

**LIVE OAK CHARTER SCHOOL**  
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**Minutes for the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of Live Oak Charter School**  
**Handwork Room**  
**April 26, 2023**  
**4:15 pm**

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### **Mission & Program**

To ensure the humanity and potential of its students through an education resonant with their unfolding awareness and capacities, and supportive of the full and integrated development of body, heart, and mind. LOCS provides a K-8 program inspired by Waldorf education to children and families of Petaluma and surrounding communities. Waldorf inspired education is a developmental approach to learning that cultivates the innate capacities of each child through age appropriate curriculum. Live Oak educates the whole child – head, heart, and hands, through an education that integrates each child's creative, intellectual, emotional, physical and social domains. Live Oak offers an interdisciplinary liberal arts program where art, music, and movement are integrated with core academic instruction. Exploration of the natural world, human culture, language and mathematics enlivens curiosity which is the foundation of intellectual growth, conceptual flexibility, empathy and sense of connectedness.

### **Live Oak Charter Board Norms**

- *We work in the interest of ALL of Live Oak's students.*
- *We are prepared for board meetings by asking questions ahead of time.*
- *We follow the "No Surprise Rule;" we are committed to avoiding hidden agendas.*
- *We focus on an agenda item until it is resolved or until a specified time has been reached to resume the resolution process.*
- *Our success depends on our participation – we share ideas, ask questions, draw others out.*
- *We give our full listening attention.*
- *We raise our hand and speak when called upon.*
- *We strive to be brief and respectful to others.*
- *We refrain from deriding other individuals' ideas and strive to value all opinions.*
- *We own our mistakes.*
- *We are open to challenging our own beliefs and ideas; we stay open to new ways of doing things.*
- *We celebrate success by taking time to recognize small steps or progress toward goals.*
- *We express gratitude and appreciation.*

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**4:20 pm**

Identify a time-keeper for the meeting

**PRESENT**

Jessica Umphress, Board Chair  
Robert Bunce, Board Treasurer  
Samantha Sheppard, Board Secretary  
Chris Fox, Board Director  
Stacy Ito, Board Director  
Kristin Walter, Board Director

**APPROVE THE AGENDA**

KW moved to approve; SI seconded; all in favor KW, SI, JU, CF, RB, SS

**A. Public Comment on non-agenda items**

*(15 min)*

This portion of the meeting is set aside for members of the public to make comments or raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. The board cannot, by law, respond or take action on any issue not specifically on the agenda. Public Comment presentations are limited to three minutes per presentation and the total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen minutes. While government code allows speakers to criticize the district's policies, procedures, programs, services, and/or employees, the school does have a policy specific to complaints against employees. Should comments from the public pertain to a specific school employee, the Board requests that the complaint first be submitted, in writing, following the General Complaint Policy for investigation.

No public comment

**B. Closed Session**

1. Gov. Code 54957, Public Employee Appointment, Title: Executive Director
2. Gov. Code 54957.6, Conference with Labor Negotiators, Agency Negotiator: Stacy Ito

**C. Report on Closed Session**

Discussed public employee appointment and conference with labor negotiators. No resolution to report.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

**7:02 PM**