

EMPIRE SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

August 1, 2025

10:00 a.m.

27740 Jefferson Ave. Temecula, CA

and

Rancho Cucamonga Student Center

8969 Archibald Ave.

Rancho Cucamonga, 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:

Stephanie Vargas, Chair Marlene Darrow, Vice Chair Chuck Vela, Treasurer Jennifer Araiza, Secretary Jason Rodriguez, Director	Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin. Ops. Tanya Rogers, Asst. Superintendent, Business Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations Trevor Johnson, Senior Director of Business Lelani Weiss, Director of Special Projects - Facilities Monica Lopez, Principal Renee Albright, Charter Relations Coordinator
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1. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

- Ms. Vargas called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Ms. Darrow moved to approve the agenda.
- Ms. Araiza seconded.
- Vote: 4 Ayes: Araiza, Darrow, Vargas, Vela;
1 Absent:, Schneider; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

3. **Information: Oath of Office: Jason Rodriguez**
 - Natali South administered the Oath of Office to a new board member, Jason Rodriguez. Mr. Rodriguez's first three-year term will expire on June 30, 2028.
4. **Action: Approval of Board Minutes from June 12, 2025**
 - Ms. Darrow moved to approve the Board Minutes from June 12, 2025.
 - Ms. Vargas seconded.
 - Vote: 3 Ayes: Darrow, Vargas, Vela; 1 Absent: Schneider;
2 Abstained: Araiza, Roriguez; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
5. **Public Comments**
 - None
6. **Board Comments**
 - Ms. Darrow: I look forward to seeing everyone at Ignite! next week.
7. **Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**
 - Ms. Darrow moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m.
 - Ms. Araiza seconded.
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Araiza, Darrow, Rodriguez, Vargas, Vela;
1 Absent: Schneider; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

Chuck Vela

Chuck Vela, Secretary

September 11, 2025

Date