

Adopted Minutes
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Directors
Connecting Waters Charter Schools

(A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation)
Connecting Waters Charter Schools Back Classroom
12420 Bentley Street, Waterford, CA 95386, Entrance is facing G Street
Connecting Waters East Bay Resource Center, Room Office/Lab Portable
Located at 703 C Street, Union City, CA 94587, and
Connecting Waters Central Valley Resource Center, Conference Room
Located at 2300 E. Briggsmore Ave. Modesto, CA 95355
Tuesday August 22, 2023
6:15 p.m. (Regular Meeting)

This agenda is posted at Connecting Waters Charter Schools, 12420 Bentley Street, Waterford, CA 95386. This agenda was also posted at least 72 hours before the meeting at the Connecting Waters Charter School Resource Center, 12705 Bentley Street, Waterford CA, 95386, Connecting Waters Central Valley Resource Center, 2300 E. Briggsmore Avenue, Modesto, CA 95355, and the Connecting Waters East Bay Resource Center, 703 C Street, Union City, CA 94587.

**Instructions for Presentations to the Board
by Parents and Citizens**

Connecting Waters Charter Schools ("Schools") welcomes your participation at the School's Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Board of Directors ("Board") is to conduct the affairs of the Schools in public. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our Schools. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided:

1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting.
2. "Request to Speak" forms are available to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda items or under the general category of "Hearing of the Public." "Hearing of the Public" is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The Board may give direction to staff to respond to your concern or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen-requested item.
3. You may also complete a "Request to Speak" form to address the Board on Agenda items. With regard to such agenda items, you may specify that agenda item on your "Request to Speak" form and you will be given an opportunity to speak for up to five (5) minutes when the Board discusses that item.
4. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and address from the podium and adhere to the time limits set forth.
5. A member of the public requiring a translator will be provided twice the allotted time for public comment per individual speaker in accordance with Section 54954.3 of the Government Code.
6. Any public records relating to an agenda item for an open session of the Board which are distributed to all, or a majority of all, of the Board members shall be available for public inspection at 12420 Bentley Street, Waterford, California.

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A. Call To Order (Time 6:17 p.m.)

B. Roll Call

Name	Present	Late	Absent
Avila, Robert	X		
Cerruti, Bonnie	X		
Davis, Denise*	X		
Fatima, Kaneez	X		
Louie-Monzon, Jennifer	X		
Melton, Erika	X		
Vieira, Nina	X		

*Denise Davis attended through teleconference due to an emergency.

C. Study Session

C.1. Tammy Hushaw, Deputy Executive Director Report

Mrs. Tammy Hushaw gave her report to the Board. She shared on the trainings, events, meetings she has attended over the past month. She also shared on the various projects she is working on and things she is learning. The Board received her report.

D. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the August 22, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Agenda.

On motion duly made by Bonnie Cerruti, seconded by Robert Avila.

Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstained: 0

The Board approved the August 22, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda.

E. Board Training with Jerry Simmons Esq. From Young, Minney, and Corr LLP.

E.1. Brown Act

E.2. Conflict of Interest

Mr. Jerry Simmons gave his presentation to the Board on the Brown Act and Conflict of Interest. Mr. Simmons explained that the purpose of the Brown Act is to foster broad public access and it applies to meetings of the board and that all meetings require an agenda. He also shared that a conflict of interest is a clash between an individual's duty to his or her office and his or her personal interests. He shared the common types of financial interests regulated by conflict laws and the element of conflict of interest. Mr. Simmons also shared the three new laws that will be going into effect and the laws that are already effective. He presented his training on multiple topics including Notice of Agenda, Teleconference Meetings, Form 700, Ethics Training, Serial Meetings, Permissible Closed Sessions, and not to be associated with Lobbyists. Members of the board were invited and asked questions. The Board received his training.

Denise Davis was attending the meeting through teleconference due to an emergency. Following protocol, Mrs. Nelson asked Mrs. Davis if there was anyone 18 years or older in the room with her, Mrs. Davis replied no.

Mrs. Nelson then made a motion to the board for Denise Davis to continue attending the board meeting through teleconference.

Motion to approve Denise Davis continuing the board meeting through teleconference.

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstained: 0

The Board approved Denise Davis continuing the board meeting through teleconference.

*Denise Davis declined continuing the board meeting through teleconference due to her emergency. Mrs. Davis left the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

F. Hearing of the Public on Closed Session Items

Members of the public may be heard on any Closed Session item. A person addressing the Board will be limited to 3 minutes, unless the Chairman of the Board grants a longer period of time.

No members of the public were present.

G. Closed Session (Time 7:36 p.m.)

G.1. Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release

G.2. Public Employment (Government Code section 54957)

Title Deputy Executive Director

H. Report on Closed Session Actions

Report on Closed Session Actions that are required to be disclosed pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1

The Board has given direction for Mrs. Sherri Nelson to hire the additional Deputy Executive Director.

I. Return to Open Session (Time 9:03 p.m.)

J. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Robert Avila

K. Hearing of the Public

Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation. Complaints against specific school employees should be resolved through the school's Personnel Complaint Procedure. The right to address the Board does not exempt the speaker from any potential liability for defamation. The proceedings of the Board are recorded and are a part of the public record.

No members of the public were present.

L. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director's Report: This is a presentation of information which has occurred since the previous Board meeting.

Mrs. Sherri Nelson gave her report to the Board. She shared on the trainings, events, meetings she has attended over the past month and the start of the new school year.

She has been working with new hires and training new employees. She stated that the new Arabic classes are available and that Cooking classes will be available at all three school sites. She mentioned that we will continue to highlight the new classes so that we can get more students to enroll for the following school year. She also stated that she has met with the auditor, and Maria Sandoval has been getting the departments together to get the information for the auditors. She also mentioned that she has been working with YMC and has met with a Small Group Instructor and has also been selected to the APLUS+ Advisory. The Board received her report.

M. Consent Items

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a Board member or a member of the public to be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the Board voting on them. The Executive Director recommends approval of all consent agenda items.

Motion to approve consent items M.1. through M.7.

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent: 1 Abstained: 0

The Board approved the Consent Items M.1.- M.7.

M.1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the Board of Directors minutes for – July 25, 2023.

M.2. Approval of New Hires

Heidi Brubaker, SGI (Multiple Subjects)

Marissa Cupples, Special Educations Department Scheduler

Lucy Henneker, SGI (HSI Support)

Tatiana Montoya, Library/Site Assistant

Motion to approve the Connecting Waters Charter Schools New Hires

M.3. Approval of Separations

Sarah Lynch, Site Assistant

Lyndsy Frederick, ES Advisor/ES

Heather Applegate, CWEB Site Assistant

Motion to approve the Connecting Waters Charter Schools

Resignations/Separations

M.4. Approval of the July 2023, Warrant Report from DMS for Connecting Waters Charter School

Motion to approve the July 2023, Warrant Report from DMS.

M.5. Approval of the July 2023, Warrant Report from DMS for Connecting Waters Charter School, East Bay

Motion to approve the July 2023, Warrant Report from DMS.

M.6. Approval of the July 2023, Warrant Report from DMS for Connecting Waters Charter School, Central Valley

Motion to approve the July 2023, Warrant Report from DMS.

M.7. Approval of the Connecting Waters Charter Schools New Vendor Report for July 2023

Motion to approve the Connecting Waters Charter Schools New Vendor Report for July 2023.

N. Items Scheduled for Consideration and/or Action

N.1. Approve the Connecting Waters Charter School's 2022-2023 Unaudited Actuals.

Motion to approve the Connecting Waters Charter School's 2022-2023 Unaudited Actuals.

Mrs. Sherri Nelson stated that this was based on the enrollment projections for all three schools. She mentioned that we are ending up with a good fund balance for all three schools'. She also mentioned that the shift in enrollment numbers was due to students transferring between schools.

On motion duly made by Kaneez Fatima, seconded by Bonnie Cerruti.

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent: 1 Abstained: 0

The Board approved Connecting Waters Charter School's 2022-2023 Unaudited Actuals. The motion was unanimously carried by the Board.

N.2. Approve the Connecting Waters Charter School, East Bay's 2022-2023 Unaudited Actuals.

Motion to approve the Connecting Waters Charter School, East Bay's 2022-2023 Unaudited Actuals.

On motion duly made by Bonnie Cerruti, seconded by Robert Avila.

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent: 1 Abstained: 0

The Board approved Connecting Waters Charter School, East Bay's 2022-2023 Unaudited Actuals. The motion was carried by the Board.

N.3. Approve the Connecting waters Charter School, Central Valley's 2022-2023 Unaudited Actuals.

Motion to approve the Connecting Waters Charter School, Central Valley's 2022-2023 Unaudited Actuals.

On motion duly made by Jennifer Louie-Monzon, seconded by Robert Avila.

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent: 1 Abstained: 0

The Board approved Connecting Waters Charter School, Central Valley's 2022-2023 Unaudited Actuals. The motion was carried by the Board.

N.4. Approval of the Decision for Connecting Waters Charter Schools to not participate in the consolidated Application (ConApp) for 2023-2024.

Motion to approve the decision for Connecting Waters Charter Schools to not participate in the Consolidated Application (ConApp) for 2023-2024. The Consolidated Application is the fiscal mechanism used by the California Department of Education to distribute categorical funds from various state and federal programs to county offices, school districts, and charter schools throughout California.

Mrs. Sherri Nelson stated that this is something we do each year to let the state know that we will not receive these funds.

On motion duly made by Robert Avila, seconded by Bonnie Cerruti.

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent: 1 Abstained: 0

The Board approved Connecting Waters Charter Schools to not participate in the consolidated Application (ConApp) for 2023-2024. The motion was carried by the Board.

N.5. Approval of the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Special Education Support Pay Schedule.

Motion to approve the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Special Education Support Pay Schedule.

Mrs. Sherri Nelson stated that this is an opportunity to expand our Special Education program with experienced Educational Specialists.

On motion duly made by Bonnie Cerruti, seconded by Jennifer Louie Monzon.

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent: 1 Abstained: 0

The Board approved Connecting Waters Charter Schools Special Education Support Pay Schedule. The motion was carried by the Board.

N.6. Approval to remove and discontinue the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Health Policy.

Motion to approve the removal and discontinuation of the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Health Policy.

Mrs. Sherri Nelson stated that the three policies are outdated and needed to be updated.

On motion duly made by Jennifer Louie-Moonzon, seconded by Robert Avila.

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent: 1 Abstained: 0

The Board approved the removal and discontinuation of the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Health Policy. The motion was carried by the Board.

N.7. Approval of the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Immunization Policy.

Motion to approve the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Immunization Policy.

On motion duly made by Kaneez Fatima, seconded by Robert Avila.

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent: 1 Abstained: 0

The Board approved Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Immunization Policy. The motion was carried by the Board.

N.8. Approval of the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Administration of Medication Policy.

Motion to approve the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Administration of Medication Policy.

On motion duly made by Bonnie Cerruti, seconded by Robert Avila.

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent: 1 Abstained: 0

The Board approved Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Administration of Medication Policy. The motion was carried by the Board.

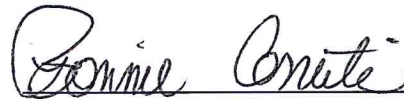
O. Adjournment (Time: 9:22 p.m.)

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

On motion duly made by Robert Avila, seconded by Kaneez Fatima.

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent: 1 Abstained: 0

The Board approved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried by the Board.



Bonnie Cerruti, Board Secretary

LCAP/WASC Goals

1. Increase percent of students who are on-track to graduate college and career ready.
2. Close the achievement gap in the low performing students in English and Math.
3. Increase the percentage of EL students who achieve proficiency in English Language Arts and Math.
4. Community Outreach to foster positive relationships.