

MINUTES

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

ARARAT CHARTER SCHOOL

6555 Sylmar Ave., Van Nuys

October 18, 2017
6:30pm

Regular Meeting

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD BY PARENTS AND CITIZENS

The Ararat Charter School (“School”) welcomes your participation at the School’s Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Governing Board (“Board”) is to conduct the affairs of the School in public. We are pleased that you are in attendance and hope that you will visit these meetings often. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our School. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided.

1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting.
2. “Request to Speak” forms are available to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda or non-agenda items or under the general category of “Oral Communications.”
3. “Oral Communications” is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The Board may give direction to staff to respond to your concern or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen-requested item.
4. With regard to items that are on the agenda, you may specify that agenda item on your blue request form and you will be given an opportunity to speak for up to three (3) minutes when the Board discusses that item.
5. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and address from the podium and adhere to the time limits set forth.
6. Citizens may request that a topic related to school business be placed on a future agenda. Once such an item is properly agendized and publicly noticed, the Board can respond, interact, and act upon the item.

Americans with Disabilities

The Ararat Charter School adheres to the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you require special accommodations, or more information about accessibility, please contact us at least 48 hours in advance at 818-994-2904, or agharibi@araratcharterschool.com. All efforts will be made for reasonable accommodations.

I. OPEN SESSION

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson, Shakeh Avakian at 6:35 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

| | Present | Absent |
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| Shakeh Avakian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Marlena Gonzalez | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lorena Gonzalez | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| John Henderson | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Silva Karayan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hermine Mahseredjian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Giuliano Velarde | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2017

Motion to approve minutes by: Silva Karayan
Seconded by: Marlena Gonzalez
Vote: Unanimous

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation.

B. FOR INFORMATION: CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT. (Attachment)

1. No Update

C. FOR INFORMATION: PRINCIPAL’S REPORT. (Attachment)

This is a presentation of information that has occurred since the previous Board meeting. (Per attached report)

Mr. Villela updated the Board on the following: *(See attached)*

- 1. Update on Enrollment**
- 2. Update on Facilities**
- 3. Update on 16-17 State Assessment Results**
- 4. Update on 17-18 LAUSD Oversight Visit**

D. FOR INFORMATION: FINANCIAL REPORT

This is an update from what has transpired since the last board meeting.

1. **Budget to Date Update from Edtec:** Levi Kirkland from Edtec updated the Board on school's budget to date: *(See attached)*

III. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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 Principal recommends approval of all consent agenda items.

IV. **ACTION ITEMS**

There are no action items needing approval at this time.

V. **INFORMATION ITEMS/POSSIBLE ACTION:**

- A. **Update on Redevelopment of School Website** – The new website should be up and running by the Oct. 31
- B. **Update on Teacher Laptop Computers** – ACS purchased 20 Mac Air laptops for faculty
- C. **Update California Charter School Association (CCSA) Conference** – March 26-28, 2017
- D. **Update on Diversity Committee Meeting** – The Diversity Committee meeting was held at 5:30pm October 18, 2017. Mrs. Denise Morataya Pacquing will be the Committee Chair. (See attached minutes).
- E. **Association Update:** The Association will be providing a luncheon for the staff during the November 3, 2017 Professional Development Day.

VI. **CLOSED SESSION**

Adjourned to Closed Session at 7:44pm to consider and/or take action upon any of the following items:

Public Employee Employment (G.C. 54957)

Title:

- **Certificated Personnel Update**
- **Classified Updates**
- **Update on Certificated/Management**

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

VII. **PUBLIC SESSION – REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

The Governing Board will report out any action taken in closed session, if any.

The meeting was reconvened to open session at 8:30 pm. There was nothing to report out.

V. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board will consider items for future Board Meeting Agendas.

Topics for future board meetings:

- Property acquisition for a school site along a budget analysis
- Fundraising options to purchase property for a school site

VI. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE:

November 29, 2017 at 6:30pm

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.