

**West Contra Costa Unified School District
Charter Subcommittee Minutes
January 25, 2021**

I. Opening Procedures

Chairperson Demetrio Gonzalez-Hoy called the meeting to order at 4:04pm.

A. Roll Call & Introductions

Committee Members Present

Demetrio Gonzalez- Hoy and Leslie Reckler

Staff: Tony Wold, Denise Cifelli

B. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Leslie Reckler moved approval of agenda and Chairperson Demetrio Gonzalez-Hoy seconded.

Motion Carried.

C. Public Comment

Suzanne Balmaceda, Joanna Pace, Aron Michalski, Abadesa Rolon, John Irminger

II. Discussion Items

A.Goals and Objectives of the Committee

Mr. Gonzalez-Hoy introduced the Vision Statement and Goals of the Charter Committee.

Public Comment

Sarah Butler, Abadesa Rolon, Ritchie Cook

Board Comment

Ms. Reckler suggested prioritizing the committee goals and adding how they will meet the goals.

Mr. Gonzalez-Hoy agreed with Ms. Reckler's suggestions.

B. Review of Checklists for Petition Review

Ms. Cifelli went over the petition review process, explained the checklist, division of programs and how they were divided amongst the review team.

Dr. Wold explained the 14 elements and the role of consultant Dr. Adler. He also explained that the checklist could not be published as it is an internal work document.

Ms. Reckler questioned the difference between checklist and a rubric. Ms. Cifelli and Dr. Wold explained

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Public Comment

Abadesa Rolon, Sarah Butler

Board Comment

Mr. Gonzalez-Hoy discussed best practices throughout California. He noted that some counties and school districts have a review matrix which includes community input and would like for WCCUSD to consider a transparent review matrix for the community.

Ms. Cifelli and Dr. Wold agreed with Mr. Gonzalez-Hoy and agreed to add additional information and resources to the charter school website for the public. This will be an ongoing project.

Ms. Reckler stated she has been attending best practices training and how valuable it was to see how other counties were applying their best practices, wanting to do the same at WCCUSD.

Mr. Gonzalez would like more community input on the review matrix.

C. Review of District Board Policies Related to Charters

Edward Sklar, the district's attorney from Lozano Smith, discussed the board policies for petitions and Public Hearings. Mr. Sklar also reviewed and defined the 14 elements of the charter school review.

Ms. Reckler had several questions on the process of updating the District Board policies related to Charter Schools. Dr. Wold responded to her questions.

Mr. Gonzalez-Hoy asked Mr. Sklar to clarify some of the review elements and asked if any new elements had been added. He also asked for guidelines on updating the board policy related to charter schools.

Public Comment

Joseph Glatzer, Abadesa Rolon

Board Comment

Mr. Gonzalez-Hoy asked Ms. Cifelli and Dr. Wold to work with Mr. Sklar on updating the policies. A draft version will be brought to the March subcommittee meeting for review, discussion and public comment.

D. Criteria/Template for Charter School Annual Presentations

Dr. Wold introduced Dr. Laurel Adler who is an expert on the charter review process. Dr. Adler presented information on the process.

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Public Comment

Gabrielle Micheletti, John Irminger, Joanna Pace, Abadesa Rolon, Perla Rodriguez, Joseph Glatzer, Ritchie Cook, Sarah Butler, Mariela Cuellar, Aron Michalski

Ms. Reckler motioned to extend the meeting to 6:15 pm. Seconded by Mr. Gonzalez-Hoy

Board Comment

Ms. Reckler requested staff look into how other districts are applying best practices in reviewing petitions.

Mr. Gonzalez Hoy thanked Dr. Laurel for her presentation. He stated he would like to see Charter presentations begin with the March meeting.

III. Action

A. Approval of Calendar of Meetings

Public Comment

Mariela Cuellar, Abadesa Rolon

Board Comment

Ms. Reckler recommended reviewing the goals and prioritizing the agenda topics for the calendar. Mr. Gonzalez-Hoy agreed with Ms. Reckler's comment.

Ms. Reckler motioned to approve the calendar as presented with the addition of "Subject to Change matching the committees goals". Seconded by Mr. Gonzalez-Hoy

IV. Charter Subcommittee Next Meeting Date

Mr. Gonzalez Hoy announced the next Charter Subcommittee meeting will be held on February 22nd from 4- 6 pm and that Richmond College Prep School agreed to present in March, Agenda items will include an update on charter school policy, timeline in renewals, feedback from the community, Training from In The Public Interest on charter Laws, and a Checklist for petitions.

V. Good of the Order

VI. Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm