

*El Camino Real Charter High School Board*  
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MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, November 19, 2014  
4:00 pm

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Falgien at 4:06pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Board members present: Jeff Falgien, Jon Wasser, Peter Vastenhold and Odus Caldwell. Also present were Principal Dave Fehte, CBO Marshall Mayotte, Curt Fedderson (Fedderson & Company), Eric Wilson, Dorothy Lee (EdTec), parent Dermot Givens and Terri Keas.  
Absent: Jackie Keene, Obie Slamon, and Sharon Weir.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Dermot Givens, parent of a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student, introduced himself to the Board. He stated that he is and always has been a very involved and supportive parent and can offer valuable resources to ECR. He also voiced concerns regarding his son and is hopeful that all gets resolved without him needing to get involved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Odus Caldwell and seconded by Jon Wasser to approve the Minutes of the October 15, 2014 meeting as written.

**Vote:** Ayes: Odus Caldwell, Jon Wasser and Peter Vastenhold

Nays: none

**MOTION PASSED**

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:** No Chairperson's Report or Announcements this month.

**ERIC WILSON:** Eric requested that any interested Board Members sign a letter from ECR stating that ECR supports a proposal submitted to Pierce College by an Aquaponic system company to replace the Pierce College produce Farm with an aquaponic educational program. ECR would partnership with Pierce College on the program, which would offer additional educational opportunities and career readiness to ECR students.

**CBO'S REPORT:** Marshall introduced Curt Fedderson from Fedderson & Company who reviewed the Independent Auditors' Report. The Fedderson & Company issued a Clean Opinion of the financial statements of ECR. The Independent Auditor reported that overall assets increased over last year, the ECR financials are very healthy and ECR is in compliance with all material programs.

Board member Jackie Keene arrived at 4:19pm.

Visitor Hank Amigo, drama teacher at Hale Middle School, arrived at 4:26pm.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Jackie Keene and Seconded by Peter Vastenhold for approval to hire Shukla Sarkar on a temporary basis to assist with the Charter Petition conversion review and on various committees such as LCAP and the developmental committee. She has extensive knowledge and experience and will also work on the WASC accreditation.

**Vote:** Ayes: Odus Caldwell, Jon Wasser, Peter Vastenhold and Jackie Keene

Nays: none

**MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Peter Vastenhold and seconded by Jackie Keene to approve the expansion of ECR's extension program for classified employees to attend institutions other than UCLA. Any classes taken must be approved by the administration and are limited to business and HR courses. To date we have had five employees take advantage of the program.

**Vote:** Ayes: Odus Caldwell, Jon Wasser, Peter Vastenhold and Jackie Keene  
Nays: none

**MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Jackie Keene and seconded by Peter Vastenhold to approve the September check register.

**Vote:** Ayes: Odus Caldwell, Jon Wasser, Peter Vastenhold and Jackie Keene  
Nays: none

**MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Jackie Keene and seconded by Jon Wasser to approve the Preliminary Budget (prepared by EdTec) for the potential conversion school, Canoga Park High School.

**Vote:** Ayes: Odus Caldwell, Jon Wasser, Peter Vastenhold and Jackie Keene  
Nays: none

**MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Jackie Keene and seconded by Peter Vastenhold to approve the Preliminary Budget prepared by EdTec for the potential conversion school, Hale Middle School, to be operated under ECR's non-profit.

**Vote:** Ayes: Odus Caldwell, Jon Wasser, Peter Vastenhold and Jackie Keene  
Nays: none

**MOTION PASSED**

Welby Way Elementary School is no longer interested in becoming a conversion school.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Jon Wasser and seconded by Jackie Keene to approve the Preliminary Budget prepared by Marshall Mayotte for the potential conversion school Pomelo Elementary School.

**Vote:** Ayes: Jackie Keene  
Nays: Jon Wasser, Odus Caldwell and Peter Vastenhold

**MOTION FAILED**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Jackie Keene and seconded by Odus Caldwell to approve a temporary teacher contract template for new hires.

**Vote:** Ayes: Odus Caldwell, Jon Wasser, Peter Vastenhold and Jackie Keene  
Nays: none

**MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Peter Vastenhold and seconded by Odus Caldwell to approve a temporary staff contract template for new hires.

**Vote:** Ayes: Odus Caldwell, Jon Wasser, Peter Vastenhold and Jackie Keene  
Nays: none

**MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Jon Wasser and seconded by Peter Vastenhold to approve the annual Certification of Signatures Resolution from LACOE.

**Vote:** Ayes: Odus Caldwell, Jon Wasser, Peter Vastenhold and Jackie Keene

Nays: none

**MOTION PASSED**

**CBO UPDATE:** Marshall reported that the community meetings regarding the conversion schools went well with the exception of Platt Ranch. He stated that a lot of flexibility and several alternatives were written into the RFP for Platt Ranch and he suggested putting together a committee with neighbors to come up with a plan for Platt Ranch.

Marshall proposed paying an end of year bonus to staff before Winter Break.

The meeting was **Adjourned** by Jeff Falgien at 5:55pm and the Board went into Closed Session to discuss approving a bonus.

Jeff Falgien called the meeting back into **Open Session** at 6:08pm.

**The Board voted unanimously in Closed Session to approve paying the bonus structure to the staff before Winter Break.**

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Mr. Fehte reported that everything's good.

Jeff Falgien requested that we move the December Board Meeting, which was scheduled for December 10, 2014, to December 17, 2014.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Jackie Keene and seconded by Peter Vastenhold to adjourn the meeting at 6:20pm.

**Vote:** Ayes: Odus Caldwell, Jon Wasser, Peter Vastenhold and Jackie Keene

Nays: none

**MOTION PASSED**

Respectfully submitted by Terri Keas