

# WATTS LEARNING CENTER FOUNDATION

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## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Friday, October 8, 2021 at 2:30pm

### MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order & Roll Call** – Meeting called to order by Board President, Fisher, at 2:33pm.
  - a. **Governing Board**-Eugene Fisher, Board President; David Mora, Board Treasurer; Dr. Darell Schregardus; Justin Sanders; John Yelding; Rao Yalamanchili; Glen Polson
  - b. **Presenters:** C. DeJuan Ruffin, Manager of Operations; Pierre Towns, Managing Partner, HRCC
  
- II. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** There was no public comment.
  
- III. **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 the 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.

There was a motion by Yelding to approve the continuance of teleconferenced meeting to maximize social distancing and participant safety. Schregardus seconded. Votes: Fisher-in favor; Schregardus-in favor; Sanders-in favor; Yelding-in favor; Yalamanchili-in favor; Polson-in favor. Mora no present for vote. Motion passed.
  
- IV. **WLC Reorganization by Mr. Fisher-** After an extensive There was a motion by Schregardus to approve the proposed reorganization of WLC presented by Mr. Towns. Yelding seconded. Votes: Fisher-in favor; Mora-in favor; Schregardus-in favor; Sanders-in favor; Yelding-in favor; Yalamanchili-in favor; Polson-in favor. Motion passed.
  
- V. **Board Meeting Calendar Updates by Mr. Ruffin**
  - a. Special Board Meeting for late October
    - Wednesday 10/27 at 10am.
  - b. Future Board Meeting Dates
    - Wednesdays at 10:00am.



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**VI. Public Announcement of reasons for closed session by Mr. Fisher**

- a. There was no public comment on closed session items.

**VII. Closed Session**

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (1 case)
- b. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT Title: Executive Director

**VIII. Reconvene to Open Session by Mr. Fisher**

- a. There was a motion made by Schregardus during closed session for WLC to contract a recruiter to staff the vacant Executive Director position. Sanders seconded.  
Votes: Fisher-in favor; Mora-in favor; Schregardus-in favor; Sanders-in favor; Yelding-in favor; Polson-in favor. Yalamanchili left meeting prior to motion. Motion passed.

**IX. Adjournment-**There was a motion by Yelding to adjourn the meeting at 4:10pm. Polson seconded. Votes: Fisher-in favor; Mora-in favor; Schregardus-in favor; Sanders-in favor; Yelding-in favor; Polson-in favor. Motion passed.