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**Minutes of  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
September 30, 2019, 6:00 PM  
Oakland School for the Arts Room 248  
530 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland, CA**

TIME	TOPIC
6:01	<b>Agenda Item: Call to order/Roll Call/Establish Quorum</b> In Attendance: Mr. Barr, Mr. Borg, Ms. Darwish, Mr. Dharmapalan, Ms. Isen, Ms. Mak, Ms. Mitrovich, Dr. Woods. Quorum established. Absent: Dr. James
6:02	<b>Public Comment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wei-ling Huber</li> <li>• Hongyu Min</li> <li>• Morey Riordan</li> <li>• Tai-Ge Min</li> <li>• Kelli Brown</li> <li>• Karen Morfin</li> <li>• Letter read by Simon Bhuller-Riordan</li> <li>• Brenton Cheng</li> <li>• Carole Ruwart</li> <li>• Paulina Gonzalez</li> </ul>
6:31	Amended agenda to allow Student Leadership to precede Consent Agenda. Barr motion/Woods 2 <sup>nd</sup> /Passed Unanimously ('PU')
6:32	<b>Agenda Item: Student Leadership Report – Leon Jones, Jr. Student Body President</b>
6:37	<b>Consent Agenda</b> Motion to pull RES 2020-008 Fiscal Policy & Procedure Manual Approval from Consent Agenda. Dharmapalan motion/Mak 2 <sup>nd</sup> /PU Consent Agenda slate approved. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of 8/28/19 minutes</li> <li>• RES 2020-006 Ratify Finance Committee Approval of Unaudited Actuals</li> <li>• RES 2020-007 Approve Annual FERPA Policy Update</li> </ul>
6:38	<b>Agenda Item: Report and Recommendation from the Ad Hoc Charter Renewal Committee (vote needed).</b> Note: Ms. Smith spoke about updates on the charter renewal process. We are still operating under the terms of our current charter, and thus will hold auditions in January

	<p>and February 2020. We are exploring a phase-in process for eliminating auditions so that we can have curriculum in place for students entering at a wider variance of skill level.</p> <p>Preferences are being explored as well, to ensure our school remains diverse and focused on the students we were founded to serve. Ideally, preferences would be given to Step It Up graduates, students from Oakland Title One schools, English Language Learners, and Oakland residents, in addition to the existing preferences.</p> <p>The official recommendation from the Ad Hoc Charter Renewal Committee is to proceed without auditions, with details to be negotiated with our authorizer.</p> <p>Discussion on future bylaws changes relative to parent request.</p> <p>Motion to remove auditions from our charter petition and add auditions internally into different Pathways made by Mr. Barr/2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Dharmapalan/PU.</p>
7:12	<p><b>Agenda Item: Permission for Ad Hoc Committee to approve the Final Charter Materials</b></p> <p>Motion to grant permission for Ad Hoc Committee to approve the Final Charter Materials pending bylaws revision, and to approve the Financial Policy and Procedure Handbook as part of the Charter Renewal Documents made by Ms. Isen/2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Dharmapalan/PU</p>
7:18	<p><b>Agenda Item: Approval of Budget for submission with Charter Renewal (vote needed)</b></p> <p>Discussion of charter budget &amp; necessary fundraising to support the budget.</p> <p>Motion for approval of budget for submission with Charter Renewal Documents by Ms. Isen/2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Mak/PU</p>
7:24	<p>Meeting Adjourned</p> <p>Motion by Darwish/2<sup>nd</sup> by Barr/PU</p>

**BOARD CERTIFICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, an Officer of Oakland School for the Arts Board of Directors do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of Oakland School for the Arts Board of Directors Regular Meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ as approved by the attending members constituting a quorum, on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Signature

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Date