



**GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

March 15, 2022 - 5:00 p.m. (via Zoom)

Dr. Cecil H. Steppe Presiding

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Maria Cruz Avalos, Pete Chodzko, Michelle Evans, Rafael Hernandez (arrived later), Jeremy Hurlbert, Myeisha Lobbins, Bud Mehan, Jacque Nevels, Mica Pollock (arrived later), Vincent Riveroll, and Cecil H. Steppe

**EXCUSED:**

Michael Rodrigues and Anne Spitzberg

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Dr. Steppe called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and the roll was called.

**AGENDA REVIEW (Board Chair Steppe):**

Board members reviewed the agenda items.

**ACTION ITEMS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS (Board Chair Steppe):**

1. **Moved into Closed Session at 5:21 pm (Board Chair Steppe)**
  - a. Conference GPA Negotiating Team (Gov. Code § 54957.6) School Designated Representatives: L. Maples, J. Levenson, A. Robinson, I. Limon, M. Evans, S. Suarez, D. Garcia, P. Chodzko, J. Hurlbert, M. Davis, C. H. Steppe  
Employee Organization:  
SDEA/CTA/NEA

*No actions to report from Closed Session*

2. **Returned to Open Session at 5:42 pm (Board Chair Steppe)**

3. **Review of the Minutes:**

Board members reviewed the minutes from the January 18, 2022 board meeting and February 22, 2022 special board meeting.

*Motion to approve January 18, 2022 and February 22, 2022 minutes m/s/c*

*Chodzko/Nevels 10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye, Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: technical issues; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; and Steppe: aye*

**4. Chairman’s Report (Board Chair Steppe)**

Mr. Steppe explained that AD Robinson will speak about GPA-Sunshine of Initial Proposal.

a. GPA - Sunshine of Initial Proposals:

AD Robinson explained what the board approved in closed session to reopen when negotiating with GTA.

**5. Superintendent’s Report (Superintendent Riveroll)**

Director/Superintendent Riveroll introduced Ms. Levenson to speak about the updated Title IX Policy.

a. Title IX Policy:

Chief of Staff Jane Levenson explained the Title IX Policy for Sexual Harrassment at GPA. This policy, once approved, will be placed on the GPA website.

*Motion for approval of the Title IX Policy for Sexual Harrassment m/s/c*

*Chodzko/Evans 10 In favor - 0 Abstention - None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye, Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: technical difficulties; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; and Steppe: aye*

**6. Finance Committee Report (Board Member Chodzko/Tamayo)**

AD Chodzko explained how items are added to the agenda in the finance section after being completely vetted, in advance, by the Finance Committee.

a. Monthly Financials:

Mr. Tamayo presented the January financials to the board, which have been provided in advance to board members. He explained the lower ADA after winter break due to COVID.

*Motion for acceptance of January’s monthly financials as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Evans 9 In favor - 0 Abstention - None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye, Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: no answer; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: technical difficulties; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; and Steppe: aye*

b. 2021-2022 Second Interim Report:

Mr. Tamayo presented the Second Interim Report to the board, which had been provided in advance to board members. This report is submitted to San Diego Unified School District.

*Motion for approval of the Second Interim Report as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Hernandez 10 In favor - 0 Abstention - None opposed Visual vote: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye and Steppe: aye*

c. Form 990 - Federal and State Tax Returns:

Mr. Tamayo explained that GPA is a non-profit organization and therefore has to file tax returns. They have been completed by GPA's auditor, Clifton Larsson Allen and reviewed by ExED.

*Motion for approval of the Form 990 - Federal and State Tax Returns as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Nevels 10 In favor - 0 Abstention - None opposed Visual vote: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye and Steppe: aye*

d. 2022-2023 Powerschool Agreement:

Chief of Staff Levenson explained what Powerschool services we have and this is

*Motion for approval of the 2022-2023 Powerschool Agreement as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Nevels 10 In favor - 0 Abstention - None opposed Visual vote: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye and Steppe: aye*

e. 2021-2022 Engagement Letter for Tax/Audit Services:

Mr. Tamayo explained that GPA is required to have an independent

*Motion for approval of the 2021-2022 Engagement Letter for Tax/Audit Services as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Nevels 10 In favor - 0 Abstention - None opposed Visual vote: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye and Steppe: aye*

**7. Public Comment on Non Agenda Items**

AD Chodzko introduced the 1 phone caller who made a public comment.

a. Michelle Anderson

**8. Adjournment of Regular Meeting (Board Chair Steppe):**

*Motion for adjournment of Regular Meeting m/s/c Nevels/Hernandez 10 In favor – 0  
Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye;  
Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: no answer; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Pollock:  
aye; Riveroll: aye; and Steppe: aye*

**Meeting was adjourned 6:08 pm**

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<https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/gpa/Board.nsf/vpublic?open>