

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room  
1:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 5, 2019

The Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles, acting as the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District, met in special session on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at the Los Angeles City Board of Education Administrative Offices, Board Room, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Opening remarks were heard from Ms. Mónica García regarding the passing of former LAUSD Superintendent, Dr. Michelle King, and the meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m.

The following Board Members were present: Ms. Kelly Gonez, Dr. George McKenna, III, Mr. Nick Melvoin, Mr. Scott Schmerelson, Dr. Richard Vladovic and Board President Mónica García.

Student Board Member, Mr. Tyler Okeke, was present.

Superintendent, Mr. Austin Beutner was present.

Mr. Okeke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Vivian Ekchian, Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the entire Los Angeles Unified community, expressed the profound loss collectively felt by the passing of Dr. Michelle King. She spoke briefly about Dr. King's life and career with LAUSD. She presented a tribute video in honor of Dr. King. Following the video, Ms. Ekchian said that the family of Dr. King asked, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Dr. Michelle King Memorial Scholarship Fund available to graduating seniors of the Girls Academic Leadership Academy, Dr. Michelle King School for STEM. Donations can be made at <https://squareup.com/store/friends-of-gala>.

CONSENT ITEMS

Items for action below assigned by the Board to be adopted by a single vote:

NEW BUSINESS FOR ACTION:

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 201-18/19  
Facilities Contract Actions

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 243-18/19  
Report of Cash Disbursements, Request to Reissue Expired Warrants, Reimbursement of the Controller's Revolving Cash Fund, and Donation of Money and Materials

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 205-18/19  
Fiscal Year 2018-19 MOU between LAUSD and LACOE and LAUSD and OCDE for Specialized High Schools and County Community Representatives

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 242-18/19  
Restricted Status for Initial Appointments of Playground Aides and Community Representatives

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 189-18/19  
Authorization to Amend the Memorandum of Understanding with the  
Council for Watershed Health

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 238-18/19  
Authorization to Issue a Request for Proposals to Identify Joint Users for the Synthetic Turf  
Fields at Mervyn M. Dymally and John C. Fremont High Schools and,  
Edwin Markham Middle School

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 241-18/19  
Updated Standard Conditions of Approval for District Construction, Upgrade and Improvement  
Project

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 227-18/19  
Procurement Actions

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 245-18/19  
Material Revision of Vox Collegiate Charter of Los Angeles

Mr. Crain made the following statement:

This constitutes a public hearing on the following charter petition:

Vox Collegiate Charter of Los Angeles

A maximum of 12 individuals who wish to address the Board on this item will be heard. Those who wish to speak should sign-up in the rear of the Board Room. Speakers will be called by name.

The Board will be taking action on the charter petition at this meeting. Petitions denied may be submitted directly to the Los Angeles County Office of Education or directly to the State for action.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT NO. 246-18/19  
Renewal Charter Petition for Watts Learning Center Charter Middle School

BOARD MEMBER RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION

The following resolution was postponed to the Regular Board meeting of February 19, 2019:

Mr. Melvoin, Dr. Vladovic – Empowering Schools and Teachers with Choice of Employment  
(Res-015-18/19) (Noticed December 11, 2018)

Whereas, The Los Angeles Unified School District is dedicated to ensuring that every student has access to a high quality education in a positive school environment shaped by dedicated and mission-driven professionals;

Whereas, The District applauds and respects the tireless dedication of educators and other school staff who deserve agency to make professional decisions about their own careers;

Whereas, The District applauds and supports the capacity of school leaders and school site decision-makers to select, support, and manage teachers who are aligned with and committed to a common, local vision for success at each District school;

Whereas, A strong and aligned team of teachers and school leadership promote student academic success and college-readiness; now, therefore, be it;

Resolved, That no teacher shall be employed at a school without the mutual agreement of the teacher and the school site decision-maker, subject to legal or contractual requirements (such as reasonable accommodations for teachers with disabilities); and, be it finally

Resolved, That the Superintendent amends or modifies any policies or practices and negotiate contractual obligations where necessary to ensure that by the 2019-2020 school year employment of all Los Angeles Unified School District teachers will be upon mutual agreement of the employee and the school site decision-maker, subject to legal or contractual requirements. The Superintendent will report to the Board within 90 days outlining efforts to ensure implementation of this resolution.

Dr. McKenna, Ms. Gonez, Mr. Melvoin, Mr. Schmerelson, Dr. Vladovic, Ms. Garcia – Celebration of Black History Month 2019 (Res-019-18/19) (Waiver of Board Rule 72)

Whereas, Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by Black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in United States history;

Whereas, Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard trained historian, like W.E.B. DuBois before him, believed that truth would not be denied and that reason would prevail over prejudice, and as a result announced “Negro History Week” in 1925 to raise awareness of the contributions of African Americans;

Whereas, It is commonly stated that Carter G. Woodson selected February as the month to host “Negro History Week” because it encompasses the birthdays of two great Americans who played a prominent role in shaping black history, namely Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, whose birthdays are February 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> respectively;

Whereas, Carter G. Woodson believed that history was created by great people and not simply great men; he envisioned the study and celebration of Black people as a race, not simply as the producers of great men and emphasized the contributions of countless Black men and women who contributed to the advancement of human civilization;

Whereas, Since 1976, the commemoration was extended from a week-long event to the entire month of February;

Whereas, Every United States President has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month and other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating Black history;

Whereas, The legacy of Carter G. Woodson lives on in the continued work of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), an organization now in its Centennial Year;

Whereas, The 2019 theme for Black History Month established by the ASALH is “Black Migrations”;

Whereas, Over the past century and a half, Black American life, history, and culture have become major influences throughout America in music, art, literature, politics, athletics, education, military service, and diplomacy and has become appreciated by the global community; and

Whereas, The respect that fellow citizens have for one another determines the values of our country and reinforces the premise that Black lives matters; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District recognizes February as National Black History Month;

Resolved further, That the Board acknowledges that all people of the United States are beneficiaries of the wealth of history given to all by Black culture; and, be it finally

Resolved, That the Superintendent will work with educators, librarians, all the schools of the District, and the community to recognize and celebrate this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that generate in-depth discussion of the complex factual history of the United States and the legacy of Black Americans.

#### CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS:

Report of Correspondence (006-18/19)

#### MINUTES FOR BOARD APPROVAL:

November 13, 2018, Special Board Meeting, 12:45 p.m.

The following speakers addressed the Board on Consent Items:

Ms. Yesenia Herмосillo, Parent, Magnolia Science Academy, Board of Education

Report No. 201-18/19, Facilities Contract Actions

Ms. Adei Getachew, Parent, Magnolia Science Academy, Board of Education

Report No. 201-18/19, Facilities Contract Actions

Ms. Maria Villareal, Magnolia Science Academy, Board of Education

Report No. 201-18/19, Facilities Contract Actions

Mr. David Tokofsky, AALA, Board of Education Report No. 205-18/19, Fiscal Year 2018-19 MOU between LAUSD and LACOE and LAUSD and OCDE

Ms. Antonia Arguelles, Operations Director, Vox Collegiate Charter of Los Angeles, Board of Education Report No. 245-18/19, Material Revision of Vox Collegiate Charter of Los Angeles

Mr. David Tokofsky, AALA, Vox Collegiate Charter of Los Angeles, Board of Education Report No. 245-18/19, Material Revision of Vox Collegiate Charter of Los Angeles

Mr. Eugene Fisher, Watts Learning Center Charter Middle School, Board of Education Report No. 246-18/19, Renewal Charter Petition for Watts Learning Center Charter Middle School

Mrs. Jared Lancer, Watts Learning Center Charter Middle School, Board of Education Report No. 246-18/19, Renewal Charter Petition for Watts Learning Center Charter Middle School

Mr. Mark Hovatter, Chief Facilities Executive, responded to questions from Dr. Vladovic regarding Board Report No. 238-18/19, the authorization to issue a request for Proposals to Identify Joint Users for the Synthetic Turf Fields at Mervyn M. Dymally and John C. Fremont High Schools and Edwin Markham Middle School.

Remarks were heard from Mr. Melvoin regarding Board Report No. 227-18/19, Procurement Actions contracts, for Public Works Group, Focus School Software, and Apex Learning Edgenuity.

Mr. Shahryhar Khazei, Chief Information Officer answered a question from Mr. Melvoin regarding Board Report No. 227-18/19, Procurement Actions contract, Item K contract.

Remarks were heard from Ms. Gonez regarding low performing schools and Board Report No. 227-18/19, Procurement Actions contract for Fenton Communications.

Mr. Jose-Cole Gutierrez responded to a question from Mr. Schmerelson regarding the number of students enrolled at Vox Collegiate Charter of Los Angeles.

The following speakers addressed the Board on the Consent Items:

Ms. Cassy Horton, Vox Collegiate Charter of Los Angeles, Board of Education Report No. 245-18/19, Material Revision of Vox Collegiate Charter of Los Angeles

Remarks were heard from Dr. McKenna regarding (Res-019-18/19), Celebration of Black History Month 2019.

Ms. Gonez moved the Consent Items be adopted. Mr. Melvoin seconded the motion.

Ms. Gonez voted no on Board Report No. 227-18/19, Item H, contract 4400006818, Fenton Communications, and yes on the balance.

Mr. Melvoin voted no on Board Report No. 227-18/19, Item P, Contract 4400004863, and no on 4400004864, Apex Learning Edgenuity, and yes on the balance.

Dr. Vladovic voted no on Board Report No. 227-18/19, Item P, Contract 4400004863, and no on 4400004864, Apex Learning Edgenuity, and yes on the balance.

Mr. Okeke recorded an advisory vote.

The Consent Items were adopted by general consent.

Ms. Frances Gipson, Chief Executive Officer, Department of Instruction, spoke briefly about Dr. Michelle King and shared a video from Student Voices Celebrating Arts Education.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. García moved that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Mr. Henry Ronquillo, former Principal, Roosevelt High School.

Dr. Vladovic seconded the motion which by general consent was adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: **MARCH 19, 2019**

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MS. MONICA GARCIA  
PRESIDENT

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JEFFERSON CRAIN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD

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