



Subject: Board Regular and Special Board Meetings

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Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the Empire Springs Charter School Board of Directors shall be held consistent with the calendar for such meetings as established by the Board each year.

If at any time any regular meeting falls on a holiday, (Federal, State, or local), such regular meeting shall be held on the next business day.

Special Meetings

Special Meetings may be called on an as-needed basis, consistent with legal requirements.

Notification of Meetings

Not later than 72 hours prior to a regular meeting and not later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to a Special Meeting, the Superintendent shall provide notice of the time and place of the meeting, and the agenda shall be provided to all Board members and those persons or entities who have previously requested notice of such meetings and shall be posted online on the School's website.

Meetings Open To the Public

A. Open Session

All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public except Closed Sessions, as authorized by law.

B. Presentations to the Board/Agenda Items

Any person may address the Board concerning any item on the agenda and may, at the discretion of the Board, be granted five minutes to make a presentation to the Board at the time the specific item is under discussion. The Chair of the Board may grant additional time for an individual to address the Board if circumstances permit. The total time devoted to presentations to the Board on agenda items shall not exceed one-half hour unless additional time is granted by the Board. The Board Chair may curtail individual presentations if repetitive of points raised by others, particularly if it appears the total allotted time may be exceeded. The Board Chair may alter the amount of time allotted to public speakers as needed.

All presentations shall be heard by the Board prior to the formal discussion of the agenda topic by the Board and consideration of action.

C. Oral Communications

Citizens may address the Board on any item not listed on the Board meeting agenda. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. No more than a total of fifteen (15) minutes shall be devoted to all non-agenda items at a regular meeting. The Board Chair may disallow a request to address the Board if repetitive of other speakers, or if the speaker seeks to make a presentation that he or another speaker has made at a previous meeting, particularly if it appears that the total allotted time may be exceeded. The Board Chair may alter the amount of time allotted to public speakers as needed.

Members of the public attempting to make complaints or charges against a School employee before the Board in open session will be offered the option to meet with staff to file a complaint under the School's established complaint procedures.

D. Disturbance of Meetings

Any person who willfully disturbs any Board meeting will be asked to leave immediately and may be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by law.

E. Requests to Address the Board

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, citizens seeking to address the Board on an item on the agenda or during time allocated for oral communications shall complete the card, "Request to Address the Board" (located in the Board Meeting Room), and give it to the Board Chair or Secretary to the Board.

Minutes of Board Meetings

The minutes of open session meetings of the Board shall record all motions, show the names of Board members making and seconding motions and state the vote upon the motion. The open session minutes shall also record all resolutions and the recommendations of the Superintendent. The minutes shall follow the generally accepted pattern in form.

The original copy of the open session minutes shall be signed by the Secretary of the Board and approved by the Board. Original minutes shall be bound in chronological order, volumed by fiscal year, and paged consecutively.

The official minutes of the Board shall be kept in fireproof storage and made available on the School's website. The following documents shall be bound with the official minutes and referred to in the text of the minutes to which they apply:

- Original copies of all resolutions unless required by other agencies, in which case photocopies of the originals may be substituted;
- Original copy of all budget transfers;
- Copies of any document determined by the Board of Directors to be attached to the official minutes; and
- Other documents which, in the opinion of the Secretary, are necessary to fully substantiate or record Board of Director's action.

In addition to the official minutes, an additional copy of all minutes and attached documents shall be maintained in the office of the Secretary of the Board. This set of minutes shall be bound, indexed by those categories detailed above and by subject.

Quorum Requirements

A majority of the voting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum of Board which is necessary for the Board to transact business. All motions, in order to pass, need positive action by at least a majority of the Board. Should there be fewer than a majority of the Board present at any meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned.