Santiago Charter Middle School

Charter Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 16, 2025

The Santiago Middle School Charter Board met in-person June 16, 2025. Directors present at the meeting are noted with an "X".

X	John Haug	X	Susan Gibb (Certificated Rep)
X	John Besta (Chairperson/Community Rep)	X	Desiree Ortiz (Vice Chairperson/Parent Rep)
X	Alicia Abifadel (Teacher Rep)	X	Julia McCuistion (Parent Rep)
X	Pat Connolly (Teacher Rep)	X	Steve Arnett (Certificate & Classified Rep)
X	Ashley Pedroza (Secretary/Curriculum Rep)		Cynthia Robles (Classified Rep)
X	Eric Philips (Parent Rep)	X	District Representative: Ken Miller

An "*" indicates directors who were not present for the entire meeting.

A meeting notice, together with an agenda packet, was provided to each director by June 16, 2025. On the same date, a meeting agenda – including date, time and place – was posted at the entrance to the school office, on the office bulletin board and on Santiago's website.

1. **Call to order - Public Session**: John Besta called the meeting to order at 4:01p
2. **Quorum was established**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of Agenda:**
   Motion to approve by Julia McCuistion
   Approved: 10-0

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5. **Approval of Minutes:** April 16, 2025
   Motion to approve by Alicia Abifadel
   Approved: 8-0, abstain: John Haug and Desiree Ortiz

6. **Public Comments: NA**

7. Information/Discussion Items:

A. Board Comments: NA

B. Principal's Report:

- Thank you to our board for the continual support.
- Our 8th grade end-of-year party was exceptional and the PTSA did a great job celebrating our 8th graders.
- CHYA update- our 8th graders went through the CHYA curriculum the last two weeks of school and it was successful.
- Enrollment is strong and we are excited to be approaching a waitlist for the 2025/2026 school year.
- Summer School started today and it is a combination of college credit courses and credit recovery courses.
- Promotion was great and we were able to celebrate every student.
- Final June Meeting
- OUEA has settled with OUSD and we will continue to work with our chapter of the union for compensation components.

8. Consent Items

A. Personnel Report

Board will vote on Certificated and Classified personnel reports requiring action that may include extra pay projects, separation from service, short-term employment, change of status and new hires.
Fiscal Impact: $98,551.43

B. Purchase Orders

Board will vote on purchase orders 2983-2986 which have been processed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Charter Board and applicable requirements of the State of California.
Fiscal Impact: $164,553.23

C. Warrants List

Board will vote on warrants 3285-3359 and 11306-11351 which have been processed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Charter Board and applicable requirements of the State of California.
Fiscal Impact: $3,889,533.26

Motion to approve by Alicia Abifadel
Approved: 7-0, recusal: Pat Connolly, Ashley Pedroza

Adjourn Regular Meeting: 4:42p

Public Hearing: 4:42p
Reading and distribution of LCAP for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Adjourn Public Hearing: 4:46p

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9. Action Items:
NA

10 Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned by John Besta at 4:47p
Next meeting: June 23, 2025 Virtual

Reviewed and edited by Ashley Pedroza

The Board of Directors has approved the foregoing minutes

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Ashley Pedroza, Secretary