



# ALLEGIANCE STEAM ACADEMY REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**March 25, 2018  
Minutes**

## **I. Preliminary**

### **A. Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order by Board Chair at 7:02 pm.*

*The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Allegiance STEAM Academy was held at 13050 2nd Street, Chino, Ca 91710.*

### **B. Roll Call**

|                            | <b>Present</b> | <b>Absent</b> |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Andrew Vestey, Chairman    | X              | _____         |
| Vanessa Okamoto, Secretary | _____          | X             |
| Melanie Choi, Treasurer    | X              | _____         |
| Raquel Rall, Member        | X              | _____         |
| Samantha Odo, Member       | X              | _____         |

### **C. Public Comments- Items not on the Agenda**

*There were no public comments.*

### **D. Approval of Agenda for Board Meeting for March 25, 2018.**

*Motion (Rall), second (Choi), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the agenda for the Regular meeting of the Board of Directors for March 25, 2018.*

## II. Open Session:

### A. COMMUNICATIONS

#### 1. Comments from Board of Directors

*Samantha Odo thanked the volunteers who walked the neighborhood on Saturday to gain more interest in the School.*

*Melanie Choi- No comments*

*Raquel Rall- No comments*

*Andrew Vestey- No comments*

#### 2. CEO's report

*Dr. Cognetta provided an update on enrollment. As of March 24<sup>th</sup>, there were over 750 applications and each grade level will require a lottery.*

*Callie Moreno provided an update on teachers and staff. She stated they began working on their educational plan and the content areas.*

*Dr. Cognetta said they held a job fair and it was successful. They have verbal commitments for 14 of the 16 teacher positions. Dr. Cognetta said on April 6<sup>th</sup>, we will receive an answer from Desert/Mountain SELPA regarding our acceptance. Dr. Cognetta said April 8<sup>th</sup> is our lottery and it is open to the public. Dr. Cognetta said he has been listening to the community and their needs. Dr. Cognetta said this has helped shape the development of the school. Dr. Cognetta said after sitting in the Founding member interviews he realized how this community is unique and thanked everyone for the work they have done this far to get to the point we are at. Dr. Cognetta said the School wouldn't be where it is at if it wasn't for the contributions by all.*

### B. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSENT:

#### 1. Minutes for February 18, 2018

#### 2. Minutes for February 25, 2018

#### 3. Minutes for March 11, 2018

*Motion (Odo), second (Rall), motion carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the items scheduled for consent.*

### C. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

#### 1. Report from Ad Hoc Committee: Founding member interviews

Pursuant to the Allegiance STEAM Academy-Thrive Charter Petition, founding members will be confirmed prior to the school's initial enrollment lottery. As set forth in the approved charter, the founding members group is comprised of the

parents and community members that provided significant assistance initially in the development of the school. Designation as a founding member is not based upon financial donations to the school. The Ad Hoc Committee will confirm the founding member group through interviews with the CEO as set forth in the charter, and the confirmation of the founding members will be completed at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

*Motion (Vestey), second (Odo), motion carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve and confirm the Founding members group, recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee and CEO: Ann Berkesell, Margarito Cosio, Dara Diamond, Raquel Diaz, Rebecca Garcia, Eric and Maria Hasanoff, Ross Higgins, Karen Kabandama, Mindy Moon, Elena Munoz, Melissa Solomon, Bernadette Stroud, Adriana Tabernerero, Diana Urbina, Anthony and Jeannette Valenzuela, Jason and Bridgette Watts.*

**2. Contract for services with Regur Development Group, Inc. to serve as grant writer for the Public Charter School Grant Program (PCSGP) Application**

*Motion (Odo), second (Choi), motion carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the contract for services with Regur Development Group, Inc. to serve as grant writer for the PCSGP Application.*

**3. Contract for Services with Callie Moreno for duties related to Director of Educational Programs**

*Motion (Vestey), second (Odo), motion carried by a vote of 4-0 to contract for services with Callie Moreno for duties related to Director of Educational Programs.*

**4. 2018-2019 School Calendar for Allegiance STEAM Academy- Thrive**

The Allegiance STEAM Academy team has created two proposed school calendars for the 2018-2019 academic year. Both proposals will be reviewed and discussed by the Board of Directors.

Rebecca Garcia spoke in favor of calendar draft #2, which identified Fridays as minimum days because of the convenience for parents who will have children attending the school that are involved in extra-curricular activities.

*Motion (Odo), second (Choi), motion carried by a vote of 4-0 to approve the draft version #2 for the 2019-2019 School Calendar for Allegiance STEAM Academy-Thrive.*

**5. Organizational Chart for Allegiance STEAM Academy**

*Motion (Rall), second (Odo), motion carried by a vote of 4-0 to adopt and approve the Organizational Chart for Allegiance STEAM Academy.*

6. **Non-Discrimination in Employment Policy**  
*Policy tabled by Chairman Vestey*

**C. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion (Odo) and Second (Rall), motion carried 4-0 to adjourn the meeting.*

Andrew Vestey, Board Chair, adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for March 25, 2018 at 7:46 pm.

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Andrew Vestey, Board Chair

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Vanessa Okamoto, Board Secretary