



Bright Star Schools Board of Directors Agenda of the Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 25 at 5 p.m.
2636 S. Mansfield Ave, 90016

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- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call**
- 2. Public Comment Period for Non-Agenda Items**
- 3. Meeting Kick-off by Cindy Garcia, Interim Principal at Valor Academy High School**
- 4. Chief Instructional Officer Presentation by Liliana Bustos**
 - Independent Study Policy
- 5. Senior Vice President of Operations Presentation by Sebastian Valdes**
 - ADA and Enrollment Update
 - Stella Elementary Charter Academy (SECA) Turf Update and Approval
- 6. Vice President of Public Affairs Presentation by Angelina Calderon**
 - Title IX Policy
 - Uniform Complaint Policy
- 7. Vice President of Instructional Systems and Strategy Presentation by Alexandra Lee**
 - 2024-2025 SHCA Calendar Update
 - 2025-2026 Academic Calendar
- 8. Board Announcements by Lydia Garcia**
 - Form 700
- 9. Committee Meeting Review by Committee Chair Andrew Murr (Governance)**
- 10. Chief Financial Officer Presentation by Ana Martinez and Elijah Sugay**
 - 2nd Interim Financials (First Quarter Financials, BSS Dashboard, Consolidated P&L, Consolidated BS, Cash Flow)
 - Present the proposed multi-year phased implementation plan for the compensation redesign, including key findings, budget implications, and alignment with BSS' long-term fiscal sustainability goals.
 - Increasing from an unsecured line of credit of \$5M to a secured line of credit \$10M
 - Decrease the Working capital cash from 90 days to 60 days and invest funds in treasuries
 - Delegation of authority to select annual audit firm
 - Provide BSS 990 Reports
- 11. Approval of (Consent Agenda):**
 - **Governance**
 - i. Minutes of the BSS Board meeting on January 28, 2025



- ii. Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting on February 13, 2025
- iii. Renewal of 2 Year Board Term for Andrew Murr
- iv. Renewal of 2 Year Board Term for Lois Levy
- v. Renewal of 2 Year Board Term for Louisa Wee
- vi. Renewal of 2 Year Board Term for Stephen Green

- **Finance and Facilities**

- i. Approve the 2nd Interim Financials
 - 1. Includes First Quarter Financials, Bright Star Schools Dashboard, Consolidated Profit & Loss (P&L), Consolidated Balance Sheet (BS), and Cash Flow Statements.
- ii. Approve the Proposed Multi-Year Phased Implementation Plan for the Compensation Redesign
- iii. Approve the Increase of the Line of Credit
 - 1. Increase from a \$5M unsecured line of credit to a \$10M secured line of credit.
- iv. Approve the Decrease in Working Capital Cash from 90 Days to 60 Days
 - 1. Reallocate excess working capital funds into treasury investments.
- v. Approve the delegation of authority to select new audit firm based on proposals received
 - 1. The previous audit contract has expired, and a new three-year contract must be approved.
- vi. Review and approve BSS 990 Reports submission for IRS
- vii. SECA Turf Project

- **Academic Compliance**

- i. Independent Study Policy
- ii. Title IX Policy
- iii. Uniform Complaint Policy
- iv. 2024-2025 SHCA Calendar
- v. 2025-2026 Academic Calendar

12. Closed Session: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (§ 54956.9(d)(2)-(3)): One Case

13. Adjournment

The order of business may be changed without notice. Notice is hereby given that the order of consideration of matters on this agenda may be changed without prior notice.

Special presentations may be made. Notice is hereby given that special presentations not mentioned in the agenda may be made at this meeting. However, any such presentations will be for information only.

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