

California Montessori Project

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Governing Board March 21, 2024

Meeting Information

- **Date:** Thursday, March 21, 2024
- **Time:** 4:00 p.m.
- **Location:** CMP-Carmichael, 5330 A Gibbons Drive, Ste 700, Carmichael, CA 95608
- **Remote Locations**
 - **CMP-American River:** 6838 Kermit Lane, Fair Oaks, CA 95628
 - **CMP-Capitol:** 2635 Chestnut Hill Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826
 - **CMP-Elk Grove @ Bradshaw:** 9649 Bradshaw Road, CA 95624
 - **CMP-Elk Grove @ Elk Grove Blvd:** 8828 Elk Grove Blvd, Suite 4, CA 95624
 - **CMP-Shingle Springs:** 4709 Buckeye Road, Shingle Springs, CA 95682
 - **CMP-Orangevale:** 6545 Beech Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662
- **Board Member Teleconference Participants**
 - Scott Richards: 3273 Sunny Gate Lane, Folsom, CA 95630
 - Julia Sweeney: 145 Retiro Way, San Francisco, CA 94123
- **Zoom link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86940018744?pwd=WTVGWEZQZUJJQIIyOTIMRytMQWl2Zz09>
Passcode: P5G67G
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- **Emergency Contact:** Brett Barley (408) 489-3906 or Carrie Klagenberg (916) 971-2432 ext. 100

The CMP Governing Board currently conducts in-person Governing Board Meetings from the CMP-Carmichael Campus in the Pacific Room with an opportunity to join via Zoom at any of the CMP School Sites allowing for educational partners to attend, and provide public comment, from their local campus. Each site will have two representatives (campus monitors) hosting the site meeting space. Upon arrival at your local campus, please look for signs directing you to the meeting room.

Educational Partners may also join via Zoom from any alternate location and provide live public comment from that location.

If you are attending at one of the physical locations and have a public comment, please fill out the [Speaker Card](#) and hand it to your campus monitor, or Board Secretary. If you are attending from any alternate location and have public comment, please submit public comment through the Google Form here: [Request to Address the Governing Board](#). Both forms can also be located on the Governing Board Page of the [CMP Website](#).

If you wish to submit a public comment on more than one agenda item, please submit a separate form for each item on which you are commenting. Note, speaker cards can be submitted up until an item has a motion made on it. Speakers will be called to the microphone by campus and via Zoom per agenda item.

All public comments will be limited to three (3) minutes each and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. If an interpreter is needed for comments, they will be translated to English and the time limit shall be six (6) minutes. The Board may limit the total time for public comment to a reasonable time. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Board is unable to respond to any individual comments or questions regarding items not on the agenda; however, the Board listens carefully to, and reads, all public comments and appreciates community input and participation. The Board reserves the right to mute or remove a participant from the meeting if the participant unreasonably disrupts the Board meeting.

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Access to Board Materials: A copy of the written materials, which will be submitted to the Board, may be reviewed by any interested persons on the California Montessori Project's website along with this agenda, following the posting of the agenda at least 72 hours in advance of this meeting.

Disability Access: Requests for disability-related modifications or accommodations to participate in this public meeting should be made 24 hours prior to the meeting by calling (916) 971-2432 ext. 100. All efforts will be made for reasonable accommodations. The agenda and public documents can be modified upon request as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

One or more board members may qualify to participate in the meeting virtually without agendizing their location pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e). Such circumstances, to the extent not agendized, will be addressed following roll call. In the event one or more board members participates virtually under Section 54953(e) members of the public may attend and address the Board during public comment period(s) at the meeting location(s) identified above, and may also attend virtually and address the Board during public comment period(s) by logging into the Zoom, or dialing in, using the posted link/s.

Minutes of the Special Meeting, Thursday, March 21, 2024

Meeting Call to Order and Roll Call: 4:01pm

Let the minutes reflect Board members Scott Richards and Julia Sweeney are participating by teleconference per today's Agenda.

Board Member Names and Titles for Roll Call			
x	Julia Sweeney - Business Representative 1	x	Renée Dall - Parent Representative, San Juan
	Bob Lewis - Business Representative 2	x	Jenna Westbrook-Kline - Parent Representative, Capitol
x	Laura Kerr - Charter Representative	x	Aaron Walker - Parent Representative, Elk Grove
x	Mickey Slamkowski - Montessori Representative	x	Ann Curtis - Parent Representative, Shingle Springs
x	Scott Richards - Community Representative		

Communication from the Public: 4:04pm

- **Public Comment:** The Board heard from the following educational partners:
 - Rebecca Gross, CMP Capitol, spoke on behalf of 24 stakeholders from the Capitol, Carmichael, and American River campuses, asking the Board in its search for a new superintendent to center CMP's mission statement and solicit feedback from teachers, staff, and families from across the network.
 - Edison Gross, CMP Capitol, shared thoughts about the superintendent selection.
 - Becky Marsolais, CMP Elk Grove, spoke on behalf of the Elk Grove Campus and expressed the need for consistency in leadership over the next few months.
 - Shannon Schmidt, CMP Capitol, shared her appreciation for Brett and his 5-years with CMP and is looking forward to collaboration with the superintendent through June to make the transition seamless and strong.
 - Sarah Shumate, CMP Carmichael, spoke on behalf of 13 Carmichael Campus teachers, expressing a desire for CMP to return to its Montessori roots and asking that there be a series of stakeholder meetings in which teachers could elaborate on what they would like to see in a new superintendent.
 - Joanne Ahola, Central Admin, assured the Board and community that we have a strong leadership team in place at the Central Admin office to ensure a seamless transition and continuation of processes already in place.
 - Melanie Brown, CMP Capitol, provided the Board with a restructuring idea as CMP moves forward in the superintendent search.
 - Lori Henderson, Central Admin, expressed her gratitude for Brett, his leadership, and support over the last 5-years.
 - Maria Ostendorf, CMP Orangevale, expressed her gratitude for Brett and his support in her personal journey as Principal, and for leading and growing the school sites.

Closed Session: 4:23pm

- Government Code Section 54957: Employee Resignation
- Public Employment
Title: Superintendent

Scott Richards made a motion to move into closed session. Ann Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken: 8-ayes, 0-noes, 0-abstentions, 1-absent. Motion carries.



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Reconvene to Open Session: 6:38pm

The Board reported the following from Closed Session:

- The Board has decided unanimously to form an ad-hoc Board superintendent search committee.
- The Board will bring to the April 8, 2024 board meeting a draft superintendent search plan to share with the public.
- Members of this committee shall be Julia Sweeney, Renée Dall, and Laura Kerr.
- The Board looks forward to working with Superintendent Barley as we develop a transition plan.

Meeting Adjournment: 6:39pm

Renée Dall made a motion to adjourn the March 21, 2024 Special Board Meeting of the California Montessori Project. Mickey Slamkowski seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken: 8-ayes, 0-noes, 0-abstentions, 1-absent. Motion carries.

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Upcoming Governing Board Meetings:

- **2023-2024 School Year:** 4/8/24; 5/13/24 (CAP hosting); 6/10/24 (annual meeting).

PUBLIC NOTICES

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