

NOVA ACADEMY

Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes – July 20, 2020, 6:00 PM

Meeting Conducted via Teleconference

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

Board Chairman, Dr. Sanford Otsuji, called the meeting to order.

Members Present:

Dr. Sanford Otsuji, Chairman

Dr. Susan Garrett, Co-Chair

Norm Lester, Secretary

Karen Lester, Treasurer

Olga Duarte, Member

Members Not Present

Rick Weir, Member

Staff Present

Renee Lancaster, Chief Executive Officer/Founder

Angie Dillon, Executive Assistant

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

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None

2020-2021 SCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR

Renee Lancaster, CEO of NOVA Academy, presented the updated 2020-2021 School Instructional Calendars for the Coachella and Santa Ana campuses. Governor Newsom issued new guidelines for schools; NOVA Academy must now change gears and return to distance learning. The updated calendars push the start date to Tuesday, August 18, so Ms. Lancaster and her team can spend more time working on their program for online instruction. Additionally, they need time to train staff and families on the new systems. Board Members reviewed two options for the school calendars. Option 1 has three days of Professional Development, while Option 2 has five days. They usually have three days of Professional Development, where teachers go over such topics as the Employee Handbook and best practices in the classroom. Ms. Lancaster recommended that staff members have five days of training on incorporating technology. The additional days of work will not come out of the school's general budget but from funding from the CARES Act. Board Members expressed their support for updating the school calendars and for giving staff extra time for training.

Dr. Susan Garrett motioned to approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar, Option 2, for NOVA Academy-Coachella, with five days of Professional Development.

Motion: Susan Garrett

Second: Olga Duarte

Vote	Yes	No	Abstain
S. Otsuji	X		
S. Garrett	X		
N. Lester	X		
K. Lester	X		
O. Duarte	X		

Dr. Susan Garrett motioned to approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar, Option 2, for NOVA Academy-Santa Ana, with five days of Professional Development.

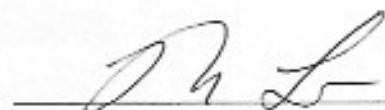
Motion: Susan Garrett

Second: Norm Lester

Vote	Yes	No	Abstain
S. Otsuji	X		
S. Garrett	X		
N. Lester	X		
K. Lester	X		
O. Duarte	X		

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 PM.



Norm Lester

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