

EMPIRE SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 4, 2026

1:00 p.m.

27740 Jefferson Ave. Temecula, CA 92595

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:

Dr. Jennifer Araiza, Chair Chuck Vela, Vice Chair Jason Rodriguez, Secretary Marlene Darrow, Treasurer JP Dauber, Director	Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations Janelle Ruley, YM&C Legal Counsel Renee Albright, Charter Relations Coordinator
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1. Establish a Quorum and Call to Order

- Natali South called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

2. Action: Approval of Agenda

- Mr. Vela moved to approve the agenda.
- Ms. Darrow seconded.
- 5 Ayes: Araiza, Darrow, Dauber, Rodriguez, Vela;
2 Absent: Schneider, Vargas; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

3. Public Comments

- None

4. Information, Presentation, and Training: Board Training - Brown Act, Conflict of Interest, and Ethics

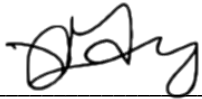
- Janelle Ruley of Young, Minney, and Corr. provided our annual board training on the Brown Act, Conflict of Interest, and Ethics. This training is done every two years in accordance with SB 1234.

5. Board Comments

- None

6. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

- Mr. Dauber moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m.
- Dr. Araiza seconded.
- 5 Ayes: Araiza, Darrow, Dauber, Rodriguez, Vela;
2 Absent: Schneider, Vargas; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted



Jason Rodriguez, Secretary

Sept. 10, 2026

Date