

WATTS LEARNING CENTER FOUNDATION

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The central purpose of the Watts Learning Center is to improve the quality of life in the community with a sense of urgency.

Watts Learning Center Foundation Emergency Board Meeting – Closed Session Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Zoom (Virtual Meeting)

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

The Emergency Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 2:00 PM by Board President Eugene Fisher.

Board Members Present:

- Eugene Fisher, President
- David Mora, Treasurer
- John Yelding
- Rao Yalamanchili
- Nickey Woods
- Shanetta Weatherspoon

Quorum Established: Yes

II. Closed Session

Topic: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

Authority: Government Code § 54957(b)(1)

At the request of Dr. Lisa M. Edwards, the following charges were read into the record during open session before the Board convened in closed session:

1. Signing a contract on behalf of Watts Learning Center without approval and in violation of the School's fiscal control policies.



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2. Attempting to cancel an active, Board-approved agreement with a Watts Learning Center vendor without proper authorization.
3. Signing a grant acceptance agreement on behalf of the School without Board approval or delegated authority.

The Board then entered closed session to deliberate.

III. Report Out of Closed Session

Upon returning to open session, Board President Eugene Fisher reported that the Board voted to terminate Dr. Lisa M. Edwards from her position as Principal of Watts Learning Center Charter Middle School, effective immediately.

Vote:

- **Approved: 6-0**
 - Eugene Fisher – Yes
 - John Yelding – Yes
 - Nickey Woods – Yes
 - David Mora – Yes
 - Rao Yalamanchili – Yes
 - Shanetta Weatherspoon – Yes

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **3:17 PM**.