

# GRANADA HILLS CHARTER

Governing Board Meeting

Monday, July 25, 2022 5:00 PM

Via Teleconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953

## Minutes

### In Attendance:

Brian Bauer, CEO/Superintendent (non-voting)  
Lorene Dixon, At Large Member  
Jody Dunlap, At Large Member (Vice Chair)  
Chris Hutton, Retired Teacher Member

Joan Lewis, At Large Member  
Richard Nolan, At Large Member  
Jim Salin, At Large Member (Chair)

### Absent:

Supriya Chakravarty, At Large Member

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Jody Dunlap and roll call was taken by David Bensinger. Joan Lewis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Action Item #1** - The GHC Governing Board determines that the current State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Directors to meet safety in person and/or that State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. **Joan Lewis made a motion to approve. Rich Nolan seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the following votes:**

Supriya Chakravarty	Abs		Lorene Dixon	Yes		Chris Hutton	Yes		Rich Nolan	Yes
			Jody Dunlap	Yes		Joan Lewis	Yes		Jim Salin	Abs

### **Action Item #2 - Board Approval of COVID-19 Safety Requirements for Visitors, Contractors & Parents to Enter School Facilities**

Mr. Bauer introduced the updated COVID-19 safety requirements for visitors, contractors, and parents. Highlights of the updated policy include the following:

- All visitors must make an appointment with the appropriate office, possess a ticket to a scheduled event, or be approved by an administrator or designee to enter campus.
- All visitors, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, must adhere to all applicable COVID-19 health and safety protocols at all times when visiting any GHC campus, including the School's current requirements regarding facial masking.
- Visitors who are meeting with Granada Hills Charter staff indoors or who are attending an indoor event must provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination. Exemptions are not permitted.
- Visitors who are meeting with Granada Hills Charter staff outdoors or who are attending an outdoor event are not required to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination.
- Non-GHC visiting student athletes and other non-GHC student performers are exempted from the vaccination requirement while on the GHC campus, only for the duration of the event in which they are participating.

**Chris Hutton made a motion to approve the COVID-19 Safety Requirements for Visitors, Contractors & Parents to Enter School Facilities. Rich Nolan seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the following votes:**

Supriya Chakravarty	Abs		Lorene Dixon	Yes		Chris Hutton	Yes		Rich Nolan	Yes
			Jody Dunlap	Yes		Joan Lewis	Yes		Jim Salin	Abs

**Action Item #3 – Approval of Updated Independent Study Policy**

Mr. Bauer informed the Board that the updates to the GHC Independent Study Policy reflect policy changes made at the state level that provide schools with the flexibility to offer both short and long term independent study options.

**Lorene Dixon made a motion to approve the Updated Independent Study Policy. Rich Nolan seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the following votes:**

Supriya Chakravarty	Abs		Lorene Dixon	Yes		Chris Hutton	Yes		Rich Nolan	Yes
			Jody Dunlap	Yes		Joan Lewis	Yes		Jim Salin	Abs

Dr. Michael Bolaris, clinical professor of infectious diseases at Harbor-UCLA Center, provided information about the current state of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County. Dr. Bolaris informed the Board that we are currently experiencing a surge of COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles County and provided additional background about COVID-19 safety protocols. Dr. Bolaris highlighted the following:

- The mask mandate has become a political question. Although a mask mandate will decrease the number of cases, since the number of deaths from COVID-19 is not as high as in the past, many people question the need for masks.
- COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective in preventing deaths from COVID-19, but the effect of the vaccines is waning. New versions of COVID-19 vaccines are expected to be approved in the fall, including the Novavax vaccine (a more traditional type of vaccine).
- Although rare, the risk of serious illness or death from COVID-19 exists for younger individuals. Dr. Bolaris cited a personal example of a coworker whose ten year old family member died from COVID-19.
- Dr. Bolaris addressed vaccine hesitancy, citing the fact that the risk of myocarditis from a COVID-19 infection is three to five times higher than the risk of myocarditis from the vaccine. Additionally, the myocarditis from the COVID-19 vaccine is very mild and usually resolves on its own, while the myocarditis from a COVID-19 infection has caused deaths.
- Over the last few years, students have lost so much school time that anything the school can do to keep kids in school and healthy is a benefit to children. There is no risk to masking (except people get mad at you), but there isn't a risk to the child.

The Board thanked Dr. Bolaris for his contributions. Jim Salin joined the meeting.

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:33 p.m to discuss:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

- Name of case: Let Them Choose v. Granada Hills Charter School, Case No. 22CHCP00001

Meeting returned to open session at 6:13 p.m. No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Approved by the GHC Governing Board on August 22, 2022

David Bensinger

David Bensinger, Board Secretary