

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CITIZENS OF THE
WORLD CHARTER SCHOOL**

Date: Thursday, September 22, 2011 Time: 6:00 p.m.

**Location: Citizens of the World Charter School – 1316 N. Bronson Ave. Los Angeles, CA
90028**

Mini Auditorium (RM 260) 323-464-4292

MINUTES

I. Welcome & Call to Order

- Deborah Lee
- Josh McLaughlin
- Kate Sobel (by phone)
- Craig Tessler (by phone)

II. Invitation for Public Comment

Parent David Wiater shared that he was excited after the presentation from the national group Monday night and thinks this merger is important and a great opportunity for us and hopes the board approves the merger.

III. Board Review and Approval of Minutes from the 9/19/11 Board Meeting (ACTION ITEM)

Kate Sobel moved that the minutes be approved, Josh McLaughlin seconded the motion and they were approved unanimously.

IV. Board Discussion and Action for CWC Hollywood to fully commit to formally partner with Citizens of the World Charter Schools (the network) and to delegate authority to a subset of the board and the Executive Director to consult with legal counsel, the network and LAUSD to execute this partnership bringing back to the board anything legally required to be board approved. (ACTION ITEM)

Craig Tessler recused himself from discussion or action on this item in an abundance of caution citing the possibility that he will be involved with the national group in some capacity in the future. After he left the meeting, the remaining board members shared their enthusiasm for the process to arrive at this decision both in terms of the partnership with the parents and community and the school community's insight, thoughtful questions and support for this partnership and the due diligence and deliberations of the board. Josh McLaughlin moved to fully commit to formally partnering with the Citizens of the World Charter Schools (the network) and to delegate authority to a subset of the board and Executive Director to consult with legal counsel, the network and LAUSD to execute this partnership bringing back to the board anything legally required to be board approved. Kate Sobel seconded the motion, Debbie Lee voted aye and the motion was approved. From here Josh McLaughlin and Debbie Lee (in consultation with Dan and Kate contingent on their availability) and Amy will work with counsel, the network and LAUSD to pursue next steps to execute the partnership.

V. Board Discussion and Action to add Marissa Berman as an authorized signatory to CWC Hollywood Bank Accounts.

Craig Tessler was called and rejoined the meeting by phone. Josh McLaughlin moved to approve adding Marissa Berman as an authorized signatory to the CWC Hollywood Bank Accounts, Debbie Lee seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

VI. Board Chair Comment – Josh McLaughlin mentioned that board composition will be something to look at in the very near future and discuss with the network as we look at upcoming board elections and the need to fill any potential vacancies.

VII. Executive Director Comment – Amy Held echoed the comment about board composition and that in light of the potential lag time to fully execute the merger it would make sense, if Josh McLaughlin is willing and the board approves it by mutual consent for him to remain as the parent rep in light of the fact that the board composition is unknown and will likely change with the merger. Amy also noted that since the CWC national group is much further along with the drafting and community organizing for the second charter petition and that now that the two entities are formally partnering it would make the most sense to proceed united in submitting a single charter from the national group. Finally, Amy shared that enrollment is currently at 178 with 11 spots remaining open at the second grade level. A mailing is already going out to Larchmont and LCW's waitlists for second grade and we've reached out to our second grade families and surrounding schools for assistance filling the remaining spots. We are projected to be at approximately 40% FRL for diversity numbers. We had Back to School Night last night and have almost double the students and staff from last year. We launched the year with a phenomenal staff retreat and orientation. Finally, the after school program has been substantially overhauled and improved and we are now offering enrichment classes as well.

Adjourn to Closed Session and Board Chair announces items to be discussed in Closed Session.

I. Public Employment – Performance Evaluation a. Executive Director

Return to Open Session and report out of Board action as required/applicable. Adjournment

VIII. Confirmation of Schedule for next Board Meeting 10/20 at 4pm

Adjournment

* Board Member Kate Sobel will join the meeting by phone from (917)-331-3621 from 359 Saint Marks Ave. #2 Brooklyn, NY 11238; Craig Tessler may join the meeting by phone from (310) 721-1385 from 1990 S. Bundy Dr. Suite 200 Los Angeles, CA 90025
Dan Nieman may join the meeting by phone from (917) 817-2920 from 606 S. Olive Street Suite 300 Los Angeles, CA 90014

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