



**GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
September 19, 2023 - 5:30 p.m. (in person)  
Dr. Cecil H. Steppe Presiding

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Maria Cruz Avalos, Pete Chodzko, Michelle Evans, Rafael Hernandez, Jeremy Hurlbert, Myeisha Lobbins, Bud Mehan (arrived late), Vincent Riveroll, Cecil H. Steppe and Viridiana Word

**EXCUSED:**

Mica Pollock, Michael Rodrigues, Anne Spitzberg, and Jacque Nevels

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Board Chair Steppe called the meeting to order at 5:37 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. Review of the Minutes: (Board Chair Steppe)**

Board members reviewed the minutes from the June 20, 2023 board meeting.

*Motion to approve June 20, 2023 minutes m/s/c Chodzko/Hernandez 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.*

**2. Chairman's Report (Board Chair Steppe)**

No report submitted.

**3. Superintendent's Report (Superintendent Riveroll)**

Superintendent Riveroll reported that board members received the Director's report in advance and highlighted this item. Superintendent Riveroll also announced the 5% one

time payment recently for faculty, support and administrative staff in order to recruit and retain our staff.

a. Parental Involvement Policy:

Chief Levenson explained the updated Parental Involvement Policy.

*Motion to approve Parental Involvement Policy m/s/c Evans/Hurlbert 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.*

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

Mr. Chodzko explained that Ms. Word would now be the board member to head the Finance Committee. Board Member Word 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 June financials, which have been provided in advance to board members.

*Motion for acceptance of June's monthly financials as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Evans 9 In favor – 1 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: abstain; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.*

b. 2023-2024 State Budget Update:

Mr. Tamayo explained the state budget included a cost of living adjustment, which GPA had budgeted for. Additionally, the LCAP will have a mid-year update.

c. 2022-2023 Unaudited Actuals:

Board Member Word introduced Mr. Tamayo who presented the unaudited actuals in the state format. The auditor will then review it before it becomes final.

*Motion for approval of the 2022-2023 Unaudited Actuals as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Hurlbert 10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.*

d. 2022-2023 Spring ConApp:

Board Member Word introduced Mr. Tamayo who presented the Spring ConApp to apply for funds through the California Department of Education.

*Motion for approval of the 2022-2023 Spring ConApp as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Evans 10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.*

5. **Public Comment on Non Agenda Items (Board Chair Steppe)**

No public comments were received.

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

Dr. Steppe asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

*Motion for adjournment of regular meeting m/s/c Chodzko/Lobbins 10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.*

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm**

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