

**NOVA ACADEMY**

Board of Directors Annual Board Training Minutes – November 7, 2019, 9:00 AM  
52780 Frederick Street, Coachella, CA 92236

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 9:00 AM**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Dr. Sanford Otsuji.

**Members Present:**

Dr. Sanford Otsuji, Chairman  
Dr. Susan Garrett, Co-Chair  
Norm Lester, Secretary  
Karen Lester, Treasurer  
Rick Weir, Member

**Members Not Present**

Gloria Grana, Member

**Staff Present**

Renee Lancaster, CEO/Founder  
Angie Dillon, Executive Assistant

**Members Present via Conference Line:**

Olga Duarte, Member

**Staff Present via Conference Line:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no individuals present to address the Board.

**BOARD TRAINING**

Jerry Simmons, attorney from Young, Minney & Corr, LLP, provided the Board with an update on California legislation affecting charter schools. He went over several new laws, including AB 1505 and AB 1507. Then Mr. Simmons gave a training session on Board Governance, where he provided a refresher on the Ralph M. Brown Act, Conflict of Interest laws, and the Public Records Act. The Board discussed the information and shared examples.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

  
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Norm Lester