



**Tuesday, December 14, 2021  
REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING**

**THE COTTONWOOD SCHOOL**

**Time  
6:00 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  
Join by Phone: (669) 900-6833  
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762**

**1. Opening Items**

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>A. Record Attendance - Dr. Norman Lorenz</b>
Meeting	Dec 14, 2021 - REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
Category	1. Opening Items
Access	Public
Type	Information, Procedural
Board Members	
Christine Cordero	
Deb Hibbard	
Donna Huckleby	
Norman Lorenz	
Teresa Lyday-Selby	

<b>Subject</b>	<b>B. Call the Meeting to Order - Dr. Norman Lorenz</b>
Meeting	Dec 14, 2021 - REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
Category	1. Opening Items
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

**2. Open Session -- Opening Items - 6:00 PM**

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**Subject**                    **A. Approval of the Agenda**

Meeting                    Dec 14, 2021 - REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

Category                    2. Open Session -- Opening Items - 6:00 PM

Access                      Public

Type                        Action

Recommended Action    Motion to approve the agenda. Second, roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Christine Cordero  
 Deb Hibbard  
 Donna Huckleby  
 Norman Lorenz  
 Teresa Lyday-Selby

**Subject**                    **B. Board Finding AB361**

Meeting                    Dec 14, 2021 - REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

Category                    2. Open Session -- Opening Items - 6:00 PM

Access                      Public

Type                        Action

Recommended Action    Motion for Board Approval of Findings to Conduct Virtual Meetings Pursuant to AB 361.  
 Second, roll call vote.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Ann Buxton

**PRESENTING TO THE BOARD:** Ann Buxton

**ESTIMATED TIME OF ITEM:** 5 minutes

**BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY (overview):**

During times of crisis or emergency, it is essential that public agencies are able to continue to provide critical services to the public. Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas), which will allow public agencies to meet remotely, as they do now under the Governor's Executive Orders related to COVID-19.

- While maintaining transparency and public access, local agencies, schools, would be able to meet remotely during a declared state of emergency
- While agencies would still be required to post agendas and meeting information, agencies would not be required to post meeting notices and/or agendas in physical locations when remotely meeting during an emergency
- While the public must continue to have access to the remote meeting and provided the ability to make a public comment, agencies would not be required to make all remote meeting sites accessible to the public, nor include the remote location details in the meeting notice or agenda during a declared state of emergency
- Additionally, agency board members would not be required to be at remote sites within the territorial bounds of the agency during a declared state of emergency

Roll Call Vote:  
 Christine Cordero  
 Deb Hibbard  
 Donna Huckleby  
 Norman Lorenz  
 Teresa Lyday-Selby

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

<b>Subject</b>	<b>C. Public Comments</b>
Meeting	Dec 14, 2021 - REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
Category	2. Open Session -- Opening Items - 6:00 PM
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.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>D. Approve Minutes</b>
Meeting	Dec 14, 2021 - REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
Category	2. Open Session -- Opening Items - 6:00 PM
Access	Public
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to Approve Minutes for November 30, 2021, Regular Board Meeting as presented. Second, roll call vote.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Ann Buxton  
**PRESENTING TO THE BOARD:**  
**ESTIMATED TIME OF ITEM:** 2 minutes  
**BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY (overview):**

Roll Call Vote:  
 Christine Cordero  
 Deb Hibbard  
 Donna Huckleby  
 Norman Lorenz  
 Teresa Lyday-Selby

File Attachments  
[Minutes November 30, 2021\\_REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING.pdf \(61 KB\)](#)

**Subject** **E. Executive Director's Report Cindy Garcia**

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Category 2. Open Session -- Opening Items - 6:00 PM

Access Public

Type Information

**SUBMITTED BY:** Ann Buxton

**PRESENTING TO THE BOARD:** Cindy Garcia

**ESTIMATED TIME OF ITEM:** 15 minutes

**BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY (overview):**

There is no slide presentation.

### 3. Finance

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**Subject** **A. EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS Funds (2021–26) Block Grant Program**

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Category 3. Finance

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant as presented. Second, roll call vote.

SUBMITTED BY: Ann Buxton

PRESENTING TO THE BOARD: Ann Buxton

ESTIMATED TIME OF ITEM: 5 minutes

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY (overview):

The California Department of Education is allocating funds in the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant to provide professional learning and promote educator equity, quality, and effectiveness. To receive Educator Effectiveness Funds (EEF), LEAs must hold a public meeting of the school's Governing Board, followed by adoption in a subsequent public meeting before the December 30, 2021, deadline.

Our Public Hearing was held on November 30, 2021. At this time The Cottonwood School would like the board to approve the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Christine Cordero

Deb Hibbard

Donna Huckleby

Norman Lorenz

Teresa Lyday-Selby

File Attachments

[2021\\_Educator\\_Effectiveness\\_Block\\_Grant\\_Plan Final .pdf \(129 KB\)](#)

### 4. Operations

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**Subject** **A. Acceleration Retention Policy**

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Category 4. Operations

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action Motion to approve the Acceleration Retention Policy as presented. Second, Roll Call.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Ann Buxton

**PRESENTING TO THE BOARD:** Ann Buxton

**ESTIMATED TIME OF ITEM:** 5 minutes

**BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY (overview):**

Roll Call Vote:

Christine Cordero

Deb Hibbard

Donna Huckleby

Norman Lorenz

Teresa Lyday-Selby

File Attachments

[TCS Acceleration and Retention Policy Final .pdf \(233 KB\)](#)

## 5. Closing Items

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### **Subject A. Board of Directors Comments & Requests**

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Category 5. Closing Items

Access Public

Type Discussion

### **Subject B. Announcement of the Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting**

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Category 5. Closing Items

Access Public

Type Information

January 25, 2022

- Open Session: 6:00 p.m.
- Closed Session: To follow if needed.

**Subject**                    **C. Adjourn Meeting**

Meeting                    Dec 14, 2021 - REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

Category                    5. Closing Items

Access                    Public

Type                    Action

Recommended Action    Motion to Adjourn. Second, roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:  
Christine Cordero  
Deb Hibbard  
Donna Huckleby  
Norman Lorenz  
Teresa Lyday-Selby