

EMPIRE SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

July 21, 2026

9:00 a.m.

27740 Jefferson Ave. Temecula, CA

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:

Dr. Jennifer Araiza, Chair Chuck Vela, Vice Chair Marlene Darrow, Treasurer JP Dauber, Director Craig Schneider, Director	Dr. Virginia Smith, Asst. Supt. - HR Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations
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- 1. Establish a Quorum and Call to Order**
 - Natali South called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
- 2. Action: Approval of Agenda**
 - Mr. Schneider moved to approve the agenda.
 - Ms. Darrow seconded.
 - 5 Ayes: Araiza, Darrow, Dauber, Schneider, Vela;
2 Absent: Rodriguez, Vargas; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 3. Action: Approval of Minutes - June 23, 2026**
 - Dr. Araiza moved to approve the June 23, 2026 minutes.
 - Mr. Dauber seconded.
 - 4 Ayes: Darrow, Dauber, Schneider, Vela; 2 Absent: Rodriguez, Vargas;
1 Abstention: Araiza; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 4. Public Comments**
 - None

5. Closed Session GOV Code 54954.5 - Entered into at 9:03 a.m.

- Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (GC 54957)
 - Employee Number: 8750

6. Open Session - Entered into at 9:18 a.m.

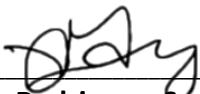
- **Report of Action Taken in Closed Session**
 - The board authorized legal counsel from Young, Minney & Corr to engage the services of a licensed investigation agency to conduct an investigation related to this matter.

7. Board Comments

- None

8. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

- Dr. Araiza moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 a.m.
- Mr. Schneider seconded.
- 5 Ayes: Araiza, Darrow, Dauber, Schneider, Vela;
2 Absent: Rodriguez, Vargas; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted



Jason Rodriguez, Secretary

Sept. 10, 2026

Date