

EMPIRE SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 23 2026

9:00 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:

Chuck Vela, Vice Chair Marlene Darrow, Treasurer JP Dauber, Director Craig Schneider, Director	Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin. Ops Trevor Johnson, Senior Director of Business Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations Christina Gonzales, Director of Admin. Ops. - Accountability
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1. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

- Natali South called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

- Mr. Schneider moved to approve the Agenda.
- Mr. Vela seconded.
- Vote: 4 Ayes: Darrow, Dauber, Schneider; Vela
0 Noes; 3 Absent: Araiza, Rodriguez, Vargas; Motion Adopted.

3. Approval of Minutes - June 11, 2026

- Mr. Vela moved to approve the Minutes from the June 11, 2026 meeting.
- Ms. Darrow seconded.
- Vote: 4 Ayes: Darrow, Dauber, Schneider; Vela
0 Noes; 3 Absent: Araiza, Rodriguez, Vargas; Motion Adopted.

4. Public Comment

- None

5. Public Hearing - 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

- Natali South opened the Public Hearing for the 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan at 9:05 a.m. The hearing was held for the purpose of soliciting feedback on the school's LCAP. Amy Podratz reviewed the LCAP process and answered Board members' questions. The Public Hearing was closed at 9:08 a.m.

6. Public Hearing and Approval/Adoption of the 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan

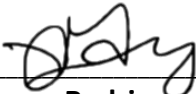
- Natali South opened a Public Hearing for the approval and adoption of the 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan at 9:10 a.m.
- Mr. Vela moved to approve the proposed 2026-27 LCAP
- Ms. Darrow seconded.
- Discussion: Amy Podratz reviewed the LCAP documents.
- Vote: 4 Ayes: Darrow, Dauber, Schneider; Vela
0 Noes; 3 Absent: Araiza, Rodriguez, Vargas; Motion Adopted.
- The Public Hearing was closed at 9:12 a.m.

7. Board Comments and Future Agenda Items

- Ms. Darrow: Thank you for making sure all the details of the LCAP have been worked out!

8. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

- Mr. Vela moved to approve the motion at 9:14 a.m.
- Ms. Darrow seconded.
- Vote: 4 Ayes: Darrow, Dauber, Schneider; Vela
0 Noes; 3 Absent: Araiza, Rodriguez, Vargas; Motion Adopted.



Jason Rodriguez, Secretary

July 21, 2026

Date