# Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**Meeting held February 25, 2021, 6:15 PM**  
Oakland School for the Arts

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| 6:18 | Call to order/Roll Call Attendance  
Present: Alvarado Mena, Barr, Borg, Darwish, Huber, Reimann, Rush Woods  
(note Mr. Walton joined just after attendance was taken) | Ms. Darwish |
| 6:19 | Meeting Norms | Ms. Douglass |
| 6:22 | Student Leadership Report  
• Presentation of Report - recap of Black History Month assembly, funds raised from t shirts.  
• Public Comment- none  
• Board Comment & Discussion - Thank you Nora | Ms. Cesareo-Dense |
| 6:24 | Public Comment on non-agenda items  
• Jennifer Keith  
• Shoshana Bianchi-McElwee  
• Karen Morfin  
• Amanda Brown-Stevens  
• Kris Bradburn  
• Traci Thomas  
• Leela Kiyawat | Ms. Darwish |
| 6:39 | Consent Agenda (*vote needed*)  
• Minutes approval: 1/28/21  
• Resolution 2021-008 Verification of Standards-Based Instruction  
• Second Interim Approval | Ms. Darwish |

Motion to approve consent agenda by Mr. Borg/2nd Mr. Walton/Roll Call vote/MPU

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6:42 Equity II and the Arts

Mr. Oz shared reopening plans and concerns. Mrs. Sherman-Colt shared about work on DEI embedded in weekly professional development through Candice Wicks-Davis and outcomes. Ms. DeRoos updated on community building at school through student affinity groups and the assemblies they host. Ms. Joshi presented about JEDI research & outcomes. Mr. Choice discussed Step It Up, reviewing the past data, and plans for the coming year. Dr. Thompson reported on her work as Pathway Coordinator and ideas for future Pathway courses. Ms. Keslosky discussed fundraising needed to support the DEI work we wish to accomplish. Information was shared on designing middle school curriculum to accommodate incoming students who have not auditioned.

Public Comment

- Wendy Snyder - fund four JEDI roles.
- Karen Morfin - How are DEI funds used? Clarity in SIU program.
- Leon Jones - add an artistic rep to the task force. Need a full-time Artistic Director.
- Morey Riordan - funding for JEDI.
- Tai Min - budget should be transparent.

Board Comment & Discussion

Ms. Alvarado Mena expressed a preference for reports beforehand and recommends multiple parents on Equity Task Force. Discussion about recruitment re: teachers of color, the budget, and DEI funding. How does the board want to be engaged on the SP. Dr. Reimann and Mr. Walton also prefer to receive presentation ahead of time. Mr. Borg wants to hear about priorities of Strategic Plan.

8:57 CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Real Property Negotiations § 54956.8

Properties: 530 Eighteenth Street, 1933 Broadway, 1931 Broadway, 1920 Telegraph; Oakland CA
Agency Negotiator: OSA
Negotiating Parties: Broadway Telegraph Partners, Fox Oakland Theater, Inc.
Negotiations: Lease Renewal

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Property: 1540 Broadway, Oakland CA
Agency Negotiator: OSA
Negotiating Party: PianoFight
Negotiations: Price and terms of payment

9:38 RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION:

Report out on actions taken in closed session.
Nothing to report.

9:39 Dismissal

Ms. Darwish

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