

New Horizons Charter Academy

Board Meeting

February 14, 2023

Board Present – David Sams (Chairman), Richard Thomas (ED). Ilana Youngheim, Mary Minassian

Not Present – Dr. Castaneda, Arsen Alekryan

Public - Guillermo Gomez, Matt Percin C.P.A.CharterImpact, Xiomara Medrano, Bea Italia, Nicole Kraake, Brian Ruff, EIDEBailey Independent Audit Firm

I. Closed Session – None.

Meeting Commenced at: 5:45 PM

Public Comments: None

Items for Action

Approval of Board Minutes, January 24, 2023 Mr. Sams, After review, does board have any discussion or revisions to the Board Minutes.

- Motion made to approve – Ms. Youngheim
- Second – Mrs. Minassian
- Motion Carries (3-0 Yes vote carries)

Independent Audit Report 2021 (Brian Ruff CPA) – Good Evening Board of Directors, you have received the Independent Audit Report completed by EideBailey Audit Firm. EideBailey has audited the financial position of New Horizons Charter Academy, as of June 30, 2022, and the statement of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year ending in June 30th, 2022. EideBailey has reviewed the operational audit areas along with financial information. In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly in all material aspects. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient to provide a basis for this audit opinion, no material findings noted. Does the Board have any Questions?

Board Chair – Mr. Sams, the Board of Directors have reviewed the Independent Audit Report, and find your audit to be complete and in agreement with our monthly reviews of financial information and operations at New Horizons Charter Academy. No further questions.

Richard Thomas – This is as it should be, we work hard to maintain strong internal controls as demonstrated by our scoring a (4) in the Fiscal *Financial Section* of our LAUSD Oversight Review, demonstrating their confidence in our use of public funds.

- Motion made to approve – Mrs. Minassian
- Second – Ms. Youngheim
- Motion Carries (3-0 Yes, vote carries)

Prop 39 -Update – We are asking for an additional bungalow at Fair Avenue, to accommodate our Tk-8 teachers. LAUSD will provide the final offer as of April 1st, 2023 for upcoming 2023-24 school year. New Horizons Charter Academy legal team is crafting a response to request an alternative agreement, due by May 1st, and once the district responds, this will be shared with the Board at the May 2023 Board Meeting. NHCA has finalized the business office lease for 10941 Camarillo office.

- Motion made to approve – Mrs. Minassian
- Second – Mrs. Youngheim
- Motion Carries (3-0 Yes, vote carries)

Title IX Harassment, Intimidation, Discrimination and Bullying Policy (Revision)

Mr. Thomas - This policy prohibits the discrimination based on sex, pregnancy, parental status, and sexual stereotypes. Regardless of orientation. We are here today to address some updates that have been added to protect our students and organization, these are required documents that must be updated from time to time, to provide optimum learning environments and work conditions.

Ms. Youngheim – What revisions were added this year?

Mr. Thomas – Most of these revisions dealt with support of our LGBTQ community, as well as a review of cyber-bullying, passwords, and social media provisions, Mrs. Kraake is our new Title IX Coordinator, she helped us shape some of those revisions. The rest of the document, was looked at by our legal staff, they assure me that much of the document remains the same.

- Motion made to approve – Ms. Youngheim
- Second – Mrs. Minassian
- Motion Carries (3-0 Yes, vote carries)

Executive Director’s Report – The school has completed its Winter NWEA testing to continue to monitor students progress in ELA and Math. The school continues to work hard to follow up on students who continue to have attendance issues. Truancy letters are sent home, followup phone calls with parents and home visits are conducted.

Meeting adjourned at Next Board Meeting – April 19th, 2023 - 6:45 PM

LEGEND

<i>Academic Terms</i>	<i>Financial Terms</i>
<i>ESSER – Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund</i>	<i>MM – million dollars</i>
<i>ADA – Average Daily Attendance</i>	<i>K – thousand dollars</i>
<i>LAUSD – Los Angeles Unified School District</i>	
<i>CAASSP – California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress</i>	
<i>Prop 39 – a school facilities-based initiative</i>	
<i>Prop 39 – a reallocation of funding for previous years rent to LAUSD</i>	
<i>CDE – California Department of Education</i>	

<i>CAASPP – California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress</i>	
<i>COLA - Cost of Living Adjustment</i>	
<i>HH – ADA Hold Harmless Protection</i>	
<i>SARC – Student Accountability Report Card</i>	
<i>PBIS – Positive Behavior Interventions and Support</i>	
<i>Title IX Initiative – An amendment that provides freedom from sexual discrimination for students and educators.</i>	