

PAZLO EDUCATION FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Governing Board of APEX Academy and Matrix for Success Academy
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
5:00 PM, Tuesday May 21, 2019

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:05PM.

II. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
● Ms. Gail Shaw-Hawkins	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
● Ms. Jody Molodow	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
● Ms. June Getz	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
● Ms. Marla Mattenson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
● Ms. Allison Hendrick	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
● Lynnette Jenkins	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
● Mary Jane Wagle	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

III. Approval of Minutes

A. April 23, 2019

April 23, 2019 Regular Board meeting minutes were not available. Approval moved to future meeting.

IV. Directors' Updates

- A. APEX, Matrix Facility/Prop39/staffing, and DPNG learning platform
- B. Enrollment, attendance
- C. Academic achievement update – WASC Accreditation, Matrix Graduate, APEX Graduation Statistics

Director Paz updated the Board regarding his work with teachers on the DPNG competency-based learning platform and progress toward having full courses loaded into the platform by end of June. Director Lopez informed the Board that dispute resolution process regarding APEX's prop39 facility was started and we are scheduled to meet at end of May. While we have low expectations of the first "Issues Conference", we believe it is necessary for additional steps to be triggered. Director Paz also discussed the opportunities of sharing our best practices within student mental health supports with the District and other charter organizations; he shared that LAUSD Superintendent will be visiting APEX in the next week to see and hear first-hand about the mental health support systems in place for our students.

Director Lopez shared the great news of acquiring full accreditation from WASC, a clear demonstration of the strong academic foundation laid at Matrix for Success Academy through our competency-based learning model, the hard work of the staff, and the progress being made with our resilient students. It was also shared that we have our first Matrix graduate and may have additional HS completers in couple weeks. APEX graduation information was shared.

V. Business for Review and Discussion

- A. Certificated/Classified Staff Update
- B. Matrix for Success Academy LCAP Update/Plan and Budget Preview – PUBLIC HEARING
- C. APEX Academy LCAP Update/Plan and Budget Preview – PUBLIC HEARING
- D. Matrix for Success Academy Fiscal Stabilization Plan Update
- E. Matrix for Success Academy – PCSGP Monitoring and Audit Report Update

Director Lopez provided an overview of the LCAP goals and Annual Measurable Outcomes (AMOs) for both APEX Academy and Matrix for Success Academy. He explained that for APEX, Goal 1 will continue to be focused on meeting English Learner (EL) specific targets and benchmarks; APEX Goal 2, will continue its focus on graduation and A-G as we have seen tremendous growth and progress over the last 3 years. APEX Goal 3 will also remain the same as it was highlighted by WASC as an area of growth, the metrics will however be revised to better measure progress now that the Parent Center has been established.

He explained that Matrix's LCAP Goals will continue, however we are integrating data from the first year to develop better metrics for the AMOs, particularly as we move toward DASS status (accountability system for alternative schools).

Director Lopez updated the board on the GoFundMe campaign and communicated that \$1050 has been sent to PazLo from the PayPal Giving Fund (entity that manages GoFundMe for non-profits). Director Paz shared that he has reached out to a couple donors and expects to hear within the next couple months.

Director Lopez also discussed progress on correspondence from CDE regarding the Desk Audit for the PCSGP grant for Matrix, as well as communications on the same issue with LAUSD oversight staff. Lopez indicated that this will be an ongoing matter on agenda until it is fully resolved.

VI. Business for Action

- A. Review and approval of February 2019 financial statements, Enrollment/ADA, check/voucher register and balance sheet for APEX Academy and Matrix for Success Academy.

Ayanthy Peiris from ExEd, provided the financial dashboard and reviewed the Feb/March 2019 financials. Net loss for APEX and Matrix was discussed; Moved by Wagle, Second by Hendrick; the following vote took place:

Item A was Approved by the following vote: AYES- Shaw-Hawkins, Hendrick, Wagle, Mattenson. NAYES – 0, Abstain – 0. Absent – Jenkins, Molodow, Getz.

- B. Review and approval of CharterLife Benefits Plan extension through December 2019. We will be transitioning toward the benefit calendar aligning to the “calendar year” starting in January 1, 2020, instead of our fiscal year calendar. A new contract will be brought back for Board approval in September-October to initiate change.

Director Lopez explained to the Board that CharterLife will be changing their benefits calendar from mirroring our “fiscal year” to following the “calendar year”, which will require approval of a new contract in the Fall as open enrollment will now be in the Fall to transition to benefits provision starting January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Moved by Hendrick, Second by Mattenson; the following vote took place:

Item B was Approved by the following vote: AYES- Shaw-Hawkins, Hendrick, Wagle, Mattenson. NAYES – 0, Abstain – 0. Absent – Jenkins, Molodow, Getz.

- C. Recommendation to approve amendment to APEX Academy’s Charter to Incorporate LAUSD Board-Approved District Required Language (DRL). This change was the result of negotiations between LAUSD and CCSA to make changes and update legal boiler-plate language that gets incorporated into every charter school in LAUSD.

Director Lopez reviewed LAUSD DRL, which was the result of months of negotiations between LAUSD and charter schools; the DRL had not been reviewed in a few years. Charter schools were asked to have their respective Governing Boards approve to ensure compliance. Moved by Mattenson, Second by Shaw-Hawkins; the following vote took place:

Item C was Approved by the following vote: AYES- Shaw-Hawkins, Hendrick, Wagle, Mattenson. NAYES – 0, Abstain – 0. Absent – Jenkins, Molodow, Getz.

- D. Review and approval of ExEd contract for 2019-20. Directors recommend to continue relationship with ExEd for back-office services, budgeting, forecasting, and financial compliance support.

Director Paz and Lopez expressed their recommendation to continue the relationship with ExEd inclusive of the CALPADS support. Moved by Hendrick, Second by Mattenson; the following vote took place:

Item D was Approved by the following vote: AYES- Shaw-Hawkins, Hendrick, Wagle, Mattenson. NAYES – 0, Abstain – 0. Absent – Jenkins, Molodow, Getz.

VII. Public Comment

- A. TBD

No public comment.

VIII. Closed Session

Personnel (Government Code Section 54957)

No closed session held.

IX. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 7:08PM.

Moved by Hendrick, Second by Mattenson; the following vote took place:

Adjournment Approved by the following vote: AYES- Shaw-Hawkins, Hendrick, Wagle, Mattenson. NAYES – 0, Abstain – 0. Absent – Jenkins, Molodow, Getz.

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