

**NEW OPPORTUNITIES ORGANIZATION, INC.  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**Meeting Location**

**Family First Charter School  
4953 Marine Avenue, Room C4, Lawndale, CA 90260**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017**

**OPEN SESSION AT 5:30 P.M.**

(Prepared and distributed: 4/10/17)

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** *President Konig called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.*
  - a. **FLAG SALUTE** – *President Konig led the flag salute.*
  - b. **ROLL CALL** – *All members were present, except Member Erlandson who had an excused absence.*

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: Camberos  
 Second: Carrillo  
 Vote: 3/0

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Konig	X		
Camberos	X		
Carrillo	X		
Erlandson			
Vacant			

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – *There were no public comments.*

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

Please note: 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. 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’s vote on them.

- a. CHECK REGISTER(S): February 2017
- b. CREDIT CARD REGISTERS: February 2017
- c. MINUTES: February 16, 2016

Motion: Camberos  
 Second: Carrillo  
 Vote: 3/0

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Konig	X		
Camberos	X		
Carrillo	X		
Erlandson			
Vacant			

**5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- a. Presentation – EdTec Financial Update – *Chang Patel from EdTec presented the financial update. Full report was in members’ digital packets. Ms. Patel explained in detail the variations in the original budget and the current actuals. Ms. Patel gave some detail regarding expenditures for PCSGP and the reimbursement process for these funds.*
- b. WASC update – *Paul Guzman, Executive Director, updated the board regarding each charter’s visitation team’s activities, and some of the comments made to each.*
- c. Begin charter renewal process – *Paul Guzman, Executive Director, reminded the board of next year’s expiration of the original petition, and we are now working on the renewal. He notified*

*the board that Dr. Stephen Nellman, CVUHSD Student Services, has been named our liaison to work with us through this process.*

- d. Organizational re-grouping – *Paul Guzman, Executive Director, talked about the possibility of moving CRDF from one charter to the other in order to streamline calendars that are affected by activities of the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department.*
- e. Potential need to declare items as surplus – *Carmen Rosas, Operations Director, explained the need to declare obsolete computer equipment as surplus. Some of this equipment is already past its useful life, and is no longer compatible with new educational software. Board members suggested donating this equipment to students to benefit their access to technology.*

**6. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Report for New Opportunities Charter School

Motion: Carrillo

Second: Camberos

Vote: 3/0

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Konig	X		
Camberos	X		
Carrillo	X		
Erlandson			
Vacant			

- b. Approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Report for Family First Charter School

Motion: Camberos

Second: Carrillo

Vote: 3/0

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Konig	X		
Camberos	X		
Carrillo	X		
Erlandson			
Vacant			

- c. Correction to years of coverage of Audit contracts from 2017-2018 to 2017-2019. – *Carmen Rosas, Operations Director, explained that a typo went unnoticed on the previous board agenda, and now a correction needed to be made to match the actual years of coverage for the Audit contract.*

Motion: Carrillo  
 Second: Konig  
 Vote: 3/0

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Konig	X		
Camberos	X		
Carrillo	X		
Erlandson			
Vacant			

- d. Approve Robert Pena as Site Director for Family First Charter School, Lawndale site.

Motion: Konig  
 Second: Carrillo  
 Vote: 3/0

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Konig	X		
Camberos	X		
Carrillo	X		
Erlandson			
Vacant			

- e. Approval of Certification of Signatures.

Motion: Camberos  
 Second: Carrillo  
 Vote: 3/0

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Konig	X		
Camberos	X		
Carrillo	X		
Erlandson			
Vacant			

- 7. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS** – *During the Executive Director’s report, Clerk Camberos commended all staff for the transparency of the work done, and reported feeling proud of being part of this project from the beginning.*
- 8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – *Paul Guzman, Executive Director, reported of the latest conversation with Cossolias Wilson Dominguez Leavitt, CPA, regarding the results of the current Field Audit Testing. During said conversation John Dominguez notated their firm was impressed with our performance and the controls established on all aspects of our operations. Paul Guzman also talked about New Opportunities Charter School application, in partnership with the South Bay WIB, to the LEAP Grant (Linking to Employment Activities Pre-Release). This Grant is to provide additional services to soon to be released inmates. On this note, Paul Guzman also mentioned additional staff was added to the Re-entry program, and that now we had a total of 3*

*counselors organization-wide. After being questioned by the President Konig, Paul Guzman mentioned that he is actively looking for an additional board member from the Sheriff's Department, and how challenging this task has been. On a separate note, Paul Guzman wanted to make sure that Jeff Hilger, Education Director, was recognized for his efforts in leading both charters through the WASC Accreditation process. Paul Guzman also talked regarding Jeff Hilger's request for reduced duty, noting the organization is willing to work with Mr. Hilger since he is a valuable asset to the organization.*

**9. ADJOURNMENT** – *President Konig adjourned the meeting at 6:23pm. Next board meeting scheduled for June 8, 2017.*

Motion: Konig  
Second: Camberos  
Vote: 3/0

<b>Member</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Konig			
Camberos			
Carrillo			
Erlandson			
Vacant			

*Respectfully submitted:*

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*Lulu Camberos, Board Clerk*