

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

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. **Action: IESCS: Approval for IESCS Material Revision to Open the Fontana Location in 2026-27 and add the two Addresses of the Proposed Facilities**
 - Ms. Araiza moved to approve the IESCS Material Revision to open the Fontana location in 2026-27 and add the two addresses of the proposed facilities.
 - Ms. Vargas seconded.
 - Discussion: Amy Podratz reviewed the updates to the revised petition that will be submitted to the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Araiza, Darrow, Rodriguez, Vargas, Vela;
1 Absent: Schneider; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
7. **Closed Session - in Accordance with Gov Code Section GC 54954.5/54956.9: Entered into at 10:19 a.m.**
 - IESCS: 54956.9 - Conference with Real Property Negotiator:
Property: SA-9460
8. **Open Session: entered into at 10:36 a.m.**
 - Report of Action Taken in Closed Session
 - The Board authorized staff to enter into a Letter of Intent to acquire this property.
9. **Board Comments**
 - Ms. Darrow: I look forward to seeing everyone at Ignite! next week.
10. **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