

# ORANGE SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2025

**4:00 p.m.**

**27740 Jefferson Ave. Temecula, CA**

**and**

**Santa Ana Student Center**

**2121 N. Grand Ave. Santa Ana, CA**

*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:**

Eugene Dokes, Chair  
Jessica Large, Vice Chair  
Michael Solomon, Secretary  
Cheryl LaCount, Treasurer  
Pam Rivas, Director  
Kellie Woodson, Director

Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent  
Virginia Smith, Asst. Superintendent, Human Resources  
Michelle Sapanara, Asst. Superintendent, Student Services  
Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin. Ops.  
Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations  
Trevor Johnson, Senior Director of Business  
Katherine Van Leeuwen, Senior Director of Admin. Ops.  
Laura Banda, Director of Assessment & Accountability  
Karen Arnett, Director of Teacher & Student Support  
Erin Chafin, Credential Analyst  
Priscilla Doorbar, Principal  
Shirley Jones, Principal  
Renee Albright, Charter Relations Coordinator

### **1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

- Dr. Dokes called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **2. Action: Approval of Agenda**

- Ms. Rivas moved to approve the agenda.
- Ms. Large seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Dokes, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson;  
0 Noes; 1 Absent: Ponzio; Motion Adopted

3. **Action: Approval of Board Minutes from March 4, 2025**
  - Ms. Large moved to approve the Board Minutes from March 4, 2025.
  - Ms. LaCount seconded.
  - Vote: 6 Ayes: Dokes, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Ponzio; Motion Adopted
4. **Public Comments**
  - None
5. **Information: Student Spotlight - Santa Ana Student Center - Noah and Margot**
  - The Board enjoyed a video presentation featuring Santa Ana Student Center students Noah and Margot, who showcased their love for reading and STEAM classes.
6. **Information: Teacher Spotlight - Kimberly Matthews: 2025 Hart Vision Teacher of the Year**
  - The Board enjoyed a video presentation created by the California Charter Schools Association featuring Kimberly Matthews, the CCSA 2025 Hart Vision Teacher of the Year.
7. **Information: Presentation of the Seal of Civic Engagement Fundraising Project**
  - Shirley Jones, Journey Homeschool Principal, presented a video of Anais Park's California Seal of Civic Engagement Project. Anais is a River Springs Charter School Journey senior who completed her civic-minded project to raise money for the Summit Springs (network-wide) scholarship program.
8. **Information: Superintendent's Report**
  - Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's Report and provided network-wide updates, including important legislative updates.
9. **Information: First Reading of Board Policy 5037.1 Dyslexia Universal Screening and Intervention**
  - Laura Banda and Karen Arnett presented this policy for First Reading. It will be brought back at a future meeting for Second Reading and Approval.
10. **Information: First Reading of Revised Board Policy 5023.1 - Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten**
  - Amy Podratz reviewed the requirements for Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten enrollment. The policy will return for Second Reading and Approval at the next meeting.

11. **Public Hearing - Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)**
  - Natali South opened the LCAP Public Hearing at 4:36 p.m. and welcomed community comments and feedback. Kat Van Leeuwen reviewed the LCAP report and answered Board members' questions. The hearing was closed at 4:44 p.m. The LCAP will be brought back for approval at the June meeting.
12. **Action: Approval of the Springs Inc. Memorandum of Understanding**
  - Ms. Large moved to approve the Approval of Springs Inc. Memorandum of Understanding.
  - Ms. Rivas seconded.
  - Discussion: Trevor Johnson explained that Springs Inc. will provide staff development and other services to Orange Springs as it does for the other schools in the network as defined by the MOU.
  - Vote: 6 Ayes: Dokes, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Ponzio; Motion Adopted
13. **Action: Approval of the SB740 Grant**
  - Ms. Woodson moved to approve the SB740 Grant.
  - Ms. Large seconded.
  - Discussion: Trevor Johnson explained that the Santa Ana Student Center will operate under Orange Springs. This grant allows us to recover some facility costs.
  - Vote: 6 Ayes: Dokes, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Ponzio; Motion Adopted
14. **Action: Approval of the 2025-26 Consolidated Application for Funding**
  - Ms. LaCount moved to approve the 2025-26 Consolidated Application for Funding
  - Ms. Large seconded.
  - Discussion: Trevor Johnson explained that this application allows the school to apply for multiple federal grants.
  - Vote: 6 Ayes: Dokes, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Ponzio; Motion Adopted
15. **Action: Waive the First Reading and Approve Revised Board Policy 4001.1 - Contracts**
  - Ms. Rivas moved to waive the First Reading and Approve Revised Board Policy 4001.1 - Contracts.
  - Ms. Woodson seconded.
  - Discussion: Kathleen Hermsmeyer explained that the policy has been revised to include updated titles for those individuals authorized to sign contracts on behalf of the school.
  - Vote: 6 Ayes: Dokes, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Ponzio; Motion Adopted

16. **Action: Approval of Title I, Part A School-Parent Compact 2026**
- Ms. Large moved to approve the Title I, Part A School-Parent Compact 2026.
  - Ms. Rivas seconded.
  - Discussion: Laura Banda explained that the Compact has been revised to include revised language. This compact is a requirement under Title I.
  - Vote: 6 Ayes: Dokes, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson;  
0 Noes; 1 Absent: Ponzio; Motion Adopted
17. **Board Comments and Future Agenda Requests**
- Ms. Woodson: I loved the CCSA Teacher of the Year video!
  - Ms. Large: I will miss Charlene!
18. **Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**
- Ms. Woodson moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:57 p.m.
  - Ms. Large seconded.
  - Vote: 6 Ayes: Dokes, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson;  
0 Noes; 1 Absent: Ponzio; Motion Adopted

  
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**Michael Solomon, Secretary**

June 10, 2025

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**Date**