



SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD
Bridges Preparatory Academy
Monday, January 10, 2022

A special meeting of the Board of Directors for Bridges Preparatory Academy, a California nonprofit corporation was held on Monday, January 10, 2022 via a public Zoom conference from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Present: Trena Spurlock, Bryan Lee, David Owen, Miguel Angel Romero, Mary Louise Silva
Others Present: Alejandro Gomez, Addison Grant

CALL TO ORDER

David Owen called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Mr. Owen acknowledged all staff and board members present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- December, 13 2021 - *The minutes were approved as presented.*

It was **MOVED** Mary Louise Silva and **SECONDED** by **Dave Owen** to approve the December 13, 2021 minutes.

Yes vote: *Trena Spurlock, David Owen, Mary Louise Silva*

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was **MOVED** by Trena Spurlock and **SECONDED** by Mary Louise Silva to approve the agenda

Yes vote: *Trena Spurlock, David Owen, Bryan Lee, Trena Spurlock Mary Louise Silva*

COMMUNICATIONS (Board Member Comments)

None

COMMUNICATIONS (Public Comment)

None.

PUBLIC HEARING: INDEPENDENT STUDY POLICY

Mr. Owen opened up the hearing to the public.

Mr. Gomez introduced the need for BPA to have an independent study program to help students recover learning losses due to COVID. If a student is sick for more than 3 days, independent study services will be offered for up to 14 days. This will allow the school to recover ADA revenue. Below is the official policy:

In accordance with Section 11701 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, setting policy pursuant to Education Code section 51747, the Board shall consider, in a public hearing, the scope of its existing or prospective use of independent study as an instructional strategy, its purposes in authorizing independent study, and factors bearing specifically on the maximum realistic lengths of assignments and acceptable number of missed assignments for specific populations of pupils or adult education students. This policy shall reflect an awareness that excessive leniency in its terms can result in pupils falling so far behind their peers as to increase, rather than decrease, the risk of their dropping out of school.

Mr. Owen opened up the hearing for public comment.

None

APPROVAL OF THE INDEPENDENT STUDY POLICY

It was **MOVED** by Trena Spurlock and **SECONDED** by Mary Louise Silva to approve the adoption of an Independent Study Policy in accordance with the requirements of Education Code Section 51747.

Yes vote: *Trena Spurlock, David Owen, Bryan Lee, Miguel Angel Romero, Mary Louise Silva*

APPROVAL OF THE ESSER III EXPENDITURE PLAN

Mr. Gomez shared that BPA has been approved for \$198,000 in ESSER III funding to be used to recover learning losses. BPA parents want the funding to be used to rehire a full-time counselor and one paraprofessional. The funding

will cover their salaries for the next 2 years. These expenditures are reflected in the BPA's ESSER III Expenditure Plan. The counselor started last week and the paraprofessional will start in February.

It was **MOVED** by Mary Louise Silva and **SECONDED** by David Owen to approve the ESSR III Expenditure Plan.

Yes vote: *Trena Spurlock, David Owen, Bryan Lee, Miguel Angel Romero, Mary Louise Silva*

APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL POLICY REVISIONS TO INCLUDE PROCEDURES FOR NVOICEPAY.

Mr. Grant shared that nvoicepay, is a third party used to pay vendors. This will free up time for ExED to focus on fiscal policy and management for the school. The cost of these services will not be incurred by the school.

It was **MOVED** by Bryan Lee and **SECONDED** by Trena Spurlock to approve the Fiscal Policy Revisions to include Procedures for Nvoicepay.

Yes vote: *Trena Spurlock, David Owen, Bryan Lee, Miguel Angel Romero, Mary Louise Silva*

APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL REVOLVING LOAN AGREEMENT AND GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION

Mr. Addison shared that the revolving loan agreement will give the school a \$250,000 loan payable over 5 years at a 2% interest rate. This money will be applied towards existing funding gaps. Payment of this loan will begin in October. Most charter schools receive this loan to help with starter year operations.

It was **MOVED** by Miguel Angel Romero and **SECONDED** by David Owen to approve the the Charter School Revolving Loan agreement and Governing Board Resolution

Yes vote: *Trena Spurlock, David Owen, Bryan Lee, Miguel Angel Romero, Mary Louise Silva*

Mr. Gomez reminded the group that the next board meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, Feb 7, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

It was **MOVED** by Trena Spurlock and **SECONDED** by Mary Louise Silva to end the meeting at 7:57 pm. All in favor. None opposed