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**MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SIATech, Inc.  
SIATech and SIATech Academy South Charter High Schools  
May 17, 2022**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME GUESTS**

*Chairman Fickel called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The Chair recognized a quorum. In addition to Chairman Fickel, board members present virtually were Terrance Mims; Esmeralda Lopez; Don Haught; Bobbie Arterberry III; and Jane Ross (arrived at 5:02 p.m.). Other participants include central office and site staff.*

**II. AB 361 – Determine whether to continue virtual meetings per Gov. Code section 54953**

**Roll call votes were taken to hold the May 17, 2022 board meeting virtually:**

***Ayes: 6 (Mims, Lopez, Fickel, Sanchez, Haught, Arterberry III)***

***Absent: 1 (Ross) Board member Ross arrived shortly after this roll call.***

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

***On a motion from Terrance Mims and seconded by Don Haught, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda as posted.***

**APPROVED**

1. Regular Meeting Agenda for May 17, 2022
2. Regular Meeting Minutes for April 19, 2022

**RECEIVED**

3. Monthly Financials through April 30, 2022

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

**V. BUSINESS/FINANCE**

**4. PUBLIC HEARING – LCAP**

**Open Hearing: Time: 5:05 p.m.**

**No Public Comments**

**Closed Hearing: Time: 5:46 p.m.**

## VI. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

### 5. Superintendent's Report

#### a. Reorganization

- Dr. Mims discussed the connection of the Strategic Plan to the Central Office Reorganization. Site staffing models, curriculum, duties and responsibilities, allocation of resources, data/accountability, and graduation requirements were the areas emphasized from staff during the Leadership Summit conversations. With these areas in mind, the reorganization shifts our focus by improving our Instructional Core and reallocates dollars to sites to build capacity to increase enrollment and provide equitable access to programs.

#### b. Legislative Affairs Update (Strategic Goal 5 highlights)

- SIATech was one of only four high schools in San Diego County that was awarded the **California Pivotal Practice Award**. This award takes the place of the CA Distinguished Schools Award during the 2020-2021 school year.
- We are working with Arc Strategies and CCSA to determine our next steps including trailer bill language that may include NCB schools as non-classroom based charters are not included in the May Revise.
- Bills to watch include AB 1607, AB 1614, and SB 830.
- We are working with stakeholders to create a new category that defines SIATech and other like schools to be able to operate throughout the state and serve students up to the age of 24.

## VII. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION

### 6. Board Nominee Interview

The Board had an opportunity to discuss the position and ask questions of Board Member Nominee, Erica Alfaro. Ms. Alfaro shared her background and interest in serving on the Board. Pricilla will reach out to Ms. Alfaro on next steps of the process and to prepare for installation at the June board meeting.

***On a motion from Terrance Mims and seconded by Francisco Sanchez, the Board unanimously approved to accept Erica Alfaro as the selected candidate for the Board vacancy.***

### 7. Discussed Board Retreat

The Board agreed on Monday, August 22, 2022 for the Board Retreat.

### 8. Calendar – *for information*

### 9. Proposed Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting – **June 21, 2022**

- a. Standard and Staff Reports to the Board
- b. 2022-23 Budget Proposal – SIATech and SIATech Academy South
- c. LCAP – SIATech and SIATech Academy South

- d. Nomination/Election of Officers for 2022-2023
- e. Adopt Board Meeting Calendar for 2022-2023
- f. Closed Session – Superintendent’s Evaluation

**VIII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD – None**

**IX. CLOSED SESSION**

**Recess to Closed Session at 6:41 p.m.**

- 10. [ x ] Employee Evaluation pursuant to Gov. Code §54957 – Superintendent’s Review**

**Adjourn Closed Session/Reconvene Open Session at 7:55 p.m.**

**Report of Action Taken in Closed Session – No action taken**

**X. ADJOURNMENT – 7:56 p.m.**

Recorder: Pricilla Perez

  
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Esmeralda Lopez, Board Secretary

6/27/22  
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Date