	SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOLS ***…REDEFINING SCHOOL*** **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

R E G U L A R   M E E T I N G   M I N U T E S
June 2, 2026
3:00 p.m.
Boardwalk Conference Room
27740 Jefferson Ave.
Temecula, CA 92590

Present:

Board:	Staff:
Tim Trainor, Board Chair	Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin. Ops.
Teasa Phalen, Vice Chair	Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations
Pamela Ellard, Secretary	Renee Albright, Charter Relations Coordinator
Cathy Hanson, Board Director	Trevor Johnson, Senior Director of Business
Rachel Couch, Board Director	Ibys Castilla, Controller

1. **3:00 p.m. - Call to Order**
   - Tim Trainor called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. **Information: Board Vacancy Interviews**
   - Dianne Mendez
   - Dr. Lauren Ramers
   - Dr. Maria Czerner
   - Joseph D’Andrea

3. **Closed Session GOV Code 54954.5 - Entered into a 4:30 p.m.**
   - a. 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code § 54957(b)(1))

4. **Open Session: Report of Action Taken in Closed Session - Entered into at 4:58 p.m.**
   - 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code § 54957(b)(1))
     - No Action to Report

5. **Action: Approval of Agenda**

- Ms. Phalen moved to approve the agenda.
- Ms. Hanson seconded.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Couch, Ellard, Hanson, Phalen, Trainor; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

6. **Action: Approval of Minutes from August 5, 2025**

- Ms. Hanson moved to approve the Minutes from August 5, 2025.
- Ms. Phalen seconded.
- Vote: 3 Ayes: Hanson, Phalen, Trainor; 0 Noes; 2 Abstentions: Ellard, Couch; Motion Adopted

7. **Action: Approval of Minutes from February 3, 2026**

- Ms. Couch moved to approve the Minutes from February 3, 2026.
- Ms. Phalen seconded.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Couch, Ellard, Hanson, Phalen, Trainor; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

8. **Activity: Public Comments**
    - None.

9. **Information: Superintendent's Report**
    - Amy Podratz reviewed the Superintendent's Report and provided network-wide updates, including the opening of Shasta Springs and Liberty Springs Charter Schools in Northern California.

10. **Information: Financial Update**
    - Amy Podratz reviewed the Springs Inc. financial snapshot.

11. **Action: Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Springs Charter Schools, Inc. and Shasta Springs Charter School**

- Ms. Ellard moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Springs Charter Schools, Inc. and Shasta Springs Charter School.
- Ms. Couch seconded.
- Discussion: Amy Podratz explained that this MOU outlines agreements between Springs Charter Schools, Inc. and Shasta Springs Charter School.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Couch, Ellard, Hanson, Phalen, Trainor; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

12. **Action: Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Springs Charter Schools, Inc. and Liberty Springs Charter School**

- Ms. Phalen moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Springs Charter Schools, Inc. and Liberty Springs Charter School.
- Ms. Hanson seconded.
- Discussion: Amy Podratz explained that this MOU outlines agreements between Springs Charter Schools, Inc. and Liberty Springs Charter School.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Couch, Ellard, Hanson, Phalen, Trainor; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

13. **Action: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Employee and Personnel Services Sharing**

- Ms. Ellard moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Employee and Personnel Services Sharing.
- Ms. Hanson seconded.
- Discussion: Amy Podratz explained that this MOU allows Springs Charter Schools staff to perform duties on behalf of any school in the charter network.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Couch, Ellard, Hanson, Phalen, Trainor; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

14. **Action: Approval of 2026 - 27 Preliminary Budget**

- Ms. Couch moved to approve the 2026 - 27 Preliminary Budget.
- Ms. Ellard seconded.
- Discussion: Amy Podratz reviewed the 2026-27 Springs Charter Schools, Inc. budget and provided an explanation regarding the various line items.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Couch, Ellard, Hanson, Phalen, Trainor; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

15. **Action: Approval of the Pechanga Contract - IGNITE!**

- Ms. Ellard moved to approve the Pechanga Contract - IGNITE!.
- Ms. Hanson seconded.
- Discussion: Amy Podrtaz reviewed the contract with Pechanga Resort and Casino for the Springs Charter Schools' annual professional development conference, Ignite!
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Couch, Ellard, Hanson, Phalen, Trainor; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

16. **Action: Approval of the 2026 - 2027 Board Calendar**

- Ms. Hanson moved to approve the 2026 - 2027 Board Calendar.

- Ms. Couch seconded.
- Discussion: Natali South provided the proposed dates for the 2026-27 school year.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Couch, Ellard, Hanson, Phalen, Trainor; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

17. **Action: Approval of Bylaws and AOIs for Empire, Harbor, Citrus Springs Charter Schools**

- Ms. Ellard moved to table this item and have it brought back at a Special Called meeting on Monday, June 8, 2026.
- Ms. Phalen seconded.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Couch, Ellard, Hanson, Phalen, Trainor; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

18. **Information: Board Comments**
    - Ms. Phalen: My daughter recently graduated college with a Master's degree.
    - Ms. Couch: I was so proud of our students at graduation! It was great to see so many Trailblazer students.

19. **Action: Adjournment**

- Ms. Ellard moved to adjourn at 6:08 p.m.
- Ms. Couch seconded.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Couch, Ellard, Hanson, Phalen, Trainor; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

Pamela Ellard

June 8th, 2026

Pamela Ellard, Secretary　　　　Date