



## Watts Learning Center Foundation Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Meeting Minutes of the September 12, 2019

Watts Learning Center Charter Elementary School  
Room: LIBRARY

*The Mission of the Watts Learning Center Elementary and Middle School is to provide a world-class, child-centered, K-8 institution of learning with strong ties to families and the community.*

### I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 pm by Eugene Fisher at the WLC.

**Board Members Present:** Eugene Fisher, Darrell Schregardus, John Yelding, Justin Sanders, Glen Polson David Mora

**Board Members Absent:** Rao Yalamanchili

### II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was a public comment made by WLC parent, Donna Johnson regarding her work to clean up the area around the campus. She contacts the LAPD daily to get assistance with the matter and was going to the police station today to seek more help. She will keep Mrs. Baptiste updated on the progress. The Board Chair thanked her for her assistance with the matter.

### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

- a. There was a motion by Schregardus to approve the 9/12/19 agenda. Yelding seconded. Yes Vote: Schregardus, Yalamanchili, Fisher, Polson, Yelding. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. There was a motion by Schregardus to approve the minutes from the 6/27/19 Board meeting. Sanders seconded. Yes Vote: Schregardus, Yalamanchili, Fisher, Polson. Motion passed unanimously.

### IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT BY EUGENE FISHER, BOARD CHAIR

Dr. Knox: Last time we met Mr. Fisher was authorized by the Board to give Dr. Knox a plaque in appreciation of his service to the WLC. Mr. Fisher had a great meeting with Dr. Knox, his wife and his caregiver. He was feeling better this visit and he thanked the Board for that recognition.

Mission of the Watts Learning Center and Grade Level Performance Our Mission states why we are here and we are also to be supportive and innovative to the community. One of the things that is innovative about our school is that we are doing International Travel. We are on the 20<sup>th</sup> year and 10<sup>th</sup> trip of traveling to places such as South Africa, Costa Rica, Brazil and next year we are planning to go to Egypt. For our students to be innovative we must teach them to think effectively and communicate their ideas. It's a lot but it's something that we need to keep in our minds to help us move into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century to solve problems. With these skills, they will continue to address any issue head on without reservation because they have been prepared. They can pursue any career or goal because they have the tools. Mr. Fisher also had a chance to review the 18-19 School Year student performance scores and we have 50% of students at grade level which are good according to state standards but we should want to get each student above grade level and to do that we need staff, student and parent commitment. To get there you'll also need full support of the Board which you will have to push to the goal and standards higher. We have to ask ourselves what does it, take to get to excellence that we so often talk about. The Board has provided each school with an Assistant Director, Counselors and support staff. Today the Board is expecting to hear what and how we are doing and instead of micromanaging we want to be able to provide the necessary resources to

higher the additional staff needed in areas of improvement. We always want to stay in compliance with state standards and we now have an Operations Manager who is here to keep us in compliance which allows Directors more time to focus on the business of learning, teaching and leading. If there is anything we need to know or do please be sure to let us know. We are not just a school, we are here to have academic achievement. We have created a generation of doing something different. Each Board Member briefly expounded on Mr. Fisher's statement and commended the staff on the work being done so far. We still have work to do, but we have come very far. It was expressed by all Board Members that this by far is the best team working on both campuses and we are by far in the best place we have been in. The pressure is on the staff and the Board to get to our goals.0 0

**V. FINANCIAL REPORTS BY RYAN GRIFFIN OF EXED.**

- a. **April 2019, May 2019, and June 2019 for ES:** Schregardus made a motion to approve the Income Statement, Balance Sheet, and Check register for April 2019, May 2019, and June 2019. Yelding seconded. Yes Vote: Sanders, Yelding, Schregardus, Fisher, Polson, Mora. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. **April 2019, May 2019, and June 2019 for MS:** Schregardus made a motion to approve the Income Statement, Balance Sheet, and Check register for April 2019, May 2019, and June 2019. Yelding seconded. Yes Vote: Sanders, Yelding, Schregardus, Fisher, Polson, Mora. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. **FY 2018-2019 LAUSD Unaudited Actual Reports**  
Schregardus made a motion to approve the FY 2018-19 LAUSD Unaudited Actuals reports. Sanders seconded.  
Yes Vote: Sanders, Yelding, Schregardus, Fisher, Polson, Mora. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. **Local Indicator Reports:** Schregardus made a motion to approve the Local Indicator Reports for both the elementary and middle schools. Yelding seconded.  
Yes Vote: Sanders, Yelding, Schregardus, Fisher, Polson, Mora. Motion passed unanimously.

**VI. WLC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S REPORT PRESENTED BY KELLY BAPTISTE, DIRECTOR**

Mrs. Baptiste discussed and reviewed her previously submitted Director's Report to answer any questions and to give additional details to the Board as to where the school is at this point in the school year as well as goals for the rest of the year.

**VII. WLCCMS DIRECTOR'S REPORT PRESENTED BY MIGUEL GAMBOA, DIRECTOR**

As with Mrs. Baptiste, Mr. Gamboa discussed and reviewed his previously submitted Director's Report to answer any questions and to give additional details to the Board as to where the school is at this point in the school year as well as goals for the rest of the year. He also let the Board know that every month he will send out a newsletter to give the Board a better insight how exactly what the MS is doing, how the can be involved and what are continued goals are and how we can continue to move forward.

**VIII. MANAGER OF OPERATIONS REPORT PRESENTED BY C. DEJUAN RUFFIN**

- a. Social Media Policy at the Watts Learning Center: The Board has given both campuses a trial for the Social Media process and there should be a report on the progress within the next month.

**IX. CLOSED SESSION**

- a. There was a motion by Schregardus to approve the Provisional Internship Permit for a middle school employee. Sanders seconded. Yes Vote: Sanders, Yelding, Schregardus, Fisher, Mora, Polson. Motion approved unanimously.

- X. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting returned to open session at 1:26pm., and the previous closed session motion was presented. Schregardus made a motion to adjourn at 1:26pm. Mora seconded. Yes Vote: Sanders, Yelding, Schregardus, Fisher, Polson, Mora. Motion passed unanimously.