

**Minutes of the
CHIME Charter School
Board of Directors Meeting
Held via Zoom Video Conference
Tuesday September 14, 2021**

Members Present: Patrick Smith, Dawn Hamilton, Josh Mark, Matthew Rinnert, Tony Battaglia, T. Myman, M. Aguilar

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Erin Studer, Annie Cox, Caitlin Healey, Irina Castillo (EXED), Kathy Jamison, Shelbi Doherty

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Board Chair/President P. Smith **Public Comment** (3 minutes each)—Speakers were allowed the opportunity to “sign up” for public comment before the start of the meeting and public comment was invited for each agenda action item. Each speaker, if any, was advised of the three (3) minute time limit and that ordinarily, Board members cannot respond to presentations on non-action items as no action can be taken on non-agenda items, but that the Board may advise that direction may be given to staff following a presentation later.

- I. Public Comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment, and none was made

- II. Consent Agenda:** 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 minutes of the 8/3/2021 CHIME Charter School Board Meeting
 - a. **M/S/P Motion** (M. Rinnert, M Aguilar) to approve the Minutes of the Chime Charter School Board of Directors meeting on August 3rd, 2021
 2. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
 - a. **VOTE**
 - b. **Yeses:** *P. Smith, D. Hamilton, M. Rinnert, M. Aguilar, T. Battaglia, J. Mark*
 - c. **No’s:** None
 - d. **Abstentions:** *None*
 - e. **MOTION PASSES: 6-0-0**

- III. Board Ratification of Employee COVID-19 Vaccination Policy**
 1. E. Studer shared the details of the staff vaccination policy
 - a) There was a discussion about the differences between CHIME’s vaccination policy and the one that was established in a vote in LAUSD in the previous week.
 - b) There was a discussion about how many students are eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccines.
 - c) There was a discussion about the intention of CHIME’s policy.

- d) There was a discussion about how the policy was received by parents.
 - e) There was a discussion about outdoor masking policy.
 - f) There was a discussion about how many staff are unvaccinated and what it would look like if CHIME required a vaccine.
- b. **M/S/P** Motion (P. Smith/ J. Mark) to ratify the employee COVID-19 Vaccination Policy
 - 2. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
 - a. **VOTE**
 - b. **Yeses:** P. Smith, M. Rinnert, D. Hamilton, J. Mark, T. Myman, M. Aguilar, T. Battaglia
 - c. **No's:** None
 - d. **Abstentions:** None
 - e. **MOTION PASSES: 7-0-0**

IV. Review and Approve Revision of Safe Reopening and Exposure Management Plan

- 1. E. Studer explained why the approval of this plan is required.
- 2. E. Studer explained the differences between the original Safe Reopening and Exposure Management plan and the Revised plan.
- 3. There was a discussion about the comparisons between this plan and that from other charter schools. This plan is the same as the LAUSD plan.
- 4. D Hamilton commented that there were many strong reactions from the public about the plan and that Dr. Studer and the administrative team handled it very well..
- 5. P. Smith also thanked the administrative team for their hard work.
- 6. Approval of the minutes of the 8/3/2021 CHIME Charter School Board Meeting
- a. **M/S/P** Motion (J. Mark/M. Rinnert) to approve the Revision of Safe Reopening and Exposure Management Plan
- 7. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
- a. **VOTE**
- b. **Yeses:** P. Smith, J. Mark, D. Hamilton, M. Rinnert, T. Battaglia, M. Polansky, M. Aguilar, T Myman
- c. **No's:** None
- d. **Abstentions:** None
- e. **MOTION PASSES: 8-0-0**

V. Review and Approval of Pension Investment in American Mutual Funds Plan

- 1. E. Studer reviewed the decision of the board to invest the pension fund. The process will begin soon.
- 2. There was a discussion about how the investments will be confirmed and the documentation that will be held related to them.
- 3. There was a discussion about the logistics of how the money is being held and P. Smith requested that the finance committee review the process.
- 4. Motion: add "with the notification to the finance committee so that they can report back to the board"

5. **M/S/P Motion** (M. Polansky, D. Hamilton) to Approve the Pension Investment in American Mutual Funds Plan with the notification to the finance committee so that they can report back to the board.
6. **Public comment:** There was an opportunity for public comment. None were made
- a. **VOTE**
- b. **Yeses:** P. Smith, D. Hamilton, T. Myman, M. Polansky, M. Aguilar, J. Mark
- c. **No's:** None
- d. **Abstentions:** T. Battaglia, M. Rinnert.
- e. **MOTION PASSES: 6-0-2**

VI. Charter School Educational Program Report

- a. The Board will be given an opportunity to review and ask questions about the report provided by the Executive Director of the Charter School, summarizing any updates and actions taken since the last meeting and any recommendations to the Board.
 - a) E. Studer presented his board report as attached.
 - b) E. Studer acknowledged Rhonda Vittetoe for organizing the testing program. The nurse that came said that ours was the most organized program of any at LAUSD they have been to.
 - c) There was a discussion about the school receiving ADA and how it relates to independent study.
 - d) There was a discussion about tracking independent study and the level of engagement happening in that program.
 - e) There was a discussion about why enrollment in our school and the district has been lower and what CHIME is doing to fill out enrollment.
 - f) The assessment of children and how they were affected by the pandemic was discussed. E. Studer explained a new assessment software platform and a school climate survey.
 - g) There was a discussion about teacher attrition.

VII. Adjournment The next meeting will be on October 5th 2021

1. **M/S/P Motion** (P. Smith) to adjourn the CHIME Charter School Board meeting.
2. **Public comment:** P. Smith explained that the meeting will not be held remotely and the circumstances by which someone could participate remotely.
 - a) There was a discussion about whether public and the board would need to be COVID tested in order to join the next meeting.
- b. **VOTE**
- c. **Yeses:** P. Smith, J. Mark, D. Hamilton, M. Polansky, M. Rinnert. T. Myman, T. Battaglia, M. Aguilar
- d. **No's:** None
- e. **Abstentions:** none
- f. **MOTION PASSES: 8-0-0**