

**ALUM ROCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**2930 Gay Avenue**  
**San Jose, CA 95127**

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING**  
**of the Alum Rock Union School District**  
**Held on Thursday, January 28, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting conducted exclusively via Conference Telephone and through “Zoom” Video**  
**Conferencing**  
**Meeting #01-20/21**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Rene Sanchez, Committee Co-Facilitator, called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Mr. Rene Sanchez, Committee Co-Facilitator, announced committee roll call in the following order:

DAC Member -	Brandi Salcido	(present)
DELAC Member -	Araceli Ortiz	(present)
SPARC Member -	Alberto Torres	(present)
AREA Member -	Jocelyn Merz	(present)
CSEA Member -	Sharon Fontaine*	(present / alternate)
TEAMSTERS Member –	Edgar Gudiel	(present)
ARAA Member -	Maria Martinez	(present)
Community (Facilities) -	Ray Turner	(present)
Community (Business) -	Natalie Abal	(present)
CSEA Member -	Brenda Zendejas	(present)

\*-took over by item 6. Approval of Agenda

**3. INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. Rene Sanchez, Committee Co-Facilitator, asked committee members to give a 15 second brief introduction and to use the same order as roll call.

Brandi Salcido – Mathson Middle School parent;  
Araceli Ortiz – 20 years in the Alum Rock Community and has 3 children;  
Alberto Torres – Cureton Elementary School parent;  
Jocelyn Merz – AREA President for 11 years and 31 years with Alum Rock District;  
Sharon Fontaine – CSEA President for the past 12 years and currently retired;

### **3. INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS (continued)**

Edgar Gudiel – 13 years as a custodian and currently a lead custodian and project support with maintenance;

Maria Martinez – ARAA President and Adelante Academy School Principal;

Ray Turner – Retired engineer with 22 years in the Alum Rock Community and served on the CBOC in 2008;

Natalie Abal –Ryan Elementary School parent with 3 children

### **4. SUPERINTENDENT WELCOME**

Dr. Hilaria Bauer welcomed and thanked each community member for their time and service. She noted that she will not be a part of the committee.

### **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Rene Sanchez, Committee Co-Facilitator, opened the floor for public comments; no public comments.

### **6. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA**

Mr. Rene Sanchez, Committee Co-Facilitator, asked committee if any changes need to be made onto the agenda; no changes needed.

**MOTION #01-01 by Member Jocelyn Merz to approve the order of the agenda.**

**MOTION #01-01 was seconded by Member Ray Turner.**

***MOTION #01-01 carried with a roll call vote of 9 in favor; no opposition; and no abstention.***

### **7. OVERVIEW OF BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICABLE EDUCATION CODE PROVISIONS**

Mr. Rogelio Ruiz, Attorney at Law with Rehon & Roberts, gave a presentation on an Introduction Relevant Portion the Education and The Brown Act with a disclaimer that the following information is solely a general guide and not considered legal advice.

Key Notes:

Inform the Committee about its general responsibilities and tasks, and the legal framework for the tasks you will be undertaking;

Provide the Committee with a general understanding of the Brown Act (the state's open meeting laws) and the most relevant portions that apply to this Committee;

## **7. OVERVIEW OF BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICABLE EDUCATION CODE PROVISIONS (continued)**

A quorum needs 5 members to hold;  
The Committee will set up a meeting schedule whether its future meeting or several;  
Agendas for a regular scheduled meeting will post 72 hours;  
Avoid Social Media; and  
Contacts with Committee Members.

## **8. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR, INCLUDING CALL FOR NOMINATIONS AND VOTE**

Mr. Rene Sanchez, Committee Co-Facilitator, asked the committee to raise their hand to make a nomination. Member Jocelyn Merz nominated Member Natalie Abal. Mr. Sanchez, Committee Co-Facilitator, asked Member Natalie Abal if she accepts nomination; Member Natalie Abal accepts the nomination for chair. At this time, Mr. Rene Sanchez, Committee Co-Facilitator, asked the committee if there are any other nominations at this time; no other interested members. Member Natalie Abal accepts the nomination and roll call is taken.

***MOTION #02-01 carried with a roll call vote of 9 in favor; no opposition; and no abstention.***

## **9. REVIEW COMMITTEE TASKS**

## **10. INTRO PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY, ENROLLMENT STUDY**

Mr. Rene Sanchez, Committee Co-Facilitator, introduced Mr. Art Hand. Mr. Art Hand, President of Full Business 2 Solutions, presented the Facility Repurposing Overview with the following important information:

Background as described in Ed Code Section 17387 et al;  
Gathering Facts with recent Demographic Study, Master Plan, COVID Reopening;  
Finalizing Directions-making the decision (Repurposing meetings to discuss findings-full disclosure);  
Resource Information-Demographic Study Information, School Site Operational Cost Analysis/Comparison, Potential Repurposing Options;  
Facility Utilization 5-Year Overview (listed by school site);  
Going Forward-Meeting Schedule Development, Formation of Repurposing Recommendations, Periodic Progress Reports to the Board, Final Repurposing Recommendations to the Board with a Target Date of May 13, 2021; and  
Proposed Committee Calendar.

## 11. ESTABLISH CALENDAR FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Mr. Rene Sanchez, Committee Co-Facilitator, asked the committee if the meetings should continue on Thursdays in lieu of the Proposed Committee Calendar from Mr. Art Hand's presentation.

Committee Comments: Member Ray Turner, Member Jocelyn Merz, Member Brenda Zendejas; Chair Natalie Abal

Mr. Rene Sanchez, Committee Co-Facilitator, noted that the new time will be adjusted to start at 5:00 p.m. with the following meeting dates 2/4/21, 2/18/21, 2/25/21, 3/4/21, and 3/18/2; plus, there may be more meetings added.

**MOTION #03-01 Member Jocelyn Merz to approve the new time and dates listed on Proposed Committee Calendar. MOTION #03-01 was seconded by Member Ray Turner.**

***MOTION #03-01 carried with a roll call vote of 9 in favor; no opposition; and no abstention.***

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rene Sanchez, Committee Co-Facilitator, adjourned the board meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Natalie Abal  
Committee Chair

RS/pmt