

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 July 25, 2023
3:00 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 3:01 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		

C. Study Session

C.1. Sue Hickok, Assessment Program Coordinator – State Testing Data Report

Mrs. Sue Hickok gave her report to the Board. She shared the State Testing Data Report for all grades across Connecting Waters Charter Schools. The Board received her report.

C.2. 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 July 25, 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 July 25, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda. The motion was unanimously carried by the Board.

E. 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.

F. Closed Session (Time 3:27 p.m.)

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

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

Title: Executive Director/CEO

G. Report on Closed Session Actions

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

Nina Vieira states that there is nothing to report on Closed Session items.

H. Return to Open Session (Time 6:29 p.m.)

I. Pledge of Allegiance Led by: Robert Avila

J. 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.

K. 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. She has been working with new hires and training new employees. She stated that new classes will be available at all of the Resource Centers. She shared the new lease addendum for the Waterford Resource Center location. She mentioned the one year renewal extension for Charter schools. The Board received her report.

L. 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 and Board Chair recommend approval of all consent agenda items.

Motion to approve consent items L.1. through L.9.

Nina Vieira made a statement in regards to Consent item L.9. Approval of the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Amendment to Fixed Term Employment Agreement for the Executive Director from July 1, 2021 ending June 30, 2024. The addition of this item to our consent agenda is strictly for the purpose of formalizing the Board's prior actions to include Sherri Nelson when we previously added and approved the 6.09% COLA and various stipends to her contract which was given to all staff. This is not another raise but is the same raise that all Cabinet employees received.

On motion duly made by Robert Avila, seconded by Denise Davis

Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstained: 0
The Board approved consent items L.1. through L.9.

L.1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the Board of Directors minutes for – June 13, 2023.

L.2. Approval of New Hires

Robert Davis, Executive Administrative Assistant
Andrew Franca, Special Education Resource Specialist
Sarah Polini-Tarter, ES Trainee
Felicia Ram, ES Trainee
Maged Botros, APEX Instructor
Cheryl Gomes, Math Teacher
Lucy Henneker, Small Group Instructor (HSI Tutor)
Motion to approve New Hires

L.3. Approval of Separations

Inger Svaerd, CWEB Site Assistant
Sarah Anguiano, Small Group Instructor
Hollie Tinley, Small Group Instructor
Regina Cleek, Small Group Instructor
Lyndsy Frederick, ES Advisor/ES
Motion to approve Separations

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

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

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

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

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

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

L.7. Approval of the Connecting Waters Charter Schools New Vendor Report for June 2023

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

L.8. Approval of the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Treasurer's Report for May – June 2023

Motion to approve the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Treasurer's Report for May – June 2023.

L.9. Approval of the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Amendment to Fixed Term Employment Agreement for Executive Director from July 1, 2021 ending June 30, 2024.

Motion to approve the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Amendment to Fixed Term Employment Agreement for Executive Director from July 1, 2021 ending June 30, 2024.

M. Items Scheduled for Consideration and/or Action

M.1. Approval of Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Civility Policy

Motion to Approve Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Civility Policy

Mrs. Sherri Nelson stated that these policies are routinely presented to our attorney for review and updates.

On motion duly made by Kaneez Fatima, seconded by Denise Davis.

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

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

M.2. Approval to remove and discontinue the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Confidentiality and Privacy Policy

Motion to approve the removal and discontinue of the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Confidentiality and Privacy Policy

On motion duly made by Erika Melton, seconded by Robert Avila

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

The Board approved Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Confidentiality and Privacy Policy. The motion was unanimously carried by the Board.

M.3. Approval of Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated English Learner Policy

Motion to approve Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated English Learner Policy

On motion duly made by Bonnie Cerruti, seconded by Erika Melton.

Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstained: 0
The Board approved Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated English Learner Policy. The motion was unanimously carried by the Board.

M.4. Approval of Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Parent Involvement Policy

Motion to approve Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Parent Involvement Policy

On motion duly made by Erika Melton, seconded by Denise Davis.

Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstained: 0
The Board approved Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Parent Involvement Policy. The motion was unanimously carried by the Board.

M.5. Approval of Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Procedures, and Parent Rights Regarding Identification, Evaluation and Education Under Section 504 Policy

Motion to approve Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Procedures, and Parent Rights Regarding Identification, Evaluation and Education Under Section 504 Policy

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

Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstained: 0
The Board approved Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Procedures, and Parent Rights Regarding Identification, Evaluation and Education Under Section 504 Policy. The motion was unanimously carried by the Board.

M.6. Approval to remove and discontinue the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Social Media Policy

Motion to approve the removal and discontinue of the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Social Media Policy

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

Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstained: 0
The Board approved Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Social Media Policy. The motion was unanimously carried by the Board.

M.7. Approval of Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Special Education Policy

Motion to approve Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Special Education Policy

On motion duly made by Denise Davis, seconded by Bonnie Cerruti.

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

The Board approved Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Special Education Policy. The motion was unanimously carried by the Board.

M.8. Approval of Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Utilizing Volunteer Assistance Policy

Motion to approve Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Utilizing Volunteer Assistance Policy

On motion duly made by Bonnie Cerruti, seconded by Denise Davis.

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

The Board approved Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Utilizing Volunteer Assistance Policy. The motion was unanimously carried by the Board.

M.9. Approval of Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Suicide Prevention Policy

Motion to approve Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Suicide Prevention Policy

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

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

The Board approved Connecting Waters Charter Schools Updated Suicide Prevention Policy. The motion was unanimously carried by the Board.

M.10. Approval of the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Lease Addendum for June 2023 - October 2030 with Lowell Davis

Motion to approve the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Lease Addendum for June 2023 - October 2030 with Lowell Davis.

On motion duly made by Robert Avila, seconded by Denise Davis.

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

The Board approved Connecting Waters Charter Schools Lease Addendum for June 2023 - October 2030 with Lowell Davis. The motion was unanimously carried by the Board.

M.11. Approval of Connecting Waters Charter Schools to obsolete selected school furniture

Motion to approve Connecting Waters Charter Schools to obsolete selected school furniture

On motion duly made by Bonnie Cerruti, seconded by Denise Davis.

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

The Board approved Connecting Waters Charter Schools to obsolete selected school furniture. The motion was unanimously carried by the Board.

M.12. Review 2022-2023 Spring Canvas Survey Results

Mrs. Sherri Nelson stated that 80 parents and 832 students completed the survey.

M.13. Review 2022-2023 Contract Instructor Program Surveys

Mrs. Sherri Nelson stated that these are mainly courses taken at the Resource Centers. The survey was handed out in the classroom. Mrs. Sherri Nelson stated that with such minimal responses, we need to review how to distribute the survey in the future.

N. Adjournment (Time 6:49 p.m.)

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

On motion duly made by Robert Avila, seconded by Erika Melton

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

The Board approved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously 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.