

## **Sky Mountain Charter School Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

By Zoom Teleconference  
Thursday, October 31, 2019

**1. CALL TO ORDER** at 12:30 pm by Argi Sayari

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. INTRODUCTIONS/WELCOME/ROLL CALL**

**Governing Board Attendees:** Tawanna Cullen, and Shah-ye Mojica, and Jennifer Radford

**Administration Present:** Jodi Jones, Chief Executive Officer, Burke Wallace, Executive Director of Academics, Cynthia Rachel, Director of Communications and Development, Melissa Gonzalez, Assessment & Accountability. Laurie Goltara, LCAP Coordinator, Argi Sayari, Governing Board President, Megan Kelly, SM Advisor, and Brenda Christensen, Governing Board Secretary.

**4. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Members of the public may be heard on any item. A person addressing the Board will be limited to 3 minutes, unless the Site Administrator grants a longer period of time. Comments by members of the public on an item on the agenda will only be allowed during consideration of the item by the Board.

No one addressed the board at that time.

**5. REPORTS**

- A. Melissa Gonzalez presented the Sky Mountain Dashboard Local Indicator Report. Burke notified the board of our Student Academic Success Survey coming out in a couple weeks that will tie into the Dashboard and LCAP. He emphasized the importance of feedback and encouraged the board to help get the word out.
- B. Laurie Goltara presented the 2019-2020 LCAP Report. Jennifer inquired about support for SAT and ACT testing. Laurie put together some helpful links in an email to Jennifer and suggested reaching out to her ES and guidance counselor for additional resources.
- C. Cynthia Rachel presented the Charter Renewal. Lucerne Valley, our authorizing district, invited us to renew our charter early. We have an excellent working relationship with our authorizing district. The early renewal will give us another 5 years to learn what the new legislation looks like. We would have come up for renewal in 2 years; a lot can change in that time. They wanted to give us 5 years to look into the interpretation of this legislation and what that looks like in reality. We will officially submit our request for renewal including any updates to current laws that have changed since the last time we renewed and ensure that the renewal is accurate to the programs currently offered to our students on November 14th. The district will follow with an official vote in December. Jodi has been in contact regularly with Mr. Livingston, Superintendent for LVUSD. We anticipate this being a very favorable process.
- D. Jodi Jones reviewed SB126, a transparency law our new governor promised during his campaign; it will go into effect January 2020. Most things won't change or affect us; we're already compliant with many of the requirements. There were some small tweaks we'll need to adjust to like where and how we meet, but generally, most of it won't be noticeable to our

board. One area that will be noticeable to the board is our legislature voted to approve government code 1090, a conflict of interest law primarily applied to public offices. These have never been applied to charters because we are not government elected officials. However, this bill formally applies the requirements to charter schools. One of the components to the bill included the [Form 700](#). Jodi shared her screen and provided an overview of the form including deadlines to file, where the forms will be kept, and access to the public should someone ask. Jodi has worked for charter schools in the past that used this as a form of protection to ensure there was no financial benefit of anyone serving on the board. She offered to meet with anyone who may have concerns or needed help with filling it out before the deadline of April 1, 2020. Another aspect of this bill will include employees; our income and benefits will be disclosable and posted on the state controller's website for the public to view. Jodi directed the board with financial investments to contact their tax accountant for support in completing the form. She provided the board with her email address and encouraged anyone with any questions or concerns to contact her directly.

## **6. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Approval of the August 23, 2019 minutes**

Tawanna moved to approve the August 23, 2019 minutes.

Jennifer seconded the motion.

Roll call taken; approval of June 10, 2019 minutes passed unanimously.

## **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- First Interim Budget
- Next board meeting was set for November 22, 2019. Brenda will send out a survey to determine the best time the majority.

## **8. ADJOURN**

Argi Sayari adjourned meeting at 1:15pm.