



MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING PILLAR CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Location of Meeting: 8433 N Black Canyon Hwy - STE 160
Phoenix, Arizona 85021
Online via Zoom

Members Present: ✓ Jim Sexton (*via Zoom*)
✓ Richard Hay (*via Zoom*)
✓ Curt Porter (*via Zoom*)

Members Absent:

1. Call to Order

The President will call the meeting to order.

Curt Porter called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM; all members were present; a quorum of the board was present.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The Board will now approve the formal agenda.

Richard Hay moved to approve the agenda; Curt Porter seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

✓ Jim Sexton
✓ Richard Hay
✓ Curt Porter

3. Audience of Citizens

At this time, the President of the Board will ask members of the audience if they would like to speak regarding any issue before the Board. No formal action may be taken on any issue unless the item appears on the Agenda. Members of the public wishing to comment on an agenda item may do so at the time the item appears on the agenda. Items not on the agenda may be addressed during the "Audience of Citizens". The Board may respond to criticism, ask that staff review a matter, or place an item on future agenda.

None.

4. Executive Session

A.R.S. § 38-431.03 permits an executive session or closed meeting to be held for discussion and consideration of any of seven particular subjects. A majority of the members of the Governing Board must vote to convene an executive session during a public meeting held prior to the executive session. The general public is properly excluded from such a session. Only those individuals necessary to the conduct of such a meeting may be present. All matters discussed in an executive session must be kept confidential by those attending. No vote may be taken during an executive session. Any final action on an item discussed in an executive session must be taken during a public meeting. A.R.S. § 38-431.03.

The purposes for which an executive session discussion may be held are the following:

- A. Personnel matters involving a specific individual.*
- B. Confidential records.*
- C. Student discipline matters.*
- D. Legal advice provided by the public body's attorney.*
- E. Discussion of pending or contemplated litigation with the public body's attorney.*
- F. Instruction of designated representatives concerning negotiations with employee organizations.*
- G. International and interstate negotiations and negotiations by a city or town with a tribal council.*
- H. Instruction of designated representatives concerning negotiations for the purchase of real property.*

None.

5. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Campus Tours & Classroom Visits Policy & Procedure.

Richard Hay provided a brief background and summary of the proposed Campus Tours & Classroom Visits Policy and Procedures. There were no questions or comments from the board.

Curt Porter moved to approve the Campus Tours & Classroom Visit Policy and Procedures as presented; Richard Hay seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

- ✓ Jim Sexton
- ✓ Richard Hay
- ✓ Curt Porter

6. Discussion and Possible Approval of Ending the Arizona Online Instruction (AOI) Program - Pillar Academy Online Effective June 30, 2023.

Richard Hay led a presentation describing the enrollment status and lack of new students enrollment in the school's online program. Post-pandemic data shows some students returned to in-person learning and many of the school's current students have completed their program and graduated. Additionally, there are several students on target to graduate by June 30, 2023.

Curt Porter moved to approve the School Closure Amendment for Pillar Academy Online (AOI) effective and end of day on June 30, 2023; Jim Sexton seconded the motion.

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- ✓ Richard Hay
- ✓ Curt Porter

Curt Porter shared he has reviewed the budget and determined the AOI program will no longer be financially viable after the current school-year (SY 2022-23).

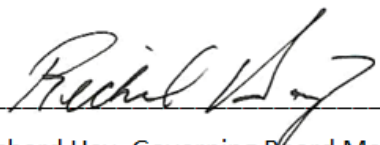
Richard Hay explained the school closure amendment process; assured the board he would be the point person to assist and guide the few remaining students with finding and transferring to another online or in-person district/charter school. Lastly, Richard Hay explained an approval to end the online program (AOI) would not impact the brick-and-mortar alternative high school located in Fort Mojave, AZ.

7. Adjournment

Jim Sexton moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:12 PM;
Curt Porter seconded the motion.
MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

- ✓ Jim Sexton
- ✓ Richard Hay
- ✓ Curt Porter

Submitted: March 24, 2023

By 
Richard Hay, Governing Board Member