



Bright Star Schools Board of Directors Agenda of the Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 21 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 Dr. Mark Jutabha, Community School Manager at Stella Elementary Charter Academy**
- 4. Academic Committee Report by Dr. Roberta Benjamin-Edwards, Committee Chair**
- 5. Chief Executive Officer Presentation by Ana Martinez**
 - Strategic Goals Update
 - Board Retreat
 - Charter Renewal Updates
- 6. Chief Instructional Officer Presentation by Liliana Bustos**
 - i-Ready Goals and Data
 - Curriculum Updates
 - Instructional Programming Updates
 - Approval of the Change Order to Statement of Work for the Aspiring Principals of Color Fellowship (APOC) 2026 Cohort
- 7. Senior Vice President of Student and Family Services Presentation by Marni Parsons**
 - Attendance, Chronic Absenteeism, and ADA
 - Socio Emotional Learning (SEL) Data
 - Community Schools Highlights
- 8. Director of School Counseling and Alumni Support Presentation by Steve Rockey**
 - College Matriculation Data
- 9. Vice President of People Presentation by Ana Vargas**
 - Teacher Retention
- 10. Manager of Compliance and Special Project Updates by Lydia Garcia**
 - WASC Update
 - Ethics & Brown Act Training
- 11. Governance Committee Report by Andrew Murr, Board and Committee Chair**
- 12. Finance Committee Report by Louisa Wee, Committee Chair**



13. Chief Financial Officer Presentation by Elijah Sugay

- 2024-25 Unaudited Actuals Update
- 2024-25 BOT Grant Recommendations to Schools
- Revised FY26 School Budgets
- Financial Dashboard (Financials through 08/31/2025)
- Facilities Update
- Lease amendment and Officer's Certificate for Stella Middle Charter Academy, Valor Academy Middle School, and Valor Academy High School
- Approval of ELOP MOU

14. Senior Vice President of Operations Presentation by Sebastian Valdes

- 2025-2026 School Enrollment Update

15. Approval of (Consent Agenda):

- **Governance**
 - i. Minutes of the BSS Board meeting on September 9, 2025
 - ii. Minutes of the Academic Committee meeting on October 06, 2025
 - iii. Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting on October 08, 2025
 - iv. Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting on October 09, 2025
- **Academic**
 - i. Approval of the Change Order to Statement of Work for the Aspiring Principals of Color Fellowship (APOC) 2026 cohort
- **Finance and Facilities**
 - i. Revised 2025-2026 School Budgets
 - ii. Lease Amendment and Officer's Certificate for Stella Middle Charter Academy, Valor Academy Middle School, and Valor Academy High School
 - iii. BOT Grant Recommendation
 - iv. Financials Through 08/31/2025
 - v. ELOP MOU

16. Closed Session: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Gov. Code section 54957(b)(1).) Title: Lead Executive Officer

17. 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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