



MINUTES



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ARARAT CHARTER SCHOOL

July 23, 2024
4:00 pm

Regular Meeting Location:
Ararat Charter School – Campus 1
6555 Sylmar Avenue
Van Nuys, CA 91401

Teleconferencing is available at:
Ararat Charter School – Campus 2
13400 Erwin Street
Van Nuys, CA 91401

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. “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. Members of the public who wish to comment during the Board meeting may use the "Request to Address the Governing Board" form" available on the School’s website. Individual comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. If an interpreter is needed for comments, they will be translated to English and the time limit shall be six (6) minutes. The Governing Board may limit the total time for public comment to a reasonable time.
3. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and address from the podium and adhere to the time limits set forth.
4. 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.
5. The Board reserves the right to mute or remove a member of the public if comments or actions disrupts the Board meeting.
6. Access to Board Materials: A copy of the written materials which will be submitted to the School's Governing Board may be reviewed by any interested persons on Ararat Charter School's website along with this agenda following the posting of the agenda at least 72 hours in advance of this meeting.
7. Disability Access: Requests for disability-related modifications or accommodations to participate in this public meeting should be made 24 hours prior to the meeting by calling (818) 994-2904 or cmenjivar@araratcharterschool.com. All efforts will be made for reasonable accommodations. The agenda and public documents can be modified upon request as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

I. OPEN SESSION

a. Call to Order

This meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson, Ms. Avakian at 4:09 pm.

b. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Ms. Avakian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Shamieh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Velarde	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Horvat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Merzian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Shirvanian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING(S)

a. June 6, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Recommend approval

Motion by: Ms. Shamieh

Seconded by: Ms. Horvat

Vote: Approved Unanimously

III. APPROVAL OF CHECK AND CREDIT CARD REGISTERS

This item will be tabled for August 22, 2024

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

a. PUBLIC HEARING/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 directions to staff following a presentation.

b. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

This is a presentation of information that has occurred since the previous Board meeting.

The following data was reviewed and discussed.

- Student Outcomes NWEA MAP Spring Assessments
- About NWEA MAP
- NWEA MAP Sample Prompts
- NWEA Norms
- Cohort Analysis Grades 1, 2 and 3
- Cohort Analysis Grades 2, 3 and 4
- Cohort Analysis Grades 3, 4 and 5
- Standards Analysis Schoolwide
- Plans Implemented – 2023-2024

- Plans to Implement – 2024-2025
- Stakeholder surveys were shared
 - Parents
 - Leadership Team
 - Certificated
 - Classified

c. OPERATIONS AND/OR COMPLIANCE MANAGERS' REPORTS

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

d. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

V. DISCUSSION, INFORMATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

After the presentations, the Board will consider which items will be removed from the list of "consent" items which will be adopted with a single vote without discussion. This is followed by the Board discussing and voting on the items removed from the list by the Board or where individuals have signed up to address the Board on the item.

a. Updated Independent Study Policy per SB153

The Independent Study Policy has been updated in accordance with SB153. The board has reviewed and approved the updated policy.

b. Updated 2024-2025 Annual Calendar

The board has reviewed and approved the updated Annual Calendar for the 2024-2025 school year.

c. Pursuing a Conditional Use Permit

There is interest in the following property:

Property address: 17545 Parthenia Street Northridge, CA 91325

Agency Negotiator: Flat Fee Realtors

Seller's Representative: The Agency

The board discussed whether to pursue a conditional use permit for the property. Negotiation details will be discussed in closed session.

VI. CLOSED SESSION

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

Public Employee Employment (G.C. 54957)

Title:

- **Exposure to litigation** pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9
- **Pupil Discipline**
- **Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, and Discipline of Personnel**
- **Real Estate Negotiations**
- **Public Security**

VII. PUBLIC SESSION – REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Governing Board will report out any action taken in the Closed Session if any

a. Pursuing a Conditional Use Permit

The board approved the facilities committee to pursue the identified property and work on obtaining a conditional use permit for the following property:

Property address: 17545 Parthenia Street Northridge, CA 91325

Agency Negotiator: Flat Fee Realtors

Seller's Representative: The Agency

Recommend approval

Motion by: Dr. Velarde

Seconded by: Ms. Horvat

Vote: Approved Unanimously

VIII. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

After the presentations, the Board considered which items to be removed from the list of "consent" items that will be adopted with a single vote without discussion. This is followed by the Board discussing and voting on the items removed from the list by the Board or where individuals have signed up to address the Board on the item.

a. Approval is Requested for Updated Independent Study Policy per SB153

b. Approval is Requested for Updated 2024-2025 Annual Calendar

c. Approval is Requested to pursue a Conditional Use Permit

Recommend approval

Motion by: Ms. Shamieh

Seconded by: Mr. Shirvanian

Vote: Approved Unanimously

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board will discuss items for future Board meeting agendas

- Recommendations from recruitment committee
- Update from Facilities

X. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

August 22, 2024, at 6:30 pm

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.