

MINUTES
URBAN CORPS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
3127 Jefferson St. San Diego CA 92110
March 15, 2013 – 9:00 a.m.

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/
CALL TO ORDER:**

9:06

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Diane Chalmers, Bob Benson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ingrid Nielsen

STAFF PRESENT:

Stacey Adler, Robert Chavez, Dan Thomas, Klara Arter, Anne Bernstein, Joy Hochstein

GUESTS:

Rich Geisler

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

none.

REPORTS:

No reports at this time

CONSENT AGENDA:

Warrant Registers
Approval of Minutes from the Dec 14, 2012 meeting

- Bob moves to accept all items on the consent agenda. Diane seconds and the motions carries.

**INFORMATIONAL
ITEMS:**

1. **Next Board Meeting Date** – Announced for June 14, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the Urban Corps of San Diego County Charter School,
2. **Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests** – Forms are Distributed and signed by present members. Ingrid's to be delivered and signed after the meeting. Ingrid's signed form was scanned and returned to Mono County following the meeting.
3. **Guest Rich Geisler** – Urban Corp's legal counsel advises on the school becoming an independent 501(c)(3). Robert Chavez introduces the subject stating as we are considering independent non-profit status for the school. Currently UCCS is part of UCO, no articles of incorporation are on file. Rich follows, discussing the options. Pros: Lesson the liability of lawsuits; Brown Act applicable to school and UCO, financial benefits, contracting. Risks: Diluting the authority of the CEO, however a management structure MOU can resolve this. CEO sees no downsides. Other corps use this model. If UCCS is its own corporation, everything is separate, Brown Act Board, etc. UCCS is already set up this way. Re Contracts: the school could hire UCO as a sole source contractor. Non-profit joint venture partnership would be established to allow for contracting, while maintaining separation. Robert discusses MOU and advises an NPO without an E.D. so as not to dilute his authority. Many NPOs do this and have paid consultants to help run.

There are two paths:

1. Group exemption for public benefit through UCO- saves the process of a 1023 application. UCCS falls under the UCO non-profit umbrella
2. Totally separate 501(c)(3). From a financial perspective, separation would be best because umbrella status muddies the waters.

Re Donations: restricted donations could be accepted for the school. (i.e. school naming rights.) An extension has been placed on the audit pending this decision. Must advise auditor a.s.a.p. as it takes 3-4 months to file a state public benefit corp. and 8 months to file as a federal 501(c)(3).

OLD BUSINESS: none

- NEW BUSINESS:**
1. **Action Item - Approve 2nd Interim Report**
 Stacey Adler explains the interim budget including revenues and monies received from State lottery. She explains that while it looks like a \$47K deficit is shown, this is not the case due to an existing reserve. A 3% reserve is required; 4% is the goal. Bob moves to accept the 2nd interim budget. Diane seconds and the motions carries.
 2. **Action Item - Approve Audit Report**
 Stacey explains that price of the audit is increasing next fiscal year due to changing reporting levels. Price increase from \$3K to \$7K. Bob moves to accept the audit report. Diane seconds and the motions carries. Dan Thomas signs the audit.

- PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:** The Dean of Education, Dan Thomas reports on activities and other matters.
- Dan states the new charter school grant has finally been awarded.
 - The school lunch program is official; we can start submitting receipts for reimbursement.
 - WASC application has been submitted. Wiki site is up.
 - E-rate application has been submitted; vendors came to bid on fiber optics system. Savings will be approximately \$63K. Broadband capabilities will be increased along with wifi system.
 - Charter school conference was the best ever. Great speakers and technology showcased. ASAD conference coming up in Chicago.
 - Working on school calendar
 - Online classes through National University are discussed to improve ADA and give more students a chance to earn a diploma but not be part of job training.

- SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:** Dr. Stacey Adler reports on activities and other matters.
- Possible changes to Charter School funding. The funding stream for the alternative education (Opportunity Program) is changing.
 - Dan & Jose are coming to Mono County for BTSA and core training
 - For next meeting, Mono County is requesting start time of 9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS’ REPORTS: Board members may report about various matters; however, there will be no discussion except to ask questions. No action will be taken unless listed on a subsequent agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.

Secretary Signature _____