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# Crescent View West Public Charter

## Minutes

### Regular Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Thursday April 24, 2025 at 4:00 PM

#### Location

**Meeting Location:** 4065 W. Ashcroft Ave, Fresno, CA 93722

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#### Directors Present

Arthur Renney, Gary Renner, Jackie Giacomazzi, Julie Keitges, Phillip Lien

#### Directors Absent

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None

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Call the Meeting to Order**

Board President Renney requested Rajpreet Kaur read aloud the notices regarding meeting logistics and accommodations.

Arthur Renney called a meeting of the board of directors of Crescent View West Public Charter to order on Thursday Apr 24, 2025 at 4:00 PM.

### **B. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum**

At the request of Board President Renney, Rajpreet Kaur performed a board member roll call, and a quorum was established.

Board President Renney then introduced Jillian Rojas, who performed a roll call of the learning center locations that joined the meeting via a two-way teleconference line.

### **C. Pledge of Allegiance**

Board Member Lien led the pledge of allegiance.

### **D. Staff Introductions**

Jeff Brown, CEO

Jeri Vincent, Corporate Officer

Shellie Hanes, Superintendent

Darin Bower, COO

Gagandeep Gill, Area Superintendent

Ide Rodriguez-Tarango, Principal

Ricky White, Community Programs Manager

Bill Thompson, Legal Counsel

Amy McIntosh, Regional Director of Educational Services

Guita Sharifi, CFO, LLAC

### **E. Approve Agenda for the April 24, 2025, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors**

Phillip Lien made a motion to approve Agenda for the April 24, 2025, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Gary Renner seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

Gary Renner           Aye

Jackie Giacomazzi   Aye

**Roll Call**

Arthur Renney	Aye
Phillip Lien	Aye
Julie Keitges	Aye

**F. Approve Minutes of the February 27, 2025, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors**

Jackie Giacomazzi made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 02-27-25.

Julie Keitges seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

Gary Renner	Aye
Julie Keitges	Aye
Arthur Renney	Aye
Jackie Giacomazzi	Aye
Phillip Lien	Aye

**II. Consent Agenda**

**A. Consent Agenda Items**

Board President Renney announced the following consent agenda items:

1. The Board will be asked to approve the 2025-26 Parent-Student Handbook
2. The Board will be asked to approve the revised Suspension and Expulsion Policy and Procedure
3. The Board will be asked to approve the revised Title IX Policy Prohibiting Discrimination on the Basis of Sex
4. The Board will be asked to approve the revised Harassment, Intimidation, Discrimination and Bullying Policy
5. The Board will be asked to approve the revised Service Animal Policy

President Renney then asked if any member would like to discuss any of the agenda items for action separately. Hearing none, Mr. Renney asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items.

Gary Renner made a motion to approve the consent agenda items.

Julie Keitges seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

Julie Keitges	Aye
Gary Renner	Aye
Arthur Renney	Aye
Phillip Lien	Aye

## **Roll Call**

Jackie Giacomazzi Aye

## **III. Public Comment**

### **A. Public Comment**

At the request of Board President Renney, Rajpreet Kaur read the following announcement for members of the public:

At this time, members of the public may address the Board on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board, whether or not the item is on the agenda. The time allotted per presentation will not exceed three (3) minutes, unless a member of the public utilizes a translator, in which case the time allotted will not exceed six (6) minutes. In accordance with the Brown Act, no action may occur at this time, but it is the Board's prerogative to hold a brief discussion, provide information to the public, provide direction to staff, or schedule the matter for a future meeting.

Board President Renney asked if there were any members of the public who wished to offer public comment. There were no members of the public who offered public comment or submitted written comment.

## **IV. School Reports and Information**

### **A. Finance Update**

Guita Sharifi directed the board to the Hanmi Bank Revolving Line of Credit (RLOC) financial update included in the board packet and reviewed the school's credit amount including the current interest rate of 8.0%.

Ms. Sharifi also provided the board with an update on the school's line of credit with LLAC, including the current interest rate of 6% and the current balance.

Ms. Sharifi informed the board she will provide an update on the State's budget at the next board meeting after the Governor's May revisions have been submitted.

Board President Renney thanked Ms. Sharifi for her update.

### **B. Principal and WIOA Update**

Ida Rodriguez-Tarango greeted the board and discussed the school's learning period 9 data, including enrollment, overall credit completion, core credit completion, and the one-year graduation cohort. She then provided a presentation on recent learning center events and opportunities, including student achievement and testing, educational partners, art students, senior events, experiential learning opportunities, workforce development activities, and ELAC/PAC meetings.

Ms. Rodriguez-Tarango also provided the board with an update on the WIOA program, including online tutoring, education and career assessments, college and vocational training, work experience, job placement, and financial literacy workshops.

The board engaged in a discussion about the compliance and improvement monitoring status. There was also a discussion about the GED program available to students over the age 21.

Board President Renney then thanked Ms. Rodriguez-Tarango.

#### **C. California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) Implementation Grant Update**

Ricky White greeted the board and provided an update on the California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) Implementation Grant. He shared with the board the school has been using the funds on social emotional learning, career technical education, a community liaison, experiential learning opportunities, and staff professional development. Lastly, he informed the board the school will continue to assess the needs of the students and community to provide adequate services.

Board President Renney thanked Mr. White for his update.

#### **D. Local Control and Accountability Plan Goals and Metrics**

Rafael Aguilar greeted the board and directed them to the LCAP goals and metrics located in their board packet. Mr. Aguilar reviewed the steps involved in developing and finalizing the LCAP goals and metrics, including the engagement of school staff, parents, students, and community partners.

Mr. Aguilar then reviewed the school's four LCAP goals. He shared a few highlights and discussed areas needing improvement.

- Goal 1: Increase Academic Progress: Focuses on improving student's academic performance and ensuring they make meaningful progress in their studies. Mr. Aguilar then discussed credit completion, math Quantile scores, and the DASS 1-year graduation.
- Goal 2: Students will gain skills for College and Career-Readiness: Focuses on preparing students for success in college and careers. Mr. Aguilar then discussed the school's efforts in helping students surpass last year's CAASPP scores in ELA and Math, increase in career-readiness course participation, and CTE.
- Goal 3: Increase Student Retention: Focuses on ensuring students stay in school and continue their education. Mr. Aguilar then discussed the school's success rate, attendance rate, and retention rate.
- Goal 4: Increase Educational Partner Engagement: Focuses on increasing the involvement of parents, guardians, and the boarder community in education. Mr. Aguilar then discussed the school's goal to engage families into their children's

schooling, ensuring active participation and collaboration. He highlighted annual parent conferences, events, and celebrations.

Mr. Aguilar thanked the board and asked if there were any questions or comments.

Board President Renney thanked Mr. Aguilar for his presentation.

#### **E. School Survey Report**

Rafael Aguilar directed the board to the school survey report located in their board packet.

Mr. Aguilar then discussed the three different sections of the survey and highlighted the following results:

- Student Survey – 1,319 students participated. Survey results reviewed included school climate, connectedness and engagement, academics, and future goals, including college and career.
- Parent/Guardian Survey - 527 parents participated. Survey results reviewed included safety and concerns, time and interactions, as well as communication and engagement.
- Staff Survey - 147 staff members participated. Survey results reviewed included school climate, academic, instruction, and SEL, communication and engagement, as well as professional development.

Mr. Aguilar explained the survey data is used when developing the LCAP for the next school year. He then asked the board if they had any questions or comments.

Board Secretary Renner expressed his appreciation for the high level of responses received and thanked the staff.

Board President Renney thanked Mr. Aguilar for his report.

#### **F. CDE Notification of 2023-2024 Annual Determination Pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Selection for 2024-2025 Special Education Monitoring Activities**

Amy McIntosh greeted the board and directed them to the letter located in their board packet. She explained that in support of the implementation of IDEA, the California Department of Education (CDE) sends each school an annual determination letter indicating the school's status related to special education compliance. This letter includes the monitoring tier and level for the Compliance and Improvement Monitoring (CIM) Process based upon the previous year's tier plus any additional data collected and reviewed.

Ms. McIntosh then informed the board the monitoring level assigned to the school for 2025 is: Targeted Level 3, Needs Assistance. She explained to the board the school had been identified as Significantly Disproportionate in 2022 and completed a Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services Plan (CCEIS). This plan was successfully completed in September 2024.

Lastly, Ms. McIntosh informed the board that staff will participate in a series of webinars and workshops hosted by the CDE and the school's SELPA and designed to support the development and implementation of the CIM process.

Board President Renney thanked Ms. McIntosh for her report.

#### **G. Current Vendor List**

Gagandeep Gill directed the board to the current vendor list located in their board packet. She reminded the board this information is provided bi-annually and includes information about all vendors used between July 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024. Ms. Gill then requested the board to review the list for any potential conflicts of interest and to reach out to her or legal counsel with any questions or concerns.

Board President Renney thanked Ms. Gill.

#### **H. 2025-2026 Board Meeting Dates**

Board President Renney directed the board to the draft 2025-2026 regular board meeting calendar located in their board packet and requested the board to review the meeting dates and times.

### **V. Public Hearing**

#### **A. Open Public Hearing**

Board President Renney requested a motion to open the public hearing.

Julie Keitges made a motion to open the public hearing.

Jackie Giacomazzi seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

##### **Roll Call**

Arthur Renney      Aye

Jackie Giacomazzi   Aye

Julie Keitges        Aye

Gary Renner         Aye

Phillip Lien         Aye

Board President Renney announced the public hearing opened at 4:40 p.m.

#### **B. The Board will hold a public hearing to solicit the recommendations and comments of members of the public regarding the revised Personalized Learning Policy**

Gagandeep Gill directed the board to the redlined copy of the revised Personalized Learning Policy in their board packet. She informed the board that student master agreements are now referred to as the "Independent Study Agreement", and the Personalized Learning Policy has been updated throughout to reflect this change.

Ms. Gill then asked for questions or comments from members of the public and board members.

### **C. Close Public Hearing**

Board President Renney thanked Ms. Gill for her report. Hearing no further questions or comments, Mr. Renney requested a motion.

Phillip Lien made a motion to close the public hearing.

Julie Keitges seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

Arthur Renney      Aye

Gary Renner        Aye

Jackie Giacomazzi   Aye

Phillip Lien         Aye

Julie Keitges        Aye

Board President Renney announced the public hearing closed at 4:42 p.m.

## **VI. Action Items**

### **A. The Board will be asked to approve the revised Personalized Learning Policy**

Gagandeep Gill recommended the board approve the revised Personalized Learning Policy that was shared during the Public Hearing.

Board President Renney thanked Ms. Gill and asked for a motion.

Jackie Giacomazzi made a motion to approve the revised Personalized Learning Policy.

Phillip Lien seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

Jackie Giacomazzi   Aye

Arthur Renney        Aye

Phillip Lien         Aye

Julie Keitges        Aye

Gary Renner         Aye

### **B. The Board will be asked to approve the revised Charter School Accounting Manual**

Guita Sharifi directed the board to the summary page overview of the recommended changes to the Charter School Accounting Manual included in the board packet. She informed the board the only changes made were grammatical and no policy changes were made.

Board President Renney thanked Ms. Sharifi and asked for a motion.

Gary Renner made a motion to approve the revised Charter School Accounting Manual.

Julie Keitges seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.



**Roll Call**

Jackie Giacomazzi	Aye
Gary Renner	Aye
Phillip Lien	Aye
Arthur Renney	Aye
Julie Keitges	Aye

**C. The Board will be asked to approve the Declaration of Need (DON) forms as a prerequisite to the issuance of an emergency permit and/or limited assignment permit for teachers at the School for the 2025-2026 School Year per California Code of Regulations §80026**

Gagendeep Gill reminded the board the annual Declaration of Need (DON) forms ensure the school's eligibility to apply for emergency and/or limited assignment permits for teachers. Ms. Gill explained the DON will allow qualified individuals to be authorized to serve in their teaching assignment while they are working towards completing the credential requirements for the educator's assignment. Ms. Gill then reviewed the areas of anticipated need for fully qualified educators, limited assignment permits, and efforts to recruit certificated personnel.

Ms. Gill then recommended the board approve the DON form for the school for the 2025-2026 school year.

Board President Renney thanked Ms. Gill and asked for a motion.

Jackie Giacomazzi made a motion to approve the Declaration of Need (DON) forms as a prerequisite to the issuance of an emergency permit and/or limited assignment permit for teachers at the School .

Phillip Lien seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

Arthur Renney	Aye
Jackie Giacomazzi	Aye
Phillip Lien	Aye
Julie Keitges	Aye
Gary Renner	Aye

**VII. Additional Corporate Officers and Board Members' Observations and Comments**

**A. Observations and Comments**

Jeff Brown thanked the staff for their presentations. He discussed the hard work of the staff members.

**VIII. Closed Session**

**A. Adjourn open public Board meeting to go into closed session**

## 1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

(Government Code section 54957(b)(1).)

Title: Superintendent

Gary Renner made a motion to adjourn open public Board meeting to go into closed session.

Julie Keitges seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### Roll Call

Jackie Giacomazzi Aye

Phillip Lien Aye

Julie Keitges Aye

Gary Renner Aye

Arthur Renney Aye

## B. Adjourn closed session and reconvene to open public Board meeting

Julie Keitges made a motion to adjourn closed session and reconvene to open public Board meeting.

Jackie Giacomazzi seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### Roll Call

Julie Keitges Aye

Gary Renner Aye

Jackie Giacomazzi Aye

Arthur Renney Aye

Phillip Lien Aye

## C. Report of action taken or recommendations made in closed session, if any

Board President Renney stated no action was taken in closed session for:

## 1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

(Government Code section 54957(b)(1).)

Title: Superintendent

## IX. Closing Items

### A. Next Regular Board Meeting Date: May 29, 2025, 4:00pm

### B. Adjourn Meeting

Gary Renner made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Jackie Giacomazzi seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

Arthur Renney	Aye
Jackie Giacomazzi	Aye
Phillip Lien	Aye
Gary Renner	Aye
Julie Keitges	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gary Renner

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