



**Tuesday, September 28, 2021
REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING**

THE COTTONWOOD SCHOOL

Time
7:00 PM PDT

Location
3921 Sandstone Drive, Suite A
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

Zoom Link:
<https://zoom.us/j/7911094763>
Meeting ID: 791 109 4763
Passcode 107349
Join by Phone: (669) 900-6833
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

1. Opening Items

Subject	A. Call the Meeting to Order - Dr. Norman Lorenz
Meeting	Sep 28, 2021 - REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
Category	1. Opening Items
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

Subject	B. Record Attendance - Dr. Norman Lorenz
Meeting	Sep 28, 2021 - REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
Category	1. Opening Items
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

Subject	C. Approval of the Agenda
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Meeting Sep 28, 2021 - REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

Category 1. Opening Items

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve the agenda.

Subject D. Public Comments

Meeting Sep 28, 2021 - REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

Category 1. Opening Items

Access Public

Type Information, Procedural

Public comment rules: Members of the public may address the Board on agenda or non-agenda items through the teleconference platform, Zoom. Zoom does not require the members of the public to have an account or login. Please either utilize the chat option to communicate with the administrative team your desire to address the board or simply communicate orally your desire to address the board when the board asks for public comments. Members of the public are permitted to comment on both non-agenda item matters and agenda item matters when public comment is called. Speakers may be called in the order that requests are received. We ask that comments are limited to 2 minutes each, with no more than 15 minutes per single topic so that as many people as possible may be heard. If a member of the public utilizes a translator to address the board, those individuals are allotted 4 minutes each. If the board utilizes simultaneous translation equipment to allow the board to hear the translated public testimony simultaneously, those individuals are allotted 2 minutes each. By law, the Board is allowed to take action only on items on the agenda. The Board may, at its discretion, refer a matter to school staff or calendar the issue for future discussion.

Subject E. Approve Minutes August 24, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

Meeting Sep 28, 2021 - REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

Category 1. Opening Items

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to Approve Minutes from the August 24, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as presented

File Attachments
[Minutes August 24 2021.pdf \(143 KB\)](#)

Subject	F. Board Finding AB361
Meeting	Sep 28, 2021 - REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
Category	1. Opening Items
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	The Cottonwood School board has met the finding that a state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person. Motion to continue The Cottonwood School board meetings virtually pursuant to AB 361.

AB 361 provides that if a state of emergency remains in place, a local agency must make the following findings by majority vote every 30 days, in order to continue using the bill's exemption to the Brown Act teleconferencing rules:

- (A) The legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the emergency; and
 (B) Either of the following circumstances exists:
 (1) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of board members to meet safely in person, or
 (2) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend social distancing measures.

Charter school boards are required to vote every 30 days to make the required findings regarding the continuing emergency and vote to continue using the law's exemptions.

File Attachments
[AB 361.pdf \(120 KB\)](#)

Subject	G. Executive Director's Report Cindy Garcia
Meeting	Sep 28, 2021 - REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
Category	1. Opening Items
Access	Public
Type	Information

File Attachments
[September 28th Board Meeting.pdf \(828 KB\)](#)

2. Finance

Subject	A. Discussion and Potential Action on the August Financials Darlington Ahaiwe/Charter Impact
Meeting	Sep 28, 2021 - REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
Category	2. Finance

Access Public

Type Action, Discussion and Potential Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve the August Financials as presented.

File Attachments
[Cottonwood_Financial Package_August 2021.pdf \(725 KB\)](#)

3. Operations

Subject **A. California School Dashboard Local Indicator Narratives Ann Buxton**

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Category 3. Operations

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve The Cottonwood School's local indicators to our school dashboard.

The local indicators will be uploaded into the Dashboard upon Board Approval.

Cottonwood is required to complete 5 local indicators or priorities

Priority 1 – Appropriately Assigned Teachers, Access to Curriculum-Aligned Instructional Materials, and Safe, Clean and Functional School Facilities

Priority 2 – Implementation of State Academic Standards

Priority 3– Parent Engagement

Priority 6– School Climate

Priority 7– Access to a Broad Course of Study

The deadline for uploading the local indicators into the Fall 2021 Dashboard is **October 15, 2021**.

File Attachments
[Dashboard Indicators Final.pdf \(537 KB\)](#)

Subject **B. Update on ESSER III Ann Buxton**

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Category 3. Operations

Access Public

Type Information

Update on ESSER III.

Subject	C. HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY FOR COVID-19 Cindy Garcia
Meeting	Sep 28, 2021 - REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
Category	3. Operations
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve the updated HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY FOR COVID-19 as presented.

This policy has been updated to show guidelines provided by the CDC and CDE and CDPH. This policy highlights COVID-19 testing and reporting, exposure management, quarantines, and hygiene materials and practices.

File Attachments
[HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY FOR COVID-19.pdf \(335 KB\)](#)

Subject	D. Withdrawal Policy Cindy Garcia
Meeting	Sep 28, 2021 - REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
Category	3. Operations
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to approve the Withdrawal Policy as presented.

The Withdrawal Policy has been updated with most current Education Codes including AB 130 and a manifestation determination review meeting.

File Attachments
[Cottonwood Withdrawal Policy v3.pdf \(226 KB\)](#)

4. Governance

Subject	A. Discussion Closed Session Time Ann Buxton
Meeting	Sep 28, 2021 - REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
Category	4. Governance
Access	Public
Type	Discussion
Background -	

5. Closing Items

Subject	A. Board of Directors Comments & Requests
Meeting	Sep 28, 2021 - REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
Category	5. Closing Items
Access	Public
Type	Discussion

Subject	B. Announcement of the Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
Meeting	Sep 28, 2021 - REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
Category	5. Closing Items
Access	Public
Type	Information

October 26, 2021

- Closed Session: 6:00 p.m.
- Open Session: 7:00 p.m.

Subject	C. Adjourn Meeting
Meeting	Sep 28, 2021 - REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
Category	5. Closing Items
Access	Public
Type	Action

Recommended Action Motion to Adjourn

Roll Call to adjourn
Time of adjournment