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**Fresno, California
February 03, 2021**

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 Paragraph 3, the February 03, 2021 Board of Education meeting was held via teleconferencing and was available for all members of the public seeking to observe via <http://go.fresnounified.org/ustream/>, or on the Ustream App on your Android or Apple device, Comcast Xfinity Channel 94 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99, or through the following teleconference line:

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At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Fresno Unified School District, held on February 03, 2021, there were present Board Members Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, and Board President Davis. Board Clerk Thomas was absent. Superintendent Dr. Nelson was also present.

Board President Davis CONVENED the Regular Board Meeting at 4:30 p.m. and ADJOURNED to Closed Session to address items one through six.

The Board RECONVENED in Open Session at 5:00 p.m.

Reporting Out of Closed Session

- There were no items to report from Closed Session.

HEAR Reports from Student Board Representatives

The Board heard a report from Amanda Hun, Student Advisory Board representatives from Duncan Polytechnical High School, and students from Tioga Middle School.

HEAR Report from Superintendent

- Acknowledged and thanked everyone involved in making the 7th Annual Edison Region Black History Month program happen virtually this year. The program was incredible and such a powerful, beautiful way for the district and community to kick off Black History Month. If you did not get to watch it live, take some time, and check it out on our Fresno Unified Facebook page or our Fresno Unified Vimeo page. Black history is American history and should be celebrated and learned throughout the entire year.
- Acknowledged this week as National School Counseling Week and shout out to all our amazing counselors here at Fresno Unified. We know how much of a difference our counselors make with our students, whether you are working on academic counseling, restorative counseling, or mental health counseling. Our kids need you more than ever and I cannot thank you all enough for how you have stepped up to take your services virtual for our students.
- Shared February is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness month. This is not an easy topic to recognize, especially when we consider the high prevalence of dating violence among our teens. Our friends at the Marjoree Mason Center reminded us that 81% of adults do not think teen dating violence is an issue or are unaware that it is an issue, when in fact 1 in 3 teens will experience intimate partner violence. Let us spread awareness, educate ourselves, and make sure that we are making safe space for our teens to reach out to us for help.
- Shared this week we pivoted back to our primary function of serving meals to children ages 1-18 at our 63 meal distribution sites across the district. We are so grateful to our Board and support from the City of Fresno, to allow us to also serve meals to adults since last March which resulted in 1 million of our 10 million meals served going to adults. While we have gone back to serving just children at our sites, the City of Fresno has continued funding to our community partners to ensure adults and families are still being fed in this incredibly tough time. Those partners include the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission, the Central California Food Bank, Fresno Metro Ministry's Food to Share program, and Every Neighborhood Partnership. Check in with these partners to find food distributions any day of the week.
- Thanked and congratulated those involved in our Winter Session for making it such a success for our students. We had over 1,000 students recover five semester credits in just 10 days of instruction over the winter break. Next, he thanked and congratulated everyone involved in our second Professional Learning Summit of this school year. The summit was attended by almost 1,400 teachers with almost 6,500 logins for the 95 different course offerings. Congratulations are also due to Patino High School for receiving the AP Computer Science Female Diversity award for expanding female representation in computer science courses. And my last

congratulations tonight goes to Tim Carey, our athletic director and girl's lacrosse team coach at Hoover High School, for being named National Coach of the Year.

- Shared a great video from our team regarding self-care. As this pandemic stretches on, it is important that we all are truly taking care of ourselves so that we can continue to serve others. Vulnerability is key to true leadership – thank you to everyone involved in the video for sharing your story and encouraging support from our Fresno Unified Family.

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Member Islas: Commended the Edison Region and Lisa Nichols for the wonderful 7th Annual Edison Region Black History Month program. Shared shout outs for the McLane Region: Ewing Eagles for their kindness campaign; Yosemite Bears for their attention to teen domestic violence awareness; Rowell, Norseman, Mayfair Hidalgo, and Leavenworth for their continued work with meal distribution; and Misty Harrison and Brandon Yang of McLane. Thanked Shoes That Fit for donating 250 pairs of shoes to students at Mayfair. Congratulated student Anthony Rivas for winning an MLK award.

Member Jonasson Rosas: Recognized Lisa Nichols and the Black Student Unions. Read the definition of colors of the Kente Cloth. Recognized Roosevelt's Black Student Union for their artwork on displays used as meeting backgrounds. Requested information pertaining to district ventilation systems. Shared the district needs to get the message out pertaining to the Internship Partnership Program. Commented on the district's transfer policy and hopes to call attention to impact of transfers for children of district employees.

Member Mills: Thanked Lisa Nichols for the great program. Encouraged Tioga student, Juanita who wishes to be an attorney to stay the course and finish law school.

Member Major Slatic: Requested staff to continue to provide CIF direction.

Board President Davis: Requested clarity as to the district's plan to reopen. Shared with colleagues that the song sung by Superintendent Dr. Nelson in a video included in his Superintendent's Message to district staff was shared at a meeting of The Council of the Great City Schools. Asked Lisa Nichols if she would like to share regarding the 7th Annual Edison Region Black History Month program.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Board received zero submissions for public comment for items on the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Board Member Mills, seconded by Board Member Cazares, the Consent Agenda with the exception of item A-6 which was pulled by the Board for further discussion, was approved by a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, and Board President Davis. ABSENT: Board Clerk Thomas.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

- A-1, APPROVE Personnel List**
APPROVED as recommended, the Personnel List, Appendix A, as submitted.
- A-2, APPROVE Minutes from Prior Meeting**
APPROVED as recommended, the draft minutes from the January 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.
- A-3, APPROVE the 2020/21 Classified Hourly, Classified Food Services Hourly and Management 261 Duty Days Revised Salary Schedules**
APPROVED as recommended, the 2020/21 Classified Hourly, Classified Food Services Hourly and Management 261 Duty Days Revised Salary Schedules.
- A-4, APPROVE Grant Application to the California Department of Education for the 2021/22 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act**
APPROVED as recommended, a grant application to the California Department of Education for the 2021/22 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.
- A-5, APPROVE Independent Contractor Services Agreement for Dr. Olivia Lynch-Phase 2**
APPROVED as recommended, an agreement with Dr. Olivia Lynch to provide a curriculum review of K-12 Social Science and English Language Arts.
- A-6, APPROVE Award of Bid 21-15, Bullard High School Fencing Improvements**
DENIED, information on Bid 21-15, for new steel picket and chain-link fencing and gates at Bullard.

For the record, Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item A-6. A summary is as follows: Referenced workshop on facility improvements held a few months ago and at that time a request made to shift this project down the list. Now with COVID-19 and the new health and safety guidelines this project does not seem to be a prudent use of \$1.2 million dollars of resources. The current fence is in good working order and this project will only increase the height of the fence. It was recommended this project not move forward at this time. Commented fences are not a cause for security. A motion was made to use these resources in a different manner and not move forward with this project at this time. Requested clarity from staff on why this item is on the agenda. Commented on

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

safety issues and concerns at Bullard High School. Commented on the ethnic diversity of Bullard High School. Commented on the age of current fence and the layout of the site. Requested clarity as to if the project is to only replace the four-foot fence with a six-foot fence. Chief Operations Officer, Karin Temple, and Superintendent Dr. Nelson were available to provide clarity.

On a motion, by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Islas, Agenda Item A-6 was denied with a roll call vote of 4-2-0-1. Votes to deny Agenda Item A-6 are as follows: AYES: Board Members: Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, and President Davis. NOES: Board Members: Cazares and Major Slatic. ABSENT: Board Clerk Thomas.

A-7, APPROVE Award of Bid 21-24, Columbia Elementary School Classroom Building Addition

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 21-24, for construction of a new classroom building at Columbia Elementary School.

A-8, APPROVE Award of Bid 21-25, Hoover High School Career Technical Education Building and Construction Trades, Classroom Shop Improvements

APPROVED as recommended, information on Bid 21-25, for construction of Career Technical Education classroom improvements at Hoover High School to include a new woodshop, computer-aided-design lab, collaboration space for industry mentoring and project advising, and tool storage.

A-9, APPROVE Award of Request for Proposals 21-21, Inspection Service, Repairs and Parts for Vehicles, Food Service Equipment and Warehouse Equipment

APPROVED as recommended, information on Request for Proposals (RFP) 21-21, to provide specialized inspection, maintenance and repair services in support of vehicles/equipment utilized for maintenance, and preparation and delivery of student meals. Staff recommended award by section to the best value, responsible bidders:

- Sections 1 and 2: Thermo King Fresno, Inc. (Fresno) \$190,000 est. annual amount
- Section 3: Cromer Material Handling (Fresno) \$100,000 est. annual amount
- Section 4: Hobart Service (Fresno) \$40,000 est. annual amount
- Section 5, Group 1: Golden State Peterbilt (Fresno) \$50,000 est. annual amount
- Section 5, Group 2: Kroeger Equipment & Supply (Fresno) \$100,000 est. annual amount

A. CONSENT AGENDA – continued

A-10, RATIFY Change Orders for the Projects Listed Below

RATIFIED as recommended, information on Change Orders for the following projects:

- Bid 20-19, Fresno High School Career Technical Education (CTE) Building Construction
Change Order 3 presented for ratification: \$38,804
- Bid 20-34 Section A, Gibson, Holland, Manchester Elementary Schools Multipurpose Building HVAC Upgrades
Change Order 2 (Manchester and Gibson) presented for ratification: \$39,073
- Bid 20-36 Section A, Hoover High School Shade Structure and Site Improvements
Change Order 2 presented for ratification: \$0
- Bid 20-48, Computech Middle School Parking Lot Improvements and Modular Classroom Infrastructure
Change Orders 4 (Parking Lot) and 3 (Modular Infrastructure) presented for ratification: \$25,033
- Bid 20-55, Modular Classroom Infrastructure for Centennial, Eaton and Pyle Elementary Schools
Change Order 1 (Centennial, Eaton and Pyle) presented for ratification: \$50,602
- Bid 21-04, McLane High School Career Technical Education (CTE) Classroom Improvements
Change Order 1 presented for ratification: \$26,030

A-11, RATIFY the Filing of Notices of Completion

RATIFIED as recommended, Notices of Completion for the following projects, which have been completed according to plans and specifications:

- Bid 20-34 Section B, Powers-Ginsburg Elementary School and Baird Middle School, Multipurpose Building HVAC Upgrades
- Bid 20-50, Hoover High School Interim Modular Classroom Infrastructure

A-12, RATIFY Purchase Orders from November 01, 2020 through November 30, 2020

RATIFIED as recommended, information on purchase orders issued from November 01, 2020 through November 30, 2020.

UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

For the record, the Board received one submission of public comment for Unscheduled Oral Communications. It is as follows:

1. Caitlin Snee

Last week a newsletter went home boasting about how teachers will be able to get vaccinated in a few weeks yet continuing to remind us that students will not return to the classroom until the county reaches 3.9 new cases per 100K people daily. However, these two solutions to the health crisis seem to contradict one another. It doesn't make sense to vaccinate teachers rapidly but still not allow students to quickly go back on campus once vaccinated adults are 85-95% immune to Covid-19.

Further, the majority of teachers and parents at my children's schools would like to return to in-person learning. We know kids learn best in the classroom and we have all gone to great lengths to accommodate distance learning through the pandemic. However, now we have a solution to the health crisis. A vaccine. Whatever is happening at a political level needs to be put aside for the sake of our children. We don't have any more patients to extend to the District as the children continue to take a hit in their education. I'm urging you to come together before the community loses trust in the school system and you have a bigger crisis on your hands.

The CDC and California Department of Public Health state that returning to school can be done safely and neighboring districts have been implementing this for months.

The time is now to return the students to the classroom.

B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA

B-13, DISCUSS and DECIDE in the Matter of the Golden Charter Academy Charter Petition

Golden Charter Academy, a California non-profit public benefit corporation, delivered a petition to the district to operate a new charter, Golden Charter Academy, seeking authorization to operate July 01, 2021 through June 30, 2026. The charter proposes to open Fall 2021 with 198 students in grades transitional kindergarten through third. The petition was received by the Charter Office on October 23, 2020 and a Public Hearing was held at the December 09, 2020 Board meeting.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received 50 submissions of public comment for Agenda Item B-13. They are as follows:

1. Isaiah Huston

I fully support the Golden Charter Academy; Rob and his team are doing great things for the youth of Fresno.

2. Martell Golden

My name is Martell Golden and I support the Golden charter Academy 100%. You know now and days schools are becoming empty less students are graduating every year. Let's switch the narrative Let's bring excitement back to learning let's Be Golden with the GCA.

3. Justina Perry

Glad to be a communal support the school.

4. Karisma Senegal

I will love to give my support in this email as well as this school. I will love for it to get started for the community we need things like this to come into the community and also as much as I want my 3 year old daughter to start and spread her wings with learning blessings.

5. Jacob and Leanna Villalobos

Hello my name is Jacob Villalobos. Me and my wife Leanna Villalobos are in support of this charter school. My son is hopefully starting kindergarten there this coming school year. We've tried preschool with a traditional classroom setting, and didn't work to well with my sons active lifestyle. When I spoke with rob golden he explained the way they were structuring the classroom, and also being partnered With the Fresno Chaffee zoo. I want the best for my son, as we all want for our children. I truly believe this structure of class will be beneficial for my son as well as other children in the community. I'm looking forward to seeing golden charter school being a successful school for all children.

6. Todd Hilliard

I support Golden Charter Academy

7. Crystal Hilliard

I support this school.

8. Crystal Chavez

I support this school.

9. Melanie Smith

Melanie Smith- Golden Charter Academy will provide a uniquely rich learning experience for its students. I'm so excited for my son to attend and get to learn in an environment that creatively connects learning standards to the real world through place based learning! I know students will be excited to learn and grow

as they get to explore the world around them. And I believe this opportunity of place based learning will foster a love and care for the environment, shaping students into people who will love learning and make the world a better place! What a gift to our kids and our community!

10. Ruth Holmes – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hi, my name is Ruth Holmes and I'm calling in regards to charter academy and uhm, I think charter academy is going to be a great fit for our young students coming up. Uh, I have a granddaughter that's enrolled there, and I know it will be a fun opportunity to work hands on with some of the things they're going to do, and I think we need the school very badly. Alright, thank you.

11. Kamara Everson – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hello, my name is Kamara Everson and I would like to recommend Golden Charter Academy be approved by Fresno Unified. This school offers a unique opportunity for all students to succeed. So again, I would love to recommend Golden Charter Academy. Thank you.

12. Anthony Conley – (Voice Message Transcribed)

I support the Golden Academy because I believe it is a great opportunity for young African American men to see leadership in the community. Thank you.

13. Mitchell Shaw – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Good Morning! My name is Mitchell Bauer Shaw. I'm calling in just to give a recommendation to Golden Charter Academy that it would be approved by Fresno Unified. I believe that a school like Golden Charter in conjunction with the Chaffee Zoo would provide kids, uh, underserved kids with the change to have a great start in life is simply, there is no price that can be put on it. So again, I am just calling in in favor of Golden Charter Academy. My name is Mitchell Shaw, my phone number is 559-824-0051.

14. Dr. Gennean Bolen – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hello, this is Dr. Gennean Bolen. I'm commenting on the Golden Charter Academy. I recommend Golden Charter Academy be approved by Fresno Unified. This school will offer a unique opportunity for all students to succeed. Vote yes!

15. Lynnette Brown – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Good Afternoon! My name is Ms. Lynnette Brown, I am the President of the Black Faculty/Staff Association at Fresno State. I'm calling to recommend the Golden Charter Academy to be approved by Fresno Unified School District. This school offers a unique opportunity for all students to succeed. So yes, I vote yes, and I look forward to working with the administration and hopefully collaborating with them at Fresno State uhm and Fresno Unified, I look forward to collaborating. Thank you much! Bye.

16. James – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hi, my name is James. I am from Job Bookkeeping and Consulting Service. I'd like to recommend Golden Charter Academy to be approved by Fresno Unified. I think it is the right thing to do. Vote yes! Thank you, bye.

17. Phyllis Blue – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hello, uhm, I am calling about the Golden Charter Academy and I'd like to express my support for the academy that it will be able to be approved by the Fresno Unified School District as a opportunity for students to be able to succeed in school, to get the attention that they need to guide them in their journey to academic success. Uhm, so I vote yes for the Golden Charter Academy.

18. Pastor B. T. Lewis – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hello, my name is Pastor B. T. Lewis of the Rising Star Baptist Church in the southwestern region of our city. Calling in regard to the Golden Charter Academy. It is my desire that our Board would vote in favor of Golden Charter Academy. I think that this school can be a tremendous asset to the education of our students and a great influence on their success. So please vote yes on approving this academy. God bless you and have a great evening.

19. Desi Woods Jones (Voice Message Transcribed)

Yes, Good Afternoon! My name is Desi Woods Jones and I am calling in reference to an item that is on your board agenda tomorrow, the Golden Charter Academy that is looking to get approval from the Fresno Unified School District. I am the state president for Black Women Organized for Political Action, and I am calling to really stress how important this academy is and am strongly urging board members to support this. Again, this is Desi Woods Jones, President of Black Women Organized for Political Action and I am encouraging board members to support Golden Charter Academy that is on your agenda tomorrow. Thank you.

20. JoJo

Our family wanted to express our support for Golden Charter Academy. We are excited to continue our child's education with Golden Charter Academy.

21. Donald Wilkerson – (Voice Message Transcribed)

This is Donald Wilkerson in support of charter academy school. Thank you.

22. Ariel Golden – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hello, this is Ariel Golden. I'm just calling to say that I stand in support of Golden Charter Academy School. Thank you so much, bye-bye.

23. Holly Wilkerson – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Holly Wilkerson, Fresno California. Calling in regard to standing in support of the Golden Charter Academy School of Fresno, California. Thank you.

24. Ozell Thompson – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hello, this is Ozell Thompson and I am calling in support of Golden Charter Academy. I think it's going to be great for our community in helping our youth. We have a good example in the young man that is starting this school. His life has been very good and the way he has lived his life very exemplary in what he has done in his football career, but more importantly, his love for youth and young people is what is really standing out. So, I think that the school district and the community of Fresno County should jump in behind this project and support it. God bless, have a good day.

25. Latina Parks Guy – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hello, my name is Latina Parks Guy and I absolutely stand in support of Golden Charter Academy School. Uhm, I have known the founder of the school for probably since the seventh grade and he is a phenomenal young man of great character and I am sure he will put everything he has, his entire heart into making sure the school is a success. Thank you very much for your time. If you need to reach me, I can be reached at 559-349-5953. Thank you for your time.

26. Rolinda Golden – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hello, my name is Rolinda Golden and I'm calling to stand in support for the Golden Charter Academy School which is needed in our community. So, I'm asking for it to be approved and so we can move forward helping our children to succeed with a better education. Thank you.

27. Anthony Wilcox – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Anthony Wilcox calling to say that I support Golden Charter Academy and wanted to leave a message in reference to that matter. Again, Anthony Wilcox and I support Golden Charter Academy.

28. Brandon Brown – (Voice Message Transcribed)

My name is Brandon Brown and I recommend the Golden Charter Academy to be approved by Fresno Unified. This school offers a unique opportunity for students to succeed. Please, vote yes!

29. Stephanie Wallace – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hi, my name is Stephanie Wallace and I'm calling regarding the Golden Charter Academy School, and I really believe it will be a great asset for the community. It will help provide jobs that are needed, help build up the economy, and I really think it is just a wonderful idea. Thank you.

30. Melody Walcott – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hello, my name is Melody Walcott. I recommend Golden Charter Academy be approved by Fresno Unified. The school offers a unique opportunity for all students and I'm asking the board to vote yes for the charter.

31. Javan Childs – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hi, this is Mr. Childs. I am both a parent and a community member of Fresno Unified School District and I wanted to recommend that Golden Charter Academy to be approved by Fresno Unified. As this school offers a unique opportunity for all students to succeed. So, I highly recommend that we really consider, and that we approve the establishment of Golden Charter Academy. Thank you.

32. Luis Romero – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hello, my name is Luis Romero and I support the Golden Charter Academy to be approved by the Fresno Unified School District. It provides a unique opportunity for students to succeed. Thanks, bye.

33. Darlene Atkinson – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hi, my name is Darlene and I stand in support of Golden Charter Academy School. Again, my name is Darlene Atkinson and I stand in support of Golden Charter Academy School.

34. Mia Hodge – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hi, I'm calling to recommend that the Golden Charter Academy be approved by the Fresno Unified School District. I believe this environmental educational opportunity will equip learners with knowledge, skill, and motivation to address the complex environmental challenges of the 21st Century. Voting yes for Golden Charter Academy. Name is Mia Hodge, Executive Director, Another Level Training Academy.

35. Jabron Wilson – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hello, I would like to recommend Golden Charter Academy to be approved by Fresno Unified. This school offers a unique opportunity for all students to succeed. I would also like to vote yes for it as well. I look at the west side and would like to point out the fact it is going about technology which is growing in the next days and in the world of course every day and also the fact of the awareness of social injustice and also, of course the understanding of education and how important it is and also other areas as well, such as trade, environmental studies and other things as well. So, yes, vote yes for Golden Charter Academy. Thank you now, you have a good one.

36. Lakita Brazil – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hi, my name is Lakita Brazil. I am calling in support of the Golden Charter Academy School and uhm, I just want to say that I believe it is a wonderful thing and I'm proud to have it here in Fresno. Thank you.

37. Keisha Hoff – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Yes, Good Afternoon, my name is Keisha Hoff and I am uhm am calling in reference to Golden Charter Academy. I was calling to say that I am in favor of the academy and I think it will be a great addition to the community. Thank you.

38. Gina Garrett – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hi, my name is Gina Garrett and I was calling in to express my support for Golden Charter Academy and I recommend Golden Charter Academy be approved by Fresno Unified School District. I think this school will offer a unique opportunity for all students to succeed. Please vote yes, thank you.

39. Jaqueline Sellers

As a Fresno Native, I am excited to see this school come to our community for the children who have a love for animals

40. Lanika George – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hi, my name is Lanika George and I stand in support of Golden Charter Academy School. Thank you.

41. Cynthia Sterling – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hello, my name is Cynthia Sterling, former Fresno City Councilwoman and I am calling to recommend that Golden Charter Academy be approved by the Fresno Unified School Board . This is a unique school; it offers a great opportunity for all our students to succeed and I am asking that each of the board members vote yes. Again, my name is Cynthia Sterling have a great day.

42. Dustin Cameron – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hi, my name is Dustin Cameron calling in support of Golden Charter Academy. I believe this will be a tremendous asset to our community and presents some great unique opportunities to our children. Thank you.

43. Clare Crawford

Board members raised multiple concerns with this petition in the previous hearing, many of which continue to be significant concerns, as well as additional issues raised by additional materials GCA submitted. These issues demonstrate that the petitioners are unlikely to successfully implement the proposed program and should be denied.

GCA's plan includes illegal financial arrangements for leasing property and a start up loan with the GCA CEO. This is a conflict of interest and self-dealing,

and violates California law, leaving no legal long-term facilities plan. The short term facilities plan includes a lease that has provisions that violate the requirement to operate as a non-sectarian school. Both of these plans raise serious questions about the ability of the petitioners to successfully run a school.

Enrollment projections are unrealistic and the budget omits relevant costs, like relocation costs, making it unlikely they will be financially sustainable. Staff did not conduct a community impact analysis, however, we believe the school may negatively impact surrounding schools, and the lease provisions requiring that school activities adhere to Catholic teachings are illegal and make the school unwelcoming to LGBTQ families.

The petition has numerous deficiencies and serious problems with the budget, governance and facilities plans. More detail on these issues are included in two analyses I sent to Board Members. Denial requires only one finding, however we have identified that this petition should be denied based on several of the legal bases contained in California's Education Code and urge the Board to deny the petition.

44. Liz Shied – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hi there, my name is Liz Shied, and I am calling to recommend Golden Charter Academy be approved by Fresno Unified. This school offers a unique experience for all learners and I recommend that you vote yes. Thank you.

45. Viva Straughter – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hello, my name is Viva Straughter and I am calling on the subject matter of the Golden Charter Academy, and I would like to make a recommendation that we definitely consider and approve Golden Charter Academy to be approved by Fresno Unified School District and I mean this is a great opportunity and just a great staple for our students to be able to succeed in education and I vote yes on Golden Charter Academy to be approved by Fresno Unified School District. Thank you.

46. Gregory Barfield – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hi, my name is Gregory Barfield and I wanted to express my support for an item you have tomorrow on the approval of the Golden Charter Academy. I believe that the Golden Charter Academy should be approved by Fresno Unified. The school offers a very unique opportunity for students of all hues to succeed and I believe that the appropriate action is to approve this agenda item. Thank you so very much and God bless you all and keep doing the great things you are doing to educate our kids in the city of Fresno. Bye-bye.

47. Kimberly Tapscott-Munson – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hi, this is vice president of the Fresno County Board of Education. I would like to make my recommendation for Golden Charter Academy, that they be approved by Fresno Unified School District. This school offers a unique opportunity for all students to be successful and I would be more than happy to give a vote of yes that their charter is granted and approved by Fresno Unified School District. A yes, yes, yes vote! Thank you so very much. My name once again is Kimberly Tapscott-Munson. My telephone number is, 559-243-6007 and it is Tuesday, February 2 and the time is 7:07 p.m. Thank you very much. Goodbye.

48. Dr. Carry Santos – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hi, my name is Dr. Carrie Santos. I would like to recommend that Golden Charter Academy be approved by Fresno Unified. This school offers a unique opportunity for students to succeed. So, I'd like to vote yes on this matter. In addition, it appears to cater to underserved and underrepresented students who sometimes have difficulty in regular public schools so this will give them a unique opportunity to excel and do well.

49. Ashley Wilcox (Voice Message Transcribed)

Hello, my name is Ashley Wilcox and I am calling because I support Golden Charter Academy and uhm, I think that they are a great community school in the Fresno community and uhm, they are doing amazing things.

50. Jean Kennedy – (Voice Message Transcribed)

Yes, my name is Dr. Jean Kennedy and I am calling on behalf of the group that is wanting to support the Golden Charter Academy and to be approved by Fresno Unified School. I personally am supportive of charter schools I've seen their success in other states, and it gives the community an option and so I'd like to see those kinds of options be offered here in Fresno, uh so our kids have again options. I'm sending my vote in for the Golden Charter Academy and hopefully Fresno Unified will want to partner with this charter school and have a win-win situation for all the students. Thank you.

For the record Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item B-13. A summary is as follows: Commended the thought and innovation behind this petition. Commented responsibility of board member is to ensure everything is done to create the best educational environments for students. Commented there is a petition review process and the role of the staff is to provide recommendation and role of board member is to decide if charter should be granted. Expressed concern regarding perceived deficiencies of the petition. Instructional Superintendent Carlos Castillo, Legal Counsel Susan Hatmaker, and Mr. Golden were available to provide clarity.

On a motion by Board President Davis, seconded by Board Member Major Slatic, the Board approved the Golden Charter Academy Petition on a roll call vote of 4-2-0-1, as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Jonasson Rosas, Major Slatic, and Board President Davis. NOES: Board Members: Islas and Mills. ABSENT: Board Clerk Thomas.

B-14, PRESENT and DISCUSS the 2021/22 Strategic Budget Development

At the January 20, 2021, Board of Education meeting the 2021/22 Governor's Proposed Budget and the district's preliminary strategic budget development was discussed. On February 03, 2021, staff and the Board continued budget development discussions.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received zero submissions of public comment for Agenda Item B-14.

For the record Board Members had comments/questions pertaining to Agenda Item B-14. A summary is as follows: Requested clarity as to additional school site allocations listed on slide #13 of presentation. Requested clarity as to when meetings to discuss priorities will take place. Requested staff to look toward providing alternative high schools more clerical support. Commented if there was ever a time to consider zero-based budgeting it is now. Interim Chief Financial Officer Santino Danisi was available to provide clarity.

B-15, OPPORTUNITY for Public Disclosure and RATIFICATION of the 2020/21 Negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and California School Employees Association and its Fresno Chapter 143

In accordance with Government Code 3547.5, all major provisions of collective bargaining agreements are to be presented at a public meeting of the public-school employer before the employer enters into written agreement with an exclusive representative. Included in the Board binders was a copy of the Tentative Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and California School Employees Association and its Fresno Chapter 143.

OPPORTUNITY for Public Comment

For the record, the Board received zero submissions of public comment for Agenda Item B-15.

For the record there were no comments/question by Board Members.

On a motion by Board Member Jonasson Rosas, seconded by Board Member Mills, Agenda Item B-15 was ratified by a roll call vote of 6-0-0-1 as follows: AYES: Board Members: Cazares, Islas, Jonasson Rosas, Mills, Major Slatic, and Board President Davis. ABSENT: Board Clerk Thomas.

C. RECEIVE INFORMATION & REPORTS

There were no items for this portion of the agenda.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Davis ADJOURNED the meeting at 7:46 p.m.