

**EMPIRE SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

***SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MINUTES***

**July 13, 2021**

***1:20 p.m.***

***This meeting was held electronically.***

***Our mission is to empower students by fostering their innate curiosity, engaging their parents, and promoting optimum learning by collaboratively developing a personalized learning program for each student.***

**Present:**

Ivo Caouette, Board Chair Jessica Large, Secretary Jason Rodriguez, Board Treasurer Dianne Mendez-Cantu, Board Director	Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin Operations Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations
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**1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

- Mr. Caouette called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Action: Approval of Agenda**

- Ms. Large moved to approve the agenda.
- Ms. Nagelvoort seconded.
- Vote: 4 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, 3 Absent: Rodriguez, Schneider, Vela; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

**3. Action: Approval of Minutes from June 10, 2021**

- Ms. Large moved to approve the Minutes from the June 10, 2021 meeting.
- Ms. Mendez-Cantu seconded.
- Discussion: None
- Vote: 4 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, 3 Absent: Rodriguez, Schneider, Vela; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

**4. Public Comments**

- None

**5. Action: Approval of Revised Independent Study Policy and Revised Student Master Agreement**


- Ms. Nagelvoort moved to approve the Revised Independent Study Policy and Revised Student Master Agreement
- Ms. Large seconded.
- Discussion: Amy Podratz explained that due to recent changes in law, our Independent Study Policy and Student Master Agreement needed to be revised.
- Vote: 4 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, 3 Absent: Rodriguez, Schneider, Vela; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

**6. Board Comments**

- None

**7. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**

- Ms. Mendez-Cantu moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m.
- Ms. Nagelvoort seconded.
- Vote: 4 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, 3 Absent: Rodriguez, Schneider, Vela; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

  
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**Jessica Large, Secretary**

08/18/2021  
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**Date**