

Manzanita Governance Board

Approved Minutes

APRIL 9, 2025

Regular Board Meeting

Governance Board Members

Chairman	Arleen Pelster
Vice Chairman	Krishna Flores
Secretary	Eli Villanueva
Treasurer	Monique Mangino
Member	Alfonso Gonzalez

The regular board meeting of the Governance Board of Manzanita Public Charter School will be held at Manzanita Public Charter School, Staff Lounge, 991 Mountain View Blvd, Vandenberg Space Force Base, CA 93437 on April 9, 2025, 2024 at 3:30 PM and will also be held via teleconference.

Members of the public who wish to access this Board meeting via Zoom may do so by clicking the direct link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6825676592>

The Board reserves the right to mute or remove a participant from the meeting if the participant unreasonably disrupts the Board meeting.

A) Call to Order

Time: 3:31 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Establish Quorum

4/5 (Eli Villanueva – Absent)

Opening Comments/Introductions/Welcome Guests

B) Communications

Instructions for Presentations to the Board by Parents and Citizens

Manzanita Public Charter School (“School”) welcomes your participation at the School’s Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Board of Directors (“Board”) is to conduct the affairs of the School in public. We are pleased that you are in attendance and hope that you will visit these meetings often.

Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our School. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided:

1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting.
2. “Request to Speak” forms are available in Spanish and English to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda item(s) or under the general category of “Oral Communications.”
3. “Oral Communications” is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes each and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The Board may give direction to staff to respond to your concern or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen-requested item.

4. With regard to items that are on the agenda, you may specify that agenda item on your request form and you will be given an opportunity to speak for up to three (3) minutes when the Board discusses that item.
5. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and address from the podium and adhere to the time limits set forth.
6. A member of the public requiring an interpreter will be provided six (6) minutes for public in accordance with section 54954.3 of the Government Code.

Any public records relating to an agenda item for an open session of the Board meeting which are distributed to all, or a majority of all, of the Board members shall be available for public inspection at 991 Mountain View Blvd, Vandenberg Space Force Base, CA 93437.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and upon request, the School may furnish reasonable auxiliary aids and services to qualified individuals with disabilities. Individuals who require appropriate alternative modification of the agenda in order to participate in Board meetings are invited to contact the Director's office.

C) Public Hearing

The Public Hearing is to determine the middle school curriculum adoption for Mathematics, Science, English Language Arts (ELA) and Social Studies, Health and World Languages. It has been available for review on the school's website and on campus. The public hearing allows for public comment.

D) Public Hearing Opened Time: 3:32 PM

E) Public Hearing Closed Time: 3:33 PM

F) Presentation

Math Superbowl Teams grades 4th, 5th and 6th (Mr. Valverde, Mrs. Ranney, and Ms. Busarow)

G) Reports

1. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Enrollment Report (Attachment A)
 - b. Prop 51/PSMI Update
 - c. Middle School Master Schedule
 - d. High Performing Charter School Status
 - e. Facilities Update
2. Principal's Report
 - a. Purple Up Week Events
 - b. New Parent Meet and Greet
 - c. State Testing Update
 - d. Talent Show
3. Vandenberg Space Force Base Report
Crystal Adams - School Liaison
4. Board Member(s) Report
None.

H) Consent Agenda Items

Motion: Krishna Flores Second: Alfonso Gonzalez Vote: 4/5 (Eli Villanueva – Absent)

1. Approval of the March 12, 2025 regular board meeting. (Attachment B)
2. Approval of the check detail, deposit detail and unpaid bills. (Attachment C)
3. Approval of the 2025-2026 Memorandum of Understanding for Professional Services Santa Barbara County Special Education Local Plan Area (SBCSELPA). (Attachment D)
4. Approval of the 2025-2026 contract with YMCA for the Extended Learning Program (ELO-P). (Attachment E)

I) Items Scheduled for Information and Discussion

1. Delta Management Solutions (DMS) monthly update to the board (Attachment F) (Candice Phillips)
2. Staff Salary Comparissons (Candice Phillips)

J) Items Scheduled for Action/Consideration

1. Discussion and approval of the 2025-2026 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators. (Attachment G) (Suzanne Nicastro)

Motion: Monique Mangino Second: Krishna Flores Vote: 4/5 (Eli Villanueva – Absent)

2. Discussion and approval of World Languages curriculum “Reporteros” for grades 6-8. (Attachment H) (Suzanne Nicastro)

Motion: Monique Mangino Second: Krishna Flores Vote: 3/5 (Eli Villanueva – Absent; Alfonso Gonzalez - Abstained)

3. Discussion and approval of Health Education curriculum “Teen Health” for grades 6-8. (Attachment I) (Suzanne Nicastro)

Motion: Alfonso Gonzalez Second: Krishna Flores Vote: 4/5 (Eli Villanueva – Absent)

4. Discussion and approval of English Language Arts and Social Studies curriculum “Common Lit 360” for grades 6-8. (Attachment J) (Suzanne Nicastro)

Motion: Krishna Flores Second: Monique Mangino Vote: 4/5 (Eli Villanueva – Absent)

5. Discussion and approval of Science curriculum “Amplify” for grades 6-8. (Attachment K) (Suzanne Nicastro)

Motion: Krishna Flores Second: Alfonso Gonzalez Vote: 4/5 (Eli Villanueva – Absent)

6. Discussion and approval of Compact ~~Trailer~~ Tractor for Manzanita Public Charter School campus use. (Attachment L) (Suzanne Nicastro)

Motion: Alfonso Gonzalez Second: Monique Mangino Vote: 4/5 (Eli Villanueva – Absent)

K) Future Agenda Items

1. Parent/Scholar Handbook
2. Employee Handbook

L) Next Meeting

Regular scheduled meeting of the Governance Board will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 3:30 PM in the Manzanita Public Charter School Staff Lounge.

Public Hearing for Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and 2025-2026 School Budget will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 3:30 PM at Manzanita Public Charter School, Staff Lounge, 991 Mountain View Blvd, Vandenberg Space Force Base, CA 93437.

M) Adjournment

Time: 4:43 PM

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTED CHAIRMAN

I certify that I am the duly appointed Chairman of the Manzanita Public Charter School dba Manzanita Governance Board, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation; that these minutes, consisting of four (4) pages are the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on April 9, 2025.



Arleen Pelster
Governance Board Chairman

May 14, 2025
Date