

Minutes

**New Jerusalem School District
Special Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, March 26, 2025
31400 S. Koster Road
Tracy, CA 95304
8:30 a.m.**

I. OPENING

A. Present at the meeting were: Mr. Robertson, president; Mrs. Reece, Clerk; Mr. Koster, Member and Mrs. Reis, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously (3-0) approved. Motion by Mr. Koster; second by Mrs. Reece. 3 ayes

III. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Conduct Public hearing regarding Delta Charter Online Charter Petition Renewal, Jason spoke, following our last meeting and prior to today's meeting, the CDE has released updated California School Dashboard data, which reveals that DCO's most recent achievement scores fall into the low performance category. Under California Education Code (EC) 47607(c), when determining whether to grant a charter renewal, the chartering authority must consider the charter school's placement under the performance categories established by the Dashboard. Charter schools are assigned to one of three performance level categories:

- High: Eligible for a five, six, or seven-year renewal term
- Middle: May be renewed for a five-year term
- Low: May be renewed for a two-year term only if it meets the conditions under EC Section 47607.2

Given Delta Charter Online's placement in the low performance category, the district cannot justify a five-year renewal under these statutory conditions. Instead, the maximum renewal term that can be offered is two years, and the renewal must include a Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) that directly addresses the areas of deficiency identified on the Dashboard.

Based on this updated data, the district's formal recommendation to the board is to approve a two-year charter renewal with the stipulation that a Performance Improvement Plan is created, shared with the board, and ultimately approved by the board to ensure meaningful progress in student achievement.

B. Conduct Public hearing regarding Delta Keys Charter Petition Renewal, Jason Jones spoke; Delta Keys Charter School is designated as a Dashboard Alternative School Status (DASS) school, requiring its performance to be evaluated by mutually determined alternative metrics as outlined in Education Code Section 47607(c)(7). These alternative metrics were established in collaboration with the chartering authority Superintendent and must be considered in the renewal decision.

Additionally, under state law, a charter renewal may only be denied if the chartering authority makes written findings, supported by specific facts, demonstrating that closure of the school is in the best interest of pupils. Given the importance of Delta Keys in serving its unique student population and the agreed-upon evaluation measures, there are no findings that justify non-renewal or closure. Furthermore, denying renewal and closing the school would be a present a significant detriment to the students it serves by disrupting their education and access to the specialized support they require.

Based on this analysis of the Delta Keys charter renewal petition, the district recommends approving the renewal of Delta Keys Charter Petition for the term of 5 years as supported by statutory requirements.

Part I...Matters pertaining to the New Jerusalem Elementary School District

IV. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

V. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. The board unanimously approved to table (3-0) the **Delta Charter Online Charter Petition Renewal** to the April regular board meeting. Motion by Mr. Koster; second by Mrs. Reece. 3 ayes
- B. The board unanimously approved (3-0) **Delta Keys Charter Petition Renewal. Delta Keys Charter Petition has been renewed for a 5-year term effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030.** 3 ayes
- C. The board unanimously approved (3-0) **Districtwide Curriculum List.** Motion by Mrs. Reece; second by Mr. Koster. 3 ayes

Part II . . . Matters pertaining to New Jerusalem Elementary School District:

VI. MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA:

NONE

VII. CLOSED SESSION:

None

VIII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kellyann Reis, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board