

Adopted Minutes
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Directors
Connecting Waters Charter Schools
(A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation)

Meeting Location

Connecting Waters Charter Schools Back Classroom
12420 Bentley Street, Waterford, CA 95386, Entrance is facing G Street

Additional teleconference Locations

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, January 23, 2024
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 3:18 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. Curriculum and Accountability Director- Shoni Johnson
Midyear Data and LCAP Updates

The Board of Directors received Shoni's midyear data and LCAP Report

C.2. Tammy Hushaw, Deputy Executive Director Report

Tammy Hushaw shared her report of activities and learning since the last board meeting. The Board of Directors received her report.

C.3. Jerri Levers, Deputy Executive Director Reports

Jerri Levers shared her report of activities and learning since the last board meeting. The Board of Directors received her report.

D. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the January 23, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda.

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

Ayes: 7 Notes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstained: 0

The Board approved the January 23, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda.

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.

F. **Closed Session** (Time 4:02 p.m.)

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

F.2. Development/approval of the Tactical Response Plan Education Code 32281

F.3. Public Employee: Performance Evaluation

Title: Academic Coordinator

Title: Business Service Coordinator

Title: Curriculum and Accountability Director

Title: Deputy Executive Directors

Title: Education Services Director

Title: Guidance Director

Title: Resource Center Coordinator

Title: School Office Coordinator

Title: Special Education Director

Title: Student Records Coordinator

G. Report on Closed Session Actions

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

Mrs. Nina Vieira stated that there was nothing to report.

H. Return to Open Session (Time 5:50 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.

There was no one to report on non-agenda items.

K. Executive Director's Report

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

Mrs. Nelson shared her report to the board on meeting, trainings, updates on the sites, school oversight since the last Board of Director's meeting. The Board received Mrs. Nelson's 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.8.

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

Ayes: 7 Notes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstained: 0

The Board approved the Consent Items L.1.- L.8.

L.1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the Board of Directors minutes for - December 12, 2023.

L.2. Approval of New Hires

Ivan Ruiz, IT Specialist Assistant

Toukue Her, IT Hardware/Application Technician

Serena Gentry, Education Specialist
Juliana Cummings, Activities Assistant
Motion to approve the new hires

L.3. Approval of Separations

Heather Vander Schaaf, Education Specialist
Steve (Karl) Anderson, CWEB Site Assistant
Robert Davis, Exe. Administrative Assistant
Motion to approve the separations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

L.8. Approval of the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Treasurer's Report for November - December 2023

Motion to approve the Connecting Waters Charter Schools Treasurer's Report for November - December 2023

M. Items Scheduled for Consideration and/or Action

M.1. Approval of Mid-State Solar to Design, Purchase, Installation, and Commissioning of Solar System at Connecting Waters Central Valley, 2300 2300 E. Briggsmore Avenue, Modesto Contract

Motion to approve Mid-State Solar to Design, Purchase, Installation, and Commissioning of Solar System at Connecting Waters Central Valley, 2300 E. Briggsmore Avenue, Modesto contract

Aaron Yakligian from Mid-State Solar shared his contract proposal for a solar system to the board. He reviewed the design and process of the project. The Board of directors asked questions. The Board members appreciated the presentation and question and answers session.

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

Ayes: 7 Notes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstained: 0

The Board approved Mid-State Solar to Design, Purchase, Installation, and Commissioning of Solar System at Connecting Waters Central Valley, 2300 E. Briggsmore Avenue, Modesto contract

M.2. Approval of Resolution 23-24-100 Authorizing Request for Exemption from the STRS Postretirement 180- day Waiting Period

Motion to approve Resolution 23-24-100 Authorizing Request for Exemption from the STRS Postretirement 180- day Waiting Period

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

On motion duly made by Kaneez Fatima, seconded by Erika Melton.

Ayes: 7 Notes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstained: 0

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

M.3. Review of the Connecting Waters Charter School Comprehensive Safety Plan

Mrs. Tammy Hushaw shared an overview of the Safety Plans from each school. The safety plans were reviewed by the Board.

M.4. Review of the Connecting Waters Charter School, East Bay Comprehensive Safety Plan

M.5. Review of the Connecting Waters Charter School, Central Valley Comprehensive Safety Plan

M.6. Review Connecting Waters Charter School’s Monthly Financials through December 2023.

M.7. Review Connecting Waters Charter School, East Bay’s Monthly Financials through December 2023.

M.8. Review Connecting Waters Charter School, Central Valley’s Monthly Financials through December 2023.

M.9. Review and Approval of the Connecting Waters Charter School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for 2022-2023 data

Motion to approve the Connecting Waters Charter School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for 2022-2023 data.

Mrs. Nelson explained that the each SARC has been completed with the data provided by CDE that the school was waiting to be released since the last board meeting.

On motion duly made by Jennifer Louie-Monzon, seconded by Denise Davis.

Ayes: 7 Notes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstained: 0

The Board approved the Connecting Waters Charter School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for 2022-2023 data.

M.10. Review and Approval of the Connecting Waters Charter School, East Bay Accountability Report Card (SARC) for 2022-2023 data

Motion to approve the Connecting Waters Charter School, East Bay Accountability Report Card (SARC) for 2022-2023 data.

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

Ayes: 7 Notes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstained: 0

The Board approved the Connecting Waters Charter School, East Bay Accountability Report Card (SARC) for 2022-2023 data.

M.11. Review and Approval of the Connecting Waters Charter School, Central Valley Accountability Report Card (SARC) for 2022-2023 data

Motion to approve the Connecting Waters Charter School, Central Valley Accountability Report Card (SARC) for 2022-2023 data.

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

Ayes: 7 Notes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstained: 0

The Board approved the Connecting Waters Charter School, Central Valley Accountability Report Card (SARC) for 2022-2023 data.

M.12. Approval to Obsolete/Dispose of Selected Equipment and Supplies from Connecting Waters Charter Schools

Motion to Obsolete/Dispose of Selected Equipment and Supplies from Connecting Waters Charter Schools

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

Ayes: 7 Notes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstained: 0

The Board approved the Obsolete/Dispose of Selected Equipment and Supplies from Connecting Waters Charter Schools

M.13. Review of the 2024-2025 Board of Directors Meeting Dates and Times

M.14. Approval of the Connecting Waters Charter Schools 2024-2025 Employee Handbook

Motion to Approve the Connecting Waters Charter Schools 2024-2025 Employee Handbook

Mrs. Nelson shared that the Employee Handbook didn't need many updates since the 2023-2024 Employee had all of the legal updates already included. However, there were a few clarifications added to next year's handbook.

On motion duly made by Erika Melton, seconded by Jennifer Louie-Monzon.

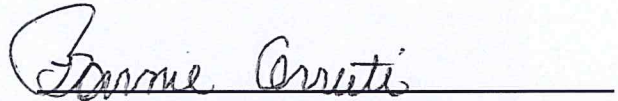
Ayes: 7 Notes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstained: 0
The Board approved the Connecting Waters Charter Schools 2024-2025
Employee Handbook

N. Adjournment (Time 7:09 p.m.)

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Ayes: 7 Notes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstained: 0
The Board 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.

