

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

(A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation)

Meeting Location

Connecting Waters Central Valley Resource Center, Room C106
2300 E. Briggsmore Ave. Modesto, CA 95355

Additional Teleconference Locations

Connecting Waters Charter School Resource Center, Room 1
12705 Bentley Street, Suite C, Waterford, CA 95386, Entrance on "E" Street
Connecting Waters East Bay Resource Center, Room Office/Lab Portable
703 C Street, Union City, CA 94587

Tuesday, March 5, 2024
8:00 a.m. (Special Meeting)

This agenda is posted at Connecting Waters Charter Schools, 12420 Bentley Street, Waterford, CA 95386. This agenda was also posted at least 24 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, the Connecting Waters East Bay Resource Center, 703 C Street, Union City, CA 94587 and 325 N.3rd Street, San Jose, CA 95112.

**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: 8:07am)

B. Roll Call

Name	Present	Late	Absent
Avila, Robert, Co Chair	X		
Cerruti, Bonnie, Secretary		X (8:10 am)	
Davis, Denise		X (8:08 am)	
Fatima, Kaneez	X		
Louie-Monzon, Jennifer	X		
Melton, Erika	X		
Vieira, Nina, Chair	X		

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the March 5, 2024, Board of Directors Special Meeting Agenda.

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

Ayes: 6 Noes: Absent: 1 Abstained:

The Board has approved the March 5, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda.

D. 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.

Mrs. Sherri Nelson had clarified that Hearing of the Public on Closed Session Items also included Board members and additional people who are attending the Board Meeting.

There was nothing to report for this section.

E. Closed Session (Time: 8:09 am)

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

E.2. Public Employment (Government Code Section 54957)

Title: Executive Director/CEO

Title: Executive Director Successor

F. Report on Closed Session Actions

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

G. Return to Open Session (Time:10:03 am)

H. Pledge of Allegiance Led by: Robert Avila

I. Items Scheduled for Consideration and/or Action

I.1. Approval of the Amended Resolution 23-24-100 Authorizing Request for Exemption from the STRS Postretirement 180 - Day Waiting Period

Approval of the Amended Resolution 23-24-100 Authorizing Request for Exemption from the STRS Postretirement 180 - Day Waiting Period.

Mrs. Nina Vieira stated the Board of Directors of Connecting Waters Charter School has determined the need for an Executive Coach position for our new Executive Deputy Directors for the purpose of further training/ coaching in their new roles as well as an advisor to the Board of Directors. The decision has been made to further strengthen board support.

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

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

Ayes: 7 Noes: _____ Absent: _____ Abstained: _____

The Board has approved the Resolution 23-24-100 Authorizing Request for Exemption from the STRS Postretirement 180 - Day Waiting Period.

I.2. Motion to Approve the Updates to the Disposal of Obsolete Materials Policy

Mrs. Sherri Nelson had explained the additions to the Disposal of Obsolete Materials Policy were adding the letter s to schools and by updating the counties we are associated with.

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

Ayes: 7 Noes: _____ Absent: _____ Abstained: _____

The Board has approved the Updates to the Disposal of Obsolete Materials Policy.

I.3. Review Connecting Water School Staff and ES Instructor Culture Survey

Mrs. Sherri Nelson had explained this survey is done annually and the responses from this survey are from our staff. The surveys help the school to identify any staff concerns. There are additional surveys we will be presenting to the Board going forward as well.

I.4. Review of Upcoming Events

Mrs. Sherri Nelson had said a big thank you to Erika Melton for stepping in and taking control of our Dodge Ridge Ski Trip. Mrs. Sherri Nelson also explained some upcoming events as well including the Oral Language Fair that is taking place at 3pm and Open House that is taking place at 6pm at Connecting Waters, Central Valley. We have our Commemorative Plaque and Recognition of Contributors Celebration to show our appreciation and thanks to those who have helped our school to grow. We are still confirming the date and time this event will take place however, March 15th may work. At the Plaque Ceremony Architects, Contractors, and previous as well as our current Board Members will be attending. Margaret Lynch is moving so we are trying to schedule the ceremony before her final moving date. March 15th yearbook photos are due. If anyone would like to submit a yearbook photo send it to Caitlin Modaresi. March 22nd - 29th is Spring Break. During this time ES's will be off and a few others will be going on vacation but the rest of the staff will continue their normal work schedules. April 24th and May 1st are our BLAST Celebration dates sponsored by the Generational Music and Arts Academy. May 14th we have our Kinder Promotion Ceremony at the WHS Gym. May 15th we have our Kinder Promotion at CV sponsored by the Student Council. May 16th we have our Senior Graduation for all schools at the WHS Gym. Mrs. Sherri Nelson also mentioned she will be attending Informational Meeting both online and in person. In person meetings will be held at Connecting Waters Central Valley Resource Center on: March 20th at 1:00pm, April 4th at 1:00pm, and May 22 at 1:00pm. Online meetings will be held through zoom on: March 20th at 6:00pm, April 11th at 6:00pm, and May 23 at 6:00pm.

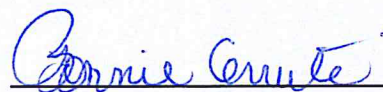
J. Adjournment (Time:10:14 am)

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent: Abstained:

The Board has approved to adjourn the meeting.



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.