

**Western Sierra Charter School  
Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, August 3, 2022, 3:00 PM**

Meeting was conducted via Zoom and streamed via Facebook Live.

**1. Call to Order**

Brian Fulce called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM

**2. Roll Call to Establish Quorum**

Quorum established.

**Board Members Present:** Shantal Fossee, Brian Fulce, Lindsay Haussler, and Monika Moulin

**Absent:** none

**WSCS Staff Present:** Michael Cox, Nancy Garcia, Eric Hagen, Jody Jeffers, Mindy Klang, and Diane Neulinger

**Liaisons Present:** none

**Guest:** None

**3. \*Action: Board findings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)**

*The Charter School Board of Directors determines, in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(B), that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3), the Board has also reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency declared by the Governor on March 4, 2020, and finds that State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Directors to meet safely in person and/or that State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing*

*Approved*

Motion: Monika Moulin

Second: Lindsay Haussler

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

**4. \*Action: Board Meeting Agenda for August 3, 2022.**

*Approved*

Motion: Lindsay Haussler

Second: Monika Moulin

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

**5. Hearing of Persons Wishing to Address the Board**

*None*

**6. Written Communications (if any)**

*None*

**7. Public Hearing: Independent Study Policy**

*Public hearing opened @ 3:14 PM*

**Open Public Hearing: No earlier than: 3:00 PM**

*In accordance with Section 11701 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, setting policy pursuant to Education Code section 51747, the Board shall consider, in a public hearing, the scope of its existing or prospective use of independent study as an instructional strategy, its purposes in authorizing*

*independent study, and factors bearing specifically on the maximum realistic lengths of assignments and acceptable number of missed assignments for specific populations of pupils or adult education students. This policy shall reflect an awareness that excessive leniency in its terms can result in pupils falling so far behind their age peers as to increase, rather than decrease, the risk of their dropping out of school.*

*Mr. Cox gave a brief overview of the changes to the IS policy and was open to any questions from Board Members.*

*Closed @ 3:36 PM*

**8. \*Action: Independent Study Policy**

*The Board shall consider adoption of an Independent Study Policy in accordance with the requirements of Education Code Section 51747.*

*Approved*

Motion: Monika Moulin

Second: Lindsay Haussler

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

**9. Next Scheduled Board Meeting Tuesday, September 13, 2022 @ 2:00 PM**

*Rescheduled to Thursday, September 8, 2022 @ 2:00 PM and confirmed.*

**10. \*Adjournment @ 3:42 PM**

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I certify that I am the duly elected Secretary of the Western Sierra Charter Schools, a California nonprofit public benefits corporation; that these minutes are of the special meeting of the Board of Directors held on August 3, 2022.

  
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Diane Neulinger

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Diane Neulinger