

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
WEST HOUSTON CHARGER ALLIANCE, INC.**

**Minutes**

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of West Houston Charter Alliance, Inc. Will be held on the 20th day of May 2009  
At 6:30 p.m., at the school, 5618 Eleventh Street, Katy, Texas 77493-1971.

**AGENDA**

Call to order and establishment of a quorum.

WHCS presentation . JPickering

Statement to attendees regarding the Hearing of Citizens agenda item.

Hearing of Citizens.

Tom Haymes stated his concerns about Curriculum. How do we get there to the high standards – not put together by professional educators does not put together by professional educators does not include critical thinking

Ms. Monique O'Connor – parent – threat to dance programs have 3 kids at school started with trial period of my daughter at school – daughter loves it – singing in a solo at talent show.

Darryl McNabb – Thanks to teaching staff and Ms. Pickering regarding my son.

Regarding curriculum – hope WHCS will be independent if ISD program.

Angelique Warren – regarding dance program, son part of dance program. Other programs have sparked interest in the other parts of world. Builds neurons.

Melanie Nelson – Special Ed Aide – Music, art, dance, everyone able to participate, allow social interaction.

Becky – have granddaughter – last year has been remarkable come to speak about dance – even just classical ballet. Encourages child to come to school.

Approve minutes for the April 15th regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

Ms. Edna Green submitted motion to approve, Mr. Tom Polvogt seconded, no discussion, approved.

Approve minutes for the April 23<sup>rd</sup> special meeting of the Board of Directors.

- minutes not available for review at this time.

Hear reports from the Administrator on:

Report on implementation of the Campus Implementation Plan –

Expansion amendment was denied by TEA will be able to place some students – 195 on waiting list. Financial reasons for denial – indebtedness of schools needs to decrease more. Will have three 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes, 2 Kindergarten classes, probably 2 classes per grade. On goals of CIP – meeting of site board decision team and needs assessment ready for board approval in July. Funding correction by TEA- settle up some due to tax equalization rate. Extra funds income went back to November. TAKS took 5 & 8<sup>th</sup> math retest. Reading 91% Soc 80% Math 71% Science 77% Recognized in all but math only 4% way from recognized – feasible to have change up. Able to file an exception as impressive over past year. Final TAKS report end of August 09. Well above acceptable. Any areas

of concerns in any level of grade – yes – Individual breakdown received today. 6/2/09 parents will be notified.

Report on marketing activities for the WHCS

Report on WHCS Campus Security – Lights completed. PTO took care of program. Mr .Garcia found better deal.

Report on fundraising activities

Report on communication plan

Report on PTO activities

Ratify board approval of submission of waiver for missed days due to weather

Jpickering

-Ms. Green made motion to leave 5/26/09 as holiday as previously scheduled.

Ms. Michelle Tzannis seconded, no discussion – approved.

Discuss Finance & Budget amendments. Jpickering – Emailed to Board – amendment to adjust expenses allocation – original budget did not include remaining cash balance from previous school year. Went through Budget committee – recommended – Ms. Lucina Botonds made motion, Ms. Judi Paul seconded, Board approved.

Discussion of FLSA status of staff MTzannis

-Confirmed that staff were non-exempt employees. Becky will collect overtime for week to week to keep comp time. RSCC Tracking system .

Summer hours for school and staff. J Pickering

- 06/8/09 – 08/07/09 closed on Fridays Approved 8-4 Monday - Thursday

Business cards for School Board – Tpolvogt, SMitchell – made pending payment

Presentation from Curriculum Committee for 2009-2010 DDwyer

Ms. Dwyer reviewed WHCS Curriculum Committee Recommendations 2009-2010 School Year. – See attached copy

Discuss, consider and approve Curriculum for 2009-2010 DDwyer

Discussion of 11<sup>th</sup> street in front of school - Ddwyer & Tpolvogt

-determined not to pursue.

Discussion and vote on approving building expansion plans for WHCS, should the State approve our requested expansion – Jpaul

-removed from agenda

Discussion and vote on the build-out requirements for bringing the cafeteria services in-house – Jpaul

-Discussion of build out expenses for kitchen, grant to help, will know in June.

Ms. Paul researched programs – cost of lunches. Aware of state regs – would need build out before using \$35,000 to build out and \$25k for equipment.

Adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Reconvened at 8:00 – 8:05 Ms. Tzannis returned.

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Adjourned at 9:00

Reconvened at 9:10

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- Ms. Paul made motion to accept curriculum – understanding implementation will

need to be reviewed with budget committee. Ms. Tzannis seconded. Call to vote – passed.

Adjournment to closed or executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.074 and 551.0821 of the Open Meeting Act, for the following purposes:

-Adjourned to close session at 9:54 p.m.

Interview candidates for Board membership.

Ms. Regina Argueta-Misra

Reconvene at 10:36 pm

Discuss items to be placed on the June 17, 2009 Regular Board meeting Agenda. All

Ms. Green made motion to adjourn, Ms. Tzannis seconded, motion passed.

Adjourn.

**Additional Closed or Executive Session Authority**

If during the course of the Board meeting covered by this Notice, the Board should determine that a closed or executive session of the Board should be held or is required in relation to any item included in this Notice, then such closed or executive meeting of session as authorized by Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.076, 551.0785, 551.082, 551.0821, 551.083, and 551.084 of the Texas Government Code ( the Open Meetings Act) will be held by the Board at that date, hour and place given in this notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this Notice as the Board may conveniently meet in such closed or executive session.

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive session, then such final action, final decision, or final vote shall be at either:

(a) The open meeting covered by this Notice upon the reconvening of this public meeting, or (b) A subsequent public meeting of the Board upon Notice thereof, as the Board shall determine.

The items listed in this notice may be considered in any order at the discretion of the Board of Directors or the Board President, items listed for closed session discussion may be discussed in open session, and items listed in this notice may be tabled and considered at a subsequent public meeting of the Board of Directors upon proper notice.

**Certificate of posting or Giving of Notice**

On this day May 17, 2009, at 5 pm this Notice was posted on a bulletin board or other conspicuous location at a place convenient to the public at the West Houston Charter School, 5618 Eleventh Street, Katy, Texas 77493-1971 and was readily accessible to the general public at all times.

Michelle Tzannis

Secretary

**West Houston Charter Alliance, Inc.**