

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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THE COTTONWOOD SCHOOL
— OF CIVICS AND SCIENCE —

DATE: March 9, 2023 **TIME:** 4:30PM

LOCATION: Cottonwood School

Mission Statement: To provide a creative learning environment where students develop a sense of place and become stewards of the natural world and active citizens within our community.

Meeting began at 4:44PM. Meeting adjourned at 6:30PM.

In Attendance

- Mari Van Sickle, co-chair
- Amy Sample Ward, co-chair
- Jill Charno, member
- Jonathan Moore, treasurer
- Emily Sturgess Cleek, secretary
- Susan Hathaway
- Amanda McAdoo
- Tara O'Neil, Program Director, Charter Schools, PPS
- Iris Chavez, Director, Oregon Coalition of Community Charter Schools

Meeting Minutes

1. February meeting minutes
 - a. Amy motioned to approve, Jonathan seconded
 - b. Minutes approved unanimously
2. Presentation from Tara O'Neil
 - a. Responsibilities for charter boards and board members
 - i. Standards of conduct ORS Chapter 65-
 - ii. Charter school law ORS 338
 - iii. Bylaws and board policies
 - iv. Guide for Public Officials
 - v. Public Meeting and Public Record laws
 - vi. Continued training
 - vii. Federal regulations including ADA and Title IX
 - viii. State academic standards
 - ix. Permissible Executive Session
 - b. Key aspects of board membership
 - i. Board members are stewards of public funds
 1. Accountable to tax payers
 2. Responsible for creating access

3. Public availability of information- manages liability for taxpayer money and for organization
 - ii. Individual board members owe duty of care as members of the board, but outside of the board, each holds no authority
3. Presentation from Iris Maria Chavez
 - a. History of OC3S (Oregon Coalition of Community Charter Schools)
Came together in 2018 first as an ad hoc legislative advocacy group
Bulk of work- policy and legislative advocacy, especially during sessions
Focus on legislation that is interesting and/or important to members.
Proactive and defensive positions on legislation, such as clarifying laws and policies around unfunded mandates
 - b. Recap of March 7th lobby day
 - c. Current legislative priorities and actions regarding Charter schools
 - d. Changing narrative of what are charter schools in Oregon- history of “white flight” isn’t reflected in the current realities of charter schools; “idea of community responsiveness is real”
4. Board Business
 - a. Budgets- need to schedule a board budget discussion- Next meeting March 23
 - b. Parking- this issue has become a major detractor for prospective parents and a real inconvenience for the overall Cottonwood community
 - i. Amanda has explored every possible avenue in the surrounding area
 - ii. Amanda requests that the board takes on the task of reaching out to property owner of the lot East of the school, Casey Sado, to see if there is any possibility of renting some parking space from him. Amy agreed to call.