



**Global Education Collaborative  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS -RETREAT AGENDA- MINUTES**

**Friday, December 7, 2018-8:30AM-12:00 Noon**

The meeting will be held at:  
Radisson Hotel Los Angeles Midtown at USC; Room 201  
3540 South Figueroa St. Los Angeles, CA 90007 and via telephone

**1-888-296-6500 (Dial in number), Guest Code: 193391  
Teleconference from:**

**1. Call to Order and Attendance Meeting**  
is called to order at 9:04 a.m.

Board Members

Stu Bernstein

Daniel Choi

Rickey Jones

Magaly Lavadenz

Yen Ma-Chan

Marsha Thomas

Marion Wong

Present Absent

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Staff

Sally Chou, GEC Executive Director

Vacant, Director of Operations

Francisco Contreras, Business Manager

Yanira Barrera, Operations Analyst

Linda Lee, GEA Principal

David Warken, GEA 2 Principal

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**2. Welcome, Purpose and Outcomes (8:30 AM)**

**M. Wong, S. Chou:** M. Wong welcomes everyone to the retreat. She thanks everyone for attending. She goes over the purpose of the Board Retreat.

**3. Review of Agenda**

**M. Wong 4. GEA Renewal and GEA 2 MR updates**

**S. Chou, D. Warken, L. Lee:** M. Wong thanks D. Warken on the successful renewal for GEA 2. D. Warken goes over how things went at the LAUSD Board Meeting. He touches on the fact that LAUSD Board Member George McKenna questioned GEA 2's scores in comparison to Arlington Heights scores. M. Wong questions the fact that LAUSD doesn't question things in the opposite direction when a Charter School is doing better than the local district schools. Dr. Chou mentions that GEA 2 was approved with a bench mark in regards to the EL Reclassification rate. L. Lee discusses the GEA MR process. She mentions that she got the LAUSD Board Agenda from the LAUSD website. There are only a couple of the schools on the agenda but there are a good amount of other items ahead of GEA on the agenda.

## 5. Budget Planning (9:30 AM)

F. Contreras goes over the three year budget that was used for the GEA 2 Petition Renewal. The budget was based on 93% ADA. He goes over the key points of this 3 Year Budget. This include increased enrollment, increases in certificated and classified salary. Adjustments were made to budget because GEA 2 did not meet the enrollment. Current ADA is about 97%. At the next GEC Board Meeting F. Contreras will present up to date ADA.

F. Contreras goes over the three year budget that was used for the GEA Material Renewal based on 93% enrollment. LAUSD was adamant about including an assistant principal at the Prop. 39 Site. All ADA dependent expenses will increase with increased enrollment. F. Contreras had to cut some things out because of the assistant principal salary. M. Wong asks what would the assistant principal would be doing? S. Chou mentions that L. Lee could give the assistant principal some of her work. R. Jones asks what GEA's ADA currently is? F Contreras states that GEA's ADA is currently at 97%.

## 6. Brown Act Training (10:00 AM)

**S. Chou:** Dr. Chou goes over the Brown Act Training that was provided by Young, Minney and Corr. The only salary that needs to get publicized in Public Session is the Executive Directors salary. She goes over the Agenda Posting Procedures. She goes over the entire presentation in detail.

## 7. Facilities Planning (10:15 AM)

**S. Chou**

- **Robert Giordana and Packer Morley, American Charter Development and Finance:** Involved in Charter School movement for over 20 years. Has started more the 20 Charter Schools nationally. He is now out of the operations movement. ACD is in charge of the entire facilities development process.

- **John Solarczyk, Ziegler and Company:** John goes over the discussions that were held over the summer with the former Director of Operations. They first reached out to the building across the street that is a Masonic Lodge. They reached out to them and but things came to a standstill in October. \$18 to \$25 million is the projected amount that it would take to build a school that can serve 600 students. A meeting was held with Mt. Moriah church in September. A 50 year ground lease would be the possibility at Mt. Moriah because the church is not interested in selling the lot that they use for parking. R. Jones questions if ten years into the agreement the church can turn around a sell the property. The answer to that is no they will be bound to the 50 year term agreement. Dr. Chou asks what the timeline would look like if the starting date was today. Due diligence would take around 3 months. Letter of commitment is required but it provides zero risk for GEA. ACD will provide a sample commitment letter and the GEC Board needs to review that in order to agree to sign the commitment letter.

## 8. Governing Board By-Laws Discussion Regarding Absences of Board Members (11:15 AM)

**M. Wong:** Dr. Chou goes over the Board Bylaws on page 4 section 8 at the end of the first paragraph that says or d. 3 consecutive absences without notification both in person or via teleconference.

Page five sections fifteen striking out the portion that says, "Notice of this meeting is not required if conducted pursuant to these bylaws."

## 9. Draft Investment Policy and Discussion (11:45 AM)

**S. Chou:** Dr. Chou reviews the investment policy 10.

**Retreat Reflections (12:15 PM)**

**M. Wong**

## 11. Adjournment: 12:34 p.m.

**Next Regular Board Meeting: 1/22/19**

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