

# MIRUS EDUCATION

*dba Mirus Secondary School*

(A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation)

*Debbie Giaquinta – Chairperson*

*Denise Shields – Member, Aaron Smith – Member*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 1:00 PM**

**Via Video Conference and at**

*Main Street RC 16967 Main Street, Suite 107, Hesperia, CA 92345, Palm Desert RC 72840 Highway 111, Suite C103,  
Palm Desert, CA 92260, Topaz RC 14135 Main Street, Suite 201, Hesperia, CA 92345*

Access to the live meeting was made available at:

Mirus: <https://miruscharter.com/board-of-directors/>

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### 1.0 OPEN SESSION

#### 1.1 Call to Order

*Debbie Giaquinta called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm*

#### 1.2 Roll Call

Board Members Present: *Debbie Giaquinta, Board President; Aaron Smith, Board Member. Absent: Denise Shields*

Staff Present: *Mary Bixby, President and CEO; Lynne Alipio, Treasurer and CFO, Tim Tuter, Executive Director; Jay Garrity, Instruction; Will Berry, Finance; Angela Neri, Administrative Support*

#### 1.3 Approval of Adoption of the Board Findings Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)

*The Charter School Board of Directors determines, in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(B), that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3), the Board has also reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency declared by the Governor on March 4, 2020, and finds the State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Directors to meet safely in person and/or that State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.*

Smith made a motion to approve Board of Directors to meet virtually in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(B). Giaquinta seconded the motion.

*Giaquinta voted Aye, Smith voted Aye, Shields absent.*

**Ayes—2, Nays—0, Absent—1, Abstain—0, Motion Approved**

#### 1.4 Establishment of Quorum

*The following members constituting a quorum of the Board were present at the meeting; Debbie Giaquinta and Aaron Smith. Smith made a motion to establish quorum. Giaquinta seconded the motion. Giaquinta voted Aye, Smith voted Aye, Shields absent.*

**Ayes—2, Nays—0, Absent—1, Abstain—0, Motion Approved**

1.5 Pledge of Allegiance

*Giaquinta led all in the Pledge of Allegiance*

1.6 Approval of Agenda

*Smith made a motion to approve the agenda. Giaquinta seconded the motion.*

*Giaquinta voted Aye, Smith voted Aye, Shields absent.*

**Ayes—2, Nays—0, Absent—1, Abstain—0, Motion Approved**

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

2.1 Non-agenda Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

2.2 Agenda Items Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

**3.0 CLOSED SESSION**

3.1 Board President Announcement Regarding Closed Session Items

3.2 Public Comment on Closed Session Items

There were no comments from the public.

**MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**

Board moved to closed session at 1:11pm.

3.2.1 Confidential Student Discipline Matter – Consideration of Potential Expulsion Case No: 2021001

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Board returned from closed session at 1:26pm

3.3 Report out of action taken in closed session, if any.

*Board unanimously took action by approving the recommendation from the administrative panel on the agenda item 3.2.1 Confidential Student Discipline Matter--Consideration of Potential Expulsion Case no: 2021001.*

**Ayes—2, Nays—0, Absent—1, Abstain—0, Motion Approved**

**4.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

4.1 Approval of Special Board Workshops on November 15, 2021, and November 18, 2021, for Annual Trainings on Brown Act, Conflict of Interest Law, Compliance with SB126 and the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, AB361

*Smith made a motion to approve Special Board Workshops on November 15, 2021, and November 18, 2021, for Annual Trainings on Brown Act, Conflict of Interest Law, Compliance with SB126 and the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, AB361. Giaquinta seconded the motion.*

*Giaquinta voted Aye, Smith voted Aye, Shields absent.*

**Ayes—2, Nays—0, Absent—1, Abstain—0, Motion Approved**

## 4.2 Strategic Plan Update

### 4.2.1 Mirus Secondary School

4.2.1.1 School Participation Report for the Period of 2020- 2021  
Months 12-13: 5/3/2021 – 6/25/2021

4.2.1.2 School Participation Report for the Period of 2021- 2022  
Months 1-2: 7/1/2021 – 8/20/2021

*The Board reviewed the School Participation Reports.*

## 5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes for July 29, 2021

5.1.2 Approval of Independent Policy 3120 Amendment

5.1.3 Approval of Title I School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

*Smith made a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Giaquinta seconded the motion.*

*Giaquinta voted Aye, Smith voted Aye, Shields absent.*

**Ayes—2, Nays—0, Absent—1, Abstain—0, Motion Approved**

## 6.0 ACTION ITEMS

### 6.1 Action Items Specific for Mirus Secondary School

6.1.1 Approval of Unaudited Actuals FY July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Lynne Alipio reported out on the Unaudited Actuals and recommended approval

*Smith made a motion to approve Unaudited Actuals FY July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.*

*Giaquinta seconded the motion.*

*Giaquinta voted Aye, Smith voted Aye, Shields absent.*

**Ayes—2, Nays—0, Absent—1, Abstain—0, Motion Approved**

6.1.2 Approval of American Rescue Plan Act – Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) Fund

Lynne Alipio reported on the American Rescue Plan Act – Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) Fund

*Smith made a motion to approve the American Rescue Plan Act – Elementary and*

*Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) Fund. Giaquinta seconded the motion.*

*Giaquinta voted Aye, Smith voted Aye, Shields absent.*

**Ayes—2, Nays—0, Absent—1, Abstain—0, Motion Approved**

## 7.0 BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

Mary Bixby shared that a teacher from Audeo II, one of the schools, which like Mirus, operates using the Altus model, had a teacher Paul Backus recognized by the Chamber of Commerce in Carlsbad as Teacher of the Year. She also shared that another Altus model school, CSSD, recently hosted a visit from the Malcolm Baldrige visiting committee.

## 8.0 ADJOURNMENT

*At 1:39 p.m., Smith made a motion to adjourn the Mirus Board Meeting. Giaquinta seconded the motion.*

*Giaquinta voted Aye, Smith voted Aye, Shields absent.*

**Ayes—2, Nays—0, Absent—1, Abstain—0, Motion Approved**