



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

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Location: In Person at Address Below and Via Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform

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**Loyola Marymount University
1 LMU Drive
University Hall, 2300 Suite Conference Room
Los Angeles, CA 90045**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Miles Remer called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members: Miles Remer, Mary McCullough, Karina Fedasz, Raj Makwana, Julie Grimm, Ben Tysch, Suzanne Madison Goldstein, Matthew Swanlund, Fernando Guerra
Staff/Guests: Shawna Draxton, Jennie Brook, Mike Johnston, Rosario Ramos
Absent: Marlene Canter, Victoria Graf, Susan Kim

III. VIRTUAL MEETING BOARD RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO AB 361

Item:	Board Resolution regarding Virtual Board Meetings pursuant to AB 361
Description:	Consideration of resolution regarding necessity for continued virtual board meetings due to Emergency Declaration re COVID-19 Pandemic
Purpose:	Brown Act Compliance
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	None

¹ Please see Notice No. 2 at the end of this agenda for complete public access information. Please note that in compliance with the Brown Act, as modified by AB 361, the physical locations of individual participants are omitted.

Est. Time: 5 min

Suzanne Madison Goldstein moved to approve this item, Julie Grimm seconded. The roll call vote was as follows:

Miles Remer, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	-
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Julie Grimm	Y
Raj Makwana	Y	Fernando Guerra	Y
Marlene Canter	-		

IV PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. ITEMS FOR BOARD INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION, INCLUDING COMMITTEE AND SCHOOL LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Item #1:	Executive Director’s Special Report on COVID-19/Return to Campus, Independent Study, and Implementation
Description:	(a) Update on Distance Learning and Return to Campus (b) Food delivery/lunch program (c) Safe Schools Plan (d) Governance and board meetings (e) Employees and vendors (f) Graduation requirements (g) Attendance and Engagement Tracking (h) Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (i) COVID update (j) ESSER/ELOP Funds plan (k) Independent Study
Purpose:	Information and Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	15-20 min
Minutes:	COVID cases are rising, following protocols, crafting new message to go home to families, ELOP funds are being used for ES winter camp focused on ELA, Arts, Cooking, etc. NASA and WISH are learning about one another's signature practices, with NASA is helping WISH grow ELA supports. New process for ordering and receiving lunch. Achievement data: WISH outperformed district and state in each grade level. Looking at students in 11th grade, African American students in 11th grade and 8th grade to determine supports. Many data chats with

	students and families are upcoming. School culture is going strong - door contests at both MS and HS. First Lego League won awards, music showcase for families, international festival, national history day and winter showcase, 70s theme musical night at LMU is coming up. In Prop 39 negotiations, on second round of forecasts. Working on new petition to consolidate TK-12. WASC self review teams are meeting regularly. Professional Development is including power of language and WASC.
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Item #2:	Executive Director Monthly Report
Description:	(l) Academic Achievement Report (m) School Climate and Culture (n) Human Capital
Purpose:	Information and Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	In addition to report above: Very few students on LTISP, some students on short term independent study program, adhering to new legislation, continuing to follow district compliance for facilities, maintaining attendance plan.

Item #3:	Finance Updates
Description:	Review of monthly financials and current/projected budget updates
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/ExED
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Met a week ago. Both revenue and expenses have been cut about \$250k to free up one time funds to fill some of the ADA shortfall to push into next year. New cuts were made such as non capitalized equipment and positions not necessary. Cash on hand is lower because WISH paid LAUSD rent in a lump annual sum rather than monthly. Review of First Interim financial reports for both schools - excess deficiency of revenues over expenses before other financing sources and uses are highlighted.

Item #4:	Legislative and General Updates
Description:	Review of legal and legislative updates impacting charter governance (if any).
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	To Be Distributed
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	No updates this month since last month was robust with Brown Act Training

Item #5:	Development/WISHForward Updates
Description:	Review of development team's work and fundraising/planning re same
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Karina Fedasz
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	Board met last night. Agree to strategic plan which is final but will be updated throughout year. Gala set for March 18 at Proud Bird. Party books, golf event, tax filings were also discussed. January 16 sushi making event is another fundraising opportunity. Total pledges and cash on hand is about \$134k. Capital campaign funds are not touched or moved. Donations earmarked from donors for capital campaign enter into this fund.

Item #6:	Curriculum Update
Description:	Report from Curriculum Committee
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Dr. Vicki Graf
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time	5 min
Minutes:	No updates this month.

Item #7:	CA School Dashboard Indicators
Description:	Discuss CA Dashboard items
Purpose:	Board Informative
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	CA Dashboard for WISH Community and Academy
Est. Time	5 min
Minutes:	Dashboard numbers haven't changed.

Item #8:	EL Outreach Update
Description:	Outcomes of past outreach/new strategies to be implemented
Purpose:	Oversight
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	See Executive Director's monthly report
Est. Time	10 min
Minutes:	Provided benchmark for EL Outreach and socially economically disadvantages to district. Placed ads in several areas, continue to partner with translators for Zoom meetings, big on campus tours last week included families from Ukraine and WISH was able to find translators for them.

Item #9:	Board Development and Recruitment
Description:	Update
Purpose:	Discussion

Presented By:	Miles Remer
Materials:	None
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Board is currently full, but will have an opening for one spot after this month's meeting.

Item #10:	Board Committee: Updates and Assignments
Description:	Discuss new/updated Board Committee Assignments
Purpose:	Onboarding new board members
Presented By:	Miles Remer
Materials:	See Board Commitment and Committees 2022 document
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Document walks through each area of the board, have 5 committees right now (Facilities, Audit, Curriculum, Executive, Finance). Showcased each committee and its current members. Discussed a winter retreat at the end of January, early February.

Item #11:	Resignation of Current Board Officer
Description:	Acknowledge Marlene Canter's resignation as WISH Board Member and appointment to WISH Advisory Board advisory
Purpose:	Discussion
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	None
Est. Time:	10 min
Minutes:	Marlene Canter needs to step down in her role but wants to continue to serve WISH in every way possible. Historically, WISH has had an informal Advisory Board and Marlene has indicated such a role would be perfect for her availability. She very much wants to attend 3-4 times a year as well as get called in as needed.

Item #11:	WASC Review and LAUSD CSD Oversight Visit Dates
Description:	WASC for WISH Community: March 6-8 WASC for WISH Academy: May 1-3 LAUSD Oversight Visit for WISH Community: March 29 LAUSD Oversight Visit for WISH Academy: April 26
Purpose:	Discussion
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	None
Est. Time:	5 min
Minutes:	Discussion of WASC Review process and the need for board member participation at various stages

VI. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

A. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS: Items for action below assigned by the Board at the meeting to be adopted by a single vote. Any item may be pulled off of consent for further discussion by any Board Member at any time before action is taken.

Item #1:	Approval of Board Minutes from November 10 2022 (both written and audio)
Description:	Review and approve November 10, 2022 meeting minutes
Purpose:	Vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein
Materials:	November Meeting Minutes
Est. Time:	2 min

Julie Grimm moved to approve the item on the consent agenda, Karina Fedasz seconded. The roll call vote was as follows:

Miles Remer, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	Y
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Julie Grimm	Y
Raj Makwana	Y	Fernando Guerra	Y
Marlene Canter	-		

B. ACTION ITEMS:

Item #1:	Arts, Music and Instructional Materials Block Grant Plans for WISH Community and WISH Academy Schools		
Description:	Spending plans for each school		
Purpose:	Discussion and vote		
Presented By:	Jennie Brook/Mike Johnston		
Materials:	Board folder		
Est. Time	5 min		

Ongoing operational expenses are the bulk of expenses but the majority of the funds will be broken down into teacher salaries. Total for both totals approximately \$650k. Suzanne Madison Goldstein moved to approve this item, Julie Grimm seconded. The roll call vote was as follows:

Miles Remer, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	Y
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Julie Grimm	Y
Raj Makwana	Y	Fernando Guerra	Y
Marlene Canter	-		

Item 2:	Alder GSE -- MOU Renewal
Description:	One Year Renewal re Teacher Residency Program with Alder GSE
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Dr. Shawna Draxton
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Alder teachers work at WISH or one of the five partner schools after they finish their credentialing. We have had really great outcomes with this program. Karina Fedasz moved to approve this item, Raj Makwana seconded. The roll call vote was as follows:

Miles Remer, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	Y
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Julie Grimm	Y
Raj Makwana	Y	Fernando Guerra	Y
Marlene Canter	-		

Item 3:	Prior Year Annual Audit Review and Board Approval
Description:	Presentation of Annual Audit and Audit Committee Recommendation
Purpose:	Review, approve, vote
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein/Mike Johnston
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

WISH has a clean audit with no findings or adjustments. No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies found. Meeting minutes are in the board folder with findings. Raj Makwana moved to approve this item, Ben Tysch seconded. The roll call vote was as follows:

Miles Remer, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	Y
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Julie Grimm	Y
Raj Makwana	Y	Fernando Guerra	Y
Marlene Canter	-		

Item 4:	FY22/23 First Interim Financial Reports for WISH Community School
Description:	Required annual report due to authorizer on or before December 15
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/Mike Johnston
Materials:	Board Folder

Est. Time:	5 min
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Ben Tysch moved to approve this item, Dr Mary McCullough seconded. The roll call vote was as follows:

Miles Remer, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	Y
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Julie Grimm	Y
Raj Makwana	Y	Fernando Guerra	Y
Marlene Canter	-		

Item 5:	FY22/23 First Interim Financial Reports for WISH Academy High School
Description:	Required annual report due to authorizer on or before December 15
Purpose:	Discussion and vote
Presented By:	Ben Tysch/Mike Johnston
Materials:	Board Folder
Est. Time:	5 min

Fernando Guerra moved to approve this item, Dr. Mary McCullough seconded. The roll call vote was as follows:

Miles Remer, <i>President</i>	Y	Suzanne Madison Goldstein, <i>Vice President & Secretary</i>	Y
Dr. Vicki Graf	-	Dr. Mary McCullough	Y
Matthew Swanlund	Y	Benjamin Tysch	Y
Karina Fedasz	Y	Julie Grimm	Y
Raj Makwana	Y	Fernando Guerra	Y
Marlene Canter	-		

VIII. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

Item #1:	Pending Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel
Description:	<u>Purpose and Authority:</u> <u>Conference with legal counsel re pending action–</u> OAH Case No. 2021110011 -- In Re FEF Closed session subject to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) • California Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4) • California Government Code section 54956.9(e)(2) • California Government Code section 54956.9(e)(5)

Purpose:	Information and Discussion of Pending Litigation and/or Conference with Legal Counsel
Presented By:	Suzanne Madison Goldstein with counsel from YMC
Materials:	N/A
Est. Time	10 min

No closed session items.

IX ADJOURNMENT:

Board President Miles Remer adjourned the meeting at 6:03 pm.