

# ALTUS SCHOOLS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

DBA –AUDEO CHARTER SCHOOL II ▪ AUDEO VALLEY CHARTER

ALTUS SCHOOLS EAST COUNTY ▪ ALTUS SCHOOLS NORTH COUNTY ▪ ALTUS SCHOOLS SOUTH BAY ▪ MIRUS SECONDARY

(A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation)

Wayland Myers – Chairman

Chris Gordon - Member, Jim Herr – Member, Cristina Stevens - Member

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 5, 2024, 8:30 a.m.

Via Teleconference at

9655 Granite Ridge Road, Suite 100, San Diego, 92123, 512 Via De La Valle, Suite 207, Solana Beach, CA 92075,  
4179 Middlesex Drive, San Diego, CA 92116

and at

North Carlsbad RC 3821 Plaza Drive Suite 401, Oceanside, CA 92056, South Carlsbad RC 6965 El Camino Real, Suite 202, Carlsbad, CA 92009,  
and Escondido RC 200 E. Via Rancho Parkway, Suite 143, Escondido, CA 92025, and Audeo Valley RC 27130 Eucalyptus Avenue, Suite A,  
Moreno Valley, CA 92555, and El Cajon RC 111 Fletcher Parkway, El Cajon, CA 92020, La Mesa RC 5975 Severin Drive, La Mesa, CA 91942,  
Paradise Valley RC 123 Worthington Street, Suite 104, Spring Valley, CA, 91977 and Main Street RC 16967 Main Street, Suite 108, Hesperia, CA  
92345, Palm Desert RC 72840 Highway 111, Palm Desert, CA 92260, Topaz RC 14135 Main Street, Suite 203, Hesperia, CA 92345 and Bonita  
RC 3252 Bonita Road, Chula Vista, CA 91910, Chula Vista RC 1655 Broadway Street, Suite 13, Chula Vista, CA 91911, Otay Ranch RC 1392 E.  
Palomar Steet, Suite 202, Chula Vista, CA 91913, Plaza Bonita RC 3030 Plaza Bonita Road, Suite 1000, National City, CA 91950

Access to the live video conference was accessible prior to the start of the meeting at

Audeo II: <https://audeo2.com/board-and-governance/>

Audeo Valley: <https://audeovalley.com/board-and-governance/>

East County: <https://grossmontsecondarycharter.com/board-and-governance/>

North County: <https://audeo3.com/board-and-governance/>

South Bay: <https://sweetwatersecondarycharter.com/board-and-governance/>

Mirus: <https://miruscharter.com/board-of-directors/>

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### 1.0 OPEN SESSION

#### 1.1 Call to Order

Myers called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

#### 1.2 Roll Call

Members present at the meeting were Chris Gordon, Jim Herr, and Wayland Myers.

Absent: Cristina Stevens.

Also in attendance: Lynne Alipio, Mary Bixby, Veneeta Chan, Allison Fleck, Angela Neri, Elizabeth Orona, Cathryn Rambo, and Tiffany Yandell.

#### 1.3 Establishment of Quorum

The following directors, constituting a quorum of the Board were present at the meeting: Chris Gordon, Jim Herr, and Wayland Myers.

Board member Gordon made the motion and was seconded by Board member Herr to Approve the Establishment of Quorum.

Ayes – 3, Nays – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0, Motion Approved.

#### 1.4 Pledge of Allegiance

Myers led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 1.5 Approval of Agenda

Board member Gordon made the motion and was seconded by Board member Herr to Approve the Agenda.

Ayes – 3, Nays – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0, Motion Approved.

## **2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment for items of interest to the public and within the scope of the Altus Schools Southern California Board (non-agenda) shall be no longer than two (2) minutes. Public comment for agenda items shall be no longer than three (3) minutes. Speakers may not yield their time. In meetings held over Zoom, any person who wishes to make a comment on either non-agenda or agenda items shall use the “Raise Hand” feature of Zoom to notify the Board. In accordance with the Brown Act, no discussion or action may occur at this time, but it is the Board’s prerogative to respond or give direction to staff. All public comments will be heard at this point in the agenda as ordered below. Each agenda item being commented on will have a maximum of 20 minutes allotted and each non-agenda item will have a maximum of 10 minutes allotted. If necessary, the Board Chair may equivalently decrease the time for each speaker in order to stay within the allotted maximum.

### **2.1 Non-Agenda Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

### **2.2 Agenda Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

## **3.0 CLOSED SESSION**

The Closed Session convened at 8:37 a.m.

### **3.1 Board Chairman Announcement Regarding Closed Session Items**

### **3.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Items**

There were no comments from the public.

### **MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**

- 3.2.1 Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) of section 54956.9 (one case)

## **4.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:02 a.m.

### **4.1 Report out of action taken in closed session, if any.**

No actions taken at Closed Session.

## **5.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

### **5.1 Approval of Ratification of New Leases**

#### **5.1.1 APN 229-172-34**

#### **5.1.2 APN 0414-021-08**

Board member Gordon made the motion and was seconded by Board member Herr to Approve the Ratification of New Leases, agenda items 5.1.1 – 5.1.2.

Ayes – 3, Nays – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0, Motion Approved.

### **5.2 Strategic Plan Update**

#### **5.2.1 School Productivity Indicators**

##### **5.2.1.1 Audeo Charter School II**

5.2.1.1.1 School Participation Report for the Period of 2023- 2024  
Months 12-13: 5/06/2024 – 6/27/2024

##### **5.2.1.2 Audeo Valley Charter**

5.2.1.2.1 School Participation Report for the Period of 2023- 2024  
Months 12-13: 5/06/2024 – 6/27/2024

##### **5.2.1.3 Altus Schools East County**

5.2.1.3.1 School Participation Report for the Period of 2023- 2024  
Months 12-13: 5/06/2024 – 6/27/2024

##### **5.2.1.4 Alus Schools North County**

5.2.1.4.1 School Participation Report for the Period of 2023- 2024  
Months 12-13: 5/06/2024 – 6/27/2024

##### **5.2.1.5 Altus Schools South Bay**

5.2.1.5.1 School Participation Report for the Period of 2023- 2024  
Months 12-13: 5/06/2024 – 6/27/2024

5.2.1.6 Mirus Secondary

5.2.1.6.1 School Participation Report for the Period of 2023- 2024  
Months 12-13: 5/06/2024 – 6/27/2024

Lynne Alipio reviewed the School Participation Reports for all Schools.

## **6.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a Board member for further discussion or removed from the agenda, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the Board votes on them. The Superintendent School Services and Founder recommends approval of all consent agenda items.

### **6.1 Consent Action Items for Audeo Charter School II, Audeo Valley Charter, Altus Schools East County, Altus Schools North County, Altus Schools South Bay, and Mirus Secondary for Each School**

6.1.1 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2024, and June 26, 2024

Board member Herr made one motion to approve all agenda items under the consent agenda and seconded by Board member Gordon.

Ayes – 3, Nays – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0, Motion Approved.

## **7.0 ACTION ITEMS**

### **7.1 Actions Items for Audeo Charter School II**

7.1.1 Approval of the Unaudited Actuals FY July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Board member Herr made the motion and was seconded by Board member Gordon to Approve the Unaudited Actuals FY July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

Ayes – 3, Nays – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0, Motion Approved.

### **7.2 Actions Items for Audeo Valley Charter**

7.2.1 Approval of the Unaudited Actuals FY July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Board member Gordon made the motion and was seconded by Board member Herr to Approve the Unaudited Actuals FY July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

Ayes – 3, Nays – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0, Motion Approved.

### **7.3 Actions Items for Altus Schools East County**

7.3.1 Approval of the Unaudited Actuals FY July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Board member Herr made the motion and was seconded by Board member Gordon to Approve the Unaudited Actuals FY July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

Ayes – 3, Nays – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0, Motion Approved.

### **7.4 Actions Items for Altus Schools North County**

7.4.1 Approval of the Unaudited Actuals FY July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Board member Gordon made the motion and was seconded by Board member Herr to Approve the Unaudited Actuals FY July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

Ayes – 3, Nays – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0, Motion Approved.

### **7.5 Actions Items for Altus Schools South Bay**

7.5.1 Approval of the Unaudited Actuals FY July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Board member Herr made the motion and was seconded by Board member Gordon to Approve the Unaudited Actuals FY July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

Ayes – 3, Nays – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0, Motion Approved.

## **7.6 Actions Items for Mirus Secondary**

### **7.6.1 Approval of the Unaudited Actuals FY July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024**

Board member Gordon made the motion and was seconded by Board member Herr to Approve the Unaudited Actuals FY July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

Ayes – 3, Nays – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0, Motion Approved.

## **8.0 SUPERINTENDENT SCHOOL SERVICES AND FOUNDERS REPORT**

### **8.1.1 Status on Projects**

### **8.1.2 Strategic Initiatives**

Bixby reported that we have our special process for strategic planning and work planning for the year. We evaluate as a group the level of work and the output and how well the initiative was implemented and whether it needs to continue, we discuss it at length, and we take a whole week doing this based on a tremendous amount of data and we develop our work plan for the year.

Bixby noted that there were several things that evolved over the next year and longer term. As always, we led with our instructional plan of which there was tremendous progress made last year in different tools and approaches that we initiated with our individualized program. We are happy with the progress, and we are continuing to focus in the area of math, which is a big concern across the board.

Bixby continued to report that we use Edgenuity, and there has been a change in ownership and now is called Imagine Edgenuity. We have considered for a long time maybe moving the Altus Curriculum which has been carefully designed by teachers, teacher driven, and UC Approved, so they are all excellent courses. We are looking at migrating that curriculum to Canvas so that in fact over the course of a couple of years, we might be ready to deliver our own curriculum instead of Edgenuity. This will be a mammoth project, we will find a way to do this, as we have been talking about this for 15 years. We think that Technology is ready for it, and we are ready for dealing with the technology. We have experts in content on board that are certainly ready to deliver this high-level instructional program.

Bixby continued to report that another major initiative is to operationalize our Commission on Teacher Credentialing approval if the CSSD Induction Program. We have approximately 27 teachers in-house that will be receiving the certification for free, which is extraordinary. This will begin this fall; we are approved and ready to go. We have a few teachers involved, we looked carefully when they are due for their credential to be resolved. We have a schedule; we will start with a few teachers then move forward. In time, it will take many years to expand the program and to include the curriculum for special education credentials and to broaden the program.

We are also working on technology. The background technology we are using is intricate and complicated. We are re-focusing on developing systems that facilitate the integration of new programs we want to add, modify and take away. Tiffany Yandell reported that we have systems in place for disaster recovery plans, security of personal information and student information, we abide by all the guidelines. Given that nowadays there are new systems coming up and we want to be more agile, we are going to up our game this next year and spend time working with any bridges we have, any API's that we want to set up to ensure that if we do want to change, we re-vet our key IT Systems each year. We will up the rubric each year to make sure that whatever system we are with we are able to adjust and bring on. We are working to build our structure and make it stronger.

Bixby noted that we are bringing AMECA on board in January. AMECA, which is our humanoid robot will help support small group instruction. AMECA will not be the main delivery of instruction but will support the teachers, it is a tool. We are always looking for support in the classroom. Cathryn Rambo reported that we are bringing on the AI persona for the humanoid robot. It will be in partnership with our teachers, so we are augmenting the teaching experience with AI. The power of it is in the conversational generative AI aspect of it. We are really excited we are on the frontier of this, we will be the first K-12 school in the Nation to have a semi-autonomous humanoid robot to work with and working closely with the robotics facility to make this work for our students.

Some of the other initiatives we are always working on is enrollment, mental-health, and how can bring special services to our students. Allison Fleck also mentioned the opportunities that lead into College and Career Readiness such as our CTE Career Pathways, Dual Enrollment and Articulation.

Bixby also noted that we are so delighted at the growth and the productivity of that endeavor, we have classes that are articulated with community colleges across the county, and those where we can have dual enrollment is a tremendous opportunity for our students. Bixby believes more so even than the AP and Honor Courses that we can offer, which we do, for our students to graduate and be ahead of the game in terms of community college courses that they have taken. It saves them money, is highly motivating, and is a wonderful means of engaging opportunities to meet individual needs. We have some big plans for continuing to expand those courses and expand our reach.

Bixby reported that Tim Tuter is meeting individually with each Champion for each initiative and together they are coming up with measurables so that in fact when they meet in January, we can see how we are doing in terms of our targets, then when we meet again in July, we will evaluate the work for the year. It is a very intricate process, it is extremely well done, very detailed and we think that a lot of our progress and the high standard that we live with every day is due to that process management which the annual work plan is part of.

Bixby informed the Board that teachers and Resource Centers will receive new 3-D printers, computers and laptops. We have an approach, as you heard in the finance reports, there is net money. We wait and see how much money we have at the end of the year, then we purchase with those monies going forward so we do not end up in the red and always able to match our plan to what is fiscally responsible and conservative.

## **9.0 BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS**

From time to time, the Board has topics of interest that they would like to share with the community. These are informational in nature and do not require action.

There were no comments.

## **10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Gordon and seconded by Myers to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes – 2, Nays – 0, Absent – 2, Abstain – 0, Motion Approved.

*Herr was excused from the meeting at 9:27 a.m.*