ORANGE SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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R E G U L A R M E E T I N G
M I N U T E S

June 9, 2026

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:

Jessica Large, Chair Michael Solomon, Vice Chair Cheryl LaCount, Secretary Pam Rivas, Treasurer Dr. Eugene Dokes, Director Todd Franklin, Director Kellie Woodson, Director	Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent Virginia Smith, Asst. Superintendent, Human Resources Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin. Ops Vivian Price, Asst. Superintendent, Education Michelle Sheane, Asst. Superintendent, Student Services Trevor Johnson, Senior Director of Business Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations Katherine VanLeeuwen, Senior Director of Admin. Ops. Holly Hungerford, Senior Director of Nutrition Services Scott Lloyd, Senior Director of Facilities Jonathan Green, Senior Director of Middle & HS Programs Ruth Newsome, Senior Director of HR Mariajose Borja, Director of Hiring and Recruitment Laura Banda, Director of Assessment & Accountability Leilani Weiss, Director of Special Projects - Facilities Renee Albright, Charter Relations Coordinator

1. **Establish a Quorum, Call to Order, and Pledge of Allegiance**

- Ms. Large called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Action: Approval of Agenda**

- Ms. Rivas moved to approve the Agenda.
- Dr. Dokes seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, Franklin, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

3. **Action: Approval of Minutes from May 12, 2026**

- Ms. Large moved to approve the Minutes from May 12, 2026.
- Ms. LaCount seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Franklin, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; 1 Abstaintion: Dokes; Motion Adopted

4. **Action: Approval of Consent Agenda**

- Ms. Rivas moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Warrants, Personnel Action Report, Approval of CACFP Supper Meals Agreement, Auditor's Communication to the Board and Management for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026, and Contract Ratifications as posted: Frontline Education 2026-2027 Annual Fee, Write Score Contract, and Instructure Contract for Canvas and Learn Platform.
- Ms. Woodson seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, Franklin, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

5. **Public Comments**

- None

6. **Information: Springs Nation - Twilight in Wonderland: Springs Charter Schools Prom 2026 Highlight Reel**

- Renee Albright shared a video highlighting the magic and memories of Springs Charter Schools' 2026 Prom, *Twilight in Wonderland*. Set against the beautiful backdrop of Hawk Ranch, the evening brought students together for a night of celebration, connection, dancing, and unforgettable moments. Watching our students enjoy this milestone event and create lasting memories with their friends was truly special.

7. **Information: Springs Nation - Commencement Ceremony 2026 Highlight Reel**

- Renee Albright shared a video celebrating the incredible accomplishments of the Springs Charter Schools Class of 2026 during this year's Commencement Ceremony. Held at the Pechanga Resort Summit Ballroom, the ceremony honored the hard work, perseverance, and achievements of our graduates as they crossed the stage and began their next chapter. It was an inspiring afternoon filled with pride, reflection, and excitement as families, friends, staff, and the entire Springs community came together to recognize this important milestone.

8. **Information: Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's Report and provided network-wide updates. She reminded the board that our newest building will be called Trailblazer, and the original site - just a few driveways away - will be called Odyssey.

9. **Information: Reporting of State Priority Local Indicators to CDE Dashboard**

- Katherine Van Leeuwen reviewed the local indicators for the CDE dashboard. These indicators are self-reported data points regarding specific measures.

10. **Action: Approval of 2026-27 Budget**

- Ms. Large moved to approve the 2026-27 Budget.
- Dr. Dokes seconded.
- Discussion: Trevor Johnson reviewed the 2026-27 budget. He explained that the Governor's May Revise added additional funding to the budget. Portions of the money are one-time funding streams, and the school will ensure that those funds are not utilized for ongoing expenses.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, Franklin, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

11. **Action: Approval of EPA Education Protection Account Actuals as of 6/30/26 Current Estimates**

- Ms. Rivas moved to approve the EPA Education Protection Account Actuals as of 6/30/26 current estimates.

- Ms. LaCount seconded.
- Discussion: Trevor Johnson explained that EPA funds covered 2.44 teacher salaries for the 2025-26 school year.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, Franklin, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

12. Action: Approval of 2026-27 EPA Multi-Year Plan

- Ms. Large moved to approve the 2026-27 EPA Multi-Year Plan.
- Dr. Dokes seconded.
- Discussion: Trevor Johnson explained the projection that EPA funds will cover 1.59 teachers' salaries.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, Franklin, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

13. Action: Approval of Longevity Payments to 15, 20, and 25-year Employees

- Ms. Large moved to approve the Longevity Payments to 15, 20, and 25-year Employees.
- Ms. Rivas seconded.
- Discussion: Trevor Johnson reminded the Board that, during the annual Ignite! event, employees celebrating 15, 20, and 25 years of service with the organization are recognized and honored with longevity bonuses.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, Franklin, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

14. Action: Approval of Superintendent's Contract 2026-27

- Ms. Rivas moved to approve the Superintendent's Contract 2026-27.
- Ms. Woodson seconded.
- Discussion: Trevor Johnson presented the Superintendent's contract and indicated that Dr. Hermsmeyer's salary will be split among the Springs charters, based on enrollment percentages.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, Franklin, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

15. **Action: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Employee and Personnel Services Sharing: Addition of Three Schools**

- Ms. Large moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Employee and Personnel Services Sharing: Addition of Three Schools.
- Ms. Rivas seconded.
- Discussion: Amy Podratz explained that this MOU allows staff to conduct work on behalf of any of the charters within the network, regardless of which charter(s) they are employed by.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, Franklin, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

16. **Action: Approval of the 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)**

- Ms. Rivas moved to approve the 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).
- Ms. LaCount seconded.
- Discussion: Katherine Van Leeuwen reviewed the LCAP for Orange Springs. She explained that the plan follows the state's template, and indicates the school's progress on goals and actions.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, Franklin, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

17. **Action: Approval of Position Control System (PCS) and Salary Schedules 2026-27**

- Ms. LaCount moved to approve the Position Control System (PCS) and Salary Schedules 2026-27.
- Dr. Dokes seconded.
- Discussion: Ruth Newsome explained a few changes that were made to the upcoming salary schedules, based on compensation studies and the newly released budget estimations.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, Franklin, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

18. **Action: Approval of Scoot Education Contract 2026-2027**

- Ms. Rivas moved to approve the Scoot Education Contract 2026-2027.
- Ms. LaCount seconded.

- Discussion: Mariajose Borja explained that Scoot provides substitutes when Springs' subs are not available.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, Franklin, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

19. Action: Waive First Reading and Approval of Board Policy 5038.1 Mobile Communication Devices

- Ms. Large moved to waive the first reading and approve Board Policy 5038.1 Mobile Communication Devices.
- Dr. Dokes seconded.
- Discussion: Vivian Price explained that waiving the first reading is being requested in order to implement the policy in time for the upcoming school year. Jonathan Green indicated that state law requires the restriction of mobile devices on campuses. Springs has crafted a policy that aligns with state requirements and has been vetted by site leadership.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, Franklin, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

20. Action: Approval of Title I, Part A School-Parent Compact 2027

- Ms. LaCount moved to approve the Title I, Part A School-Parent Compact 2027.
- Ms. Large seconded.
- Discussion: Laura Banda reviewed the school-parent compact and indicated that legal counsel reviewed and provided the updated document for approval.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, Franklin, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

21. Action: Approval of Vended Meals Contract for the Citrus Springs School Food Authority (SFA)

- Ms. Rivas moved to approve the Vended Meals Contract for the Citrus Springs SFA.
- Ms. LaCount seconded.
- Discussion: Holly Hungerford indicated that this contract provides meal services for students.

- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, Franklin, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

22. **Action: Approval of Special Education Contracts for Providers for 2026-27**

- Ms. Rivas moved to approve the Special Education contracts for providers for 2026-27.
- Ms. LaCount seconded.
- Discussion: Courtney Cook reviewed the estimates for special education contracted services for the 2026/27 school year.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, Franklin, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

23. **Action: Election of Officers & Appointment of Subcommittees**

- Ms. Large moved to elect Michael Solomon as Board Chair.
- Dr. Dokes seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, Franklin, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

- Dr. Dokes moved to elect Kellie Woodson as Vice Chair.
- Mr. Solomon seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, Franklin, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

- Ms. Rivas moved to elect Eugene Dokes as Board Secretary.
- Mr. Solomon seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, Franklin, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

- Mr. Solomon moved to elect Todd Franklin as Board Treasurer.
- Ms. LaCount seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, Franklin, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

- Mr. Solomon moved to appoint Kellie Woodson and Eugene Dokes to the Superintendent's Evaluation Subcommittee.
- Mr. Franklin seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, Franklin, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

- Dr. Dokes moved to appoint Jessica Large as Citrus and Orange Springs' representative on the Succession Plan Subcommittee.
- Mr. Solomon seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, Franklin, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

24. **Closed Session: GOV Code 54954.5/54956.8/54957, Entered into at: 5:37 p.m.**

- 54956.8: OSCS: Conference with Real Property Negotiator - HB-3401
- CSCS/OSCS: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (GC 54957)

25. **Open Session -** Report of Action Taken in Closed Session **Entered into at: 6:21 p.m.**

- 54956.8: Conference with Real Property Negotiator - HB-3401
    - The Board approved the Purchase/Sale Agreement.

- Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (GC 54957)
    - No Action to Report

26. **Board Comments and Future Agenda Items**

- Ms. LaCount: Today is my last meeting on this board because my term has concluded. I am so proud of the work we have done, and I'm going to miss you all.
- Ms. Rivas: It's my last meeting as well. It's been a joy to serve alongside you all.

27. **Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**

- Ms. LaCount moved to approve the motion at 6:26 p.m.
- Mr. Solomon seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, Franklin, LaCount, Large, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

______________________________ June 22, 2026

Dr. Eugene Dokes, Secretary **Date**