



MEETING OF THE BOARD  
Bridges Preparatory Academy  
Monday, August 2, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Directors for Bridges Preparatory Academy, a California nonprofit corporation was held on Monday, August 2, 2021 via a public Zoom conference from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Present: Trena Spurlock, David Owen, Miguel Angel Romero, and Mary Louise Silva  
Others Present: Alejandro Gomez and Addison Grant

**CALL TO ORDER**

David Owen called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. Mr Owen acknowledged all staff and board members present and shared that Executive Director Alejandro Gomez will provide most of the updates reflected in the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- June 28, 2021 - *The minutes were approved as presented.*

It was **MOVED** by David Owen to approve the June 28 minutes and **SECONDED** by Trena Spurlock.

**Yes vote:** *David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Miguel Angel Romero, Mary Louise Silva*

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

It was **MOVED** by Mary Louise Silva to approve the agenda and **SECONDED** by Trena Spurlock.

**Yes vote:** *David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Miguel Angel Romero, Mary Louise Silva*

**COMMUNICATIONS** (Board Member Comments)  
None.

**COMMUNICATIONS** (Public Comment)  
None.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Mr. Gomez provided the following update:

1. **Enrollment update** - at this time 53 students are fully enrolled and another 20 families are expected to submit the necessary enrollment documentation. As a result of the recent surge in COVID cases and reduction of available classrooms in the building from 4 to 3, the school will open this fall with 75 students and not 112 as initially reflected in the charter petition. It is likely that up to 95 students will be fully enrolled as a result of the warm reception and incentives Mr. Gomez is offering to interested families willing to learn more about the school. Families who participate in a school tour receive a \$10 gift card, a box of food, and diapers if they have a baby. Other incentives for enrolled students include a free uniform (shirt and pants and/or shorts), backpack, and school supplies. If the school does not meet the new enrollment target, Mr. Gomez is willing to accept a reduction in salary to compensate for the loss in revenue.
2. **Staff Contracts** - contracts have been issued and signed for 3 teachers, an office manager, one office and teachers aide. At this time Mr. Gomez is interviewing a potential candidate to serve as the school's special education teacher.
3. **Facility updates** - LACOE has recently given the school a list of 12 items of necessary changes to the school's facility such as adding exit signage, replacing door handles, installing a fire alarm system. etc. The owner of the building has agreed to pay for a fire alarm system and the school will cover the cost of the items that need to be changed. LACOE is also asking the school to submit an education permit.
4. **First day of school is Aug. 19th.** As a result of the necessary building changes and issues with the permit, the opening date of the school has been extended 5 days from August 12th to August 19th.

#### **APPROVAL OF CHARTER PETITION TO ACCEPT 8TH GRADERS IN YEAR 1**

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Mr. Gomez shared that in order to meet the needs of families and meet this year's enrollment goals, a letter has been submitted to the LACOE board requesting approval to change the charter petition to accept entering 8th graders in Year 1. BPA will now enroll 56 entering 6th graders, 28 entering 7th graders and 28 entering 8th graders for the 2021-22 school year.

It was **MOVED** by Mary Louise Silva to approve the charter petition to accept 8th graders in Year 1 and **SECONDED** by Trena Spurlock

**Yes vote:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Miguel Angel Romero, Mary Louise Silva

#### **APPROVAL OF THE CONAPP APPLICATION FOR FUNDING**

Mr. Addison shared that the school needs to submit the Consolidated Application (**ConApp**) to be eligible to receive categorical funds such as Title 1, 2 and 4. BPA will also need to submit an LCAP addendum which will include how this funding will be spent.

It was **MOVED** by Trena Spurlock to approve the (ConApp) application and **SECONDED** by David Owen



**Yes vote:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Miguel Angel Romero, Mary Louise Silva

#### **APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK**

Mr. Gomez briefly introduced the employee handbook.

It was **MOVED** by Trena Spurlock to approve the employee handbook and **SECONDED** by David Owen

**Yes vote:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Miguel Angel Romero, Mary Louise Silva

#### **APPROVAL OF 2021-2022 REVISED SCHOOL CALENDAR - school is starting 5 days later**

Mr. Gomez introduced the revised school calendar for 2021-22 with school starting on August 19, 2021 and ending on June 15, 2022. BPA's calendar is very similar to Compton Unified school calendar.

It was **MOVED** by Mary Louise Silva to approve the revised school calendar and **SECONDED** by Trena Spurlock

**Yes vote:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Miguel Angel Romero, Mary Louise Silva

#### **APPROVAL OF 2021-2022 BPA BOARD MEETINGS**

Mr. Gomez introduced the dates for future BPA board meetings which take place at 7:00 pm on the following days:

##### 2021-2022 Board Meetings

- September 13, 2021
- October 4, 2021
- November 15, 2021
- December 13, 2021
- January 10, 2022
- February 7, 2022
- March 14, 2022
- April 11, 2022
- May 16, 2022
- June 6, 2022
- June 18, 2022

It was **MOVED** by Trena Spurlock to approve the board meeting schedule for SY 2021-22 and **SECONDED** by Miguel Angel Romero

**Yes vote:** David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Miguel Angel Romero, Mary Louise Silva

#### **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT TO PUT A FENCE AROUND THE SCHOOL**

Mr. Gomez shared that the school needs a fence to keep students enclosed and safe during the school day. Mr. Gomez has reviewed bids to install a 6 foot chain link fence and found the most cost effective option with FGL Fencing.

It was **MOVED** by Trena Spurlock approve the contract to put a fence around the school and **SECONDED** by David Owen

*Yes vote: David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Miguel Angel Romero, Mary Louise Silva*

**APPROVAL OF REVISED CONTRACT FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

PCSG (new charter school planning grant) that the school was recently awarded will now be used to cover the salary of the Executive Director. A new compensation level and full year contract for the BPA's Executive Director will be effective July 1, 2021 will also be covered by the PCSG grant.

It was **MOVED** by Trena Spurlock to approve the revised contract for the Executive Director and **SECONDED** by Miguel Angel Romero

*Yes vote: David Owen, Trena Spurlock, Miguel Angel Romero, Mary Louise Silva.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved to end the meeting at 8:20 pm by Trena Spurlock and **SECONDED** by Miguel Angel Romero. All in favor. None opposed