

# MIRUS EDUCATION

*dba Mirus Secondary School*

(A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation)

*Debbie Giaquinta – Chairperson*

*Denise Shields – Member, Aaron Smith – Member*

## SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, December 9, 2021, 10:00 AM**

**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

*Mary Bixby called the meeting to order at 10:00 am*

#### 1.2 Roll Call

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

Staff Present: *Mary Bixby, President and CEO; Lynne Alipio, Treasurer and CFO, Tim Tuter, Executive Director; Cathryn Rambo, Curriculum and PD; Angela Neri, Administrative Support*

#### 1.3 Consideration and 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 the Adoption of the Board of Directors Finding accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e)(1) to promote social distancing and to conduct the meeting virtually. Shields seconded the motion.

*Shields voted Aye, Smith voted Aye, Giaquinta 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: Denise Shields and Aaron Smith. Smith made a motion to establish quorum. Shields seconded the motion. Shields voted Aye, Smith voted Aye, Giaquinta absent.*

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

#### 1.5 Pledge of Allegiance

*Mary Bixby led all in the Pledge of Allegiance*

1.6 Approval of Agenda

*Smith made a motion to approve the agenda. Shields seconded the motion. Shields voted Aye, Smith voted Aye, Giaquinta 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 CONSENT AGENDA**

3.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 15, 2021, and November 17, 2021

*Smith made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes for November 15, 2021, and November 17, 2021. Shields seconded the motion.*

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

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

**4.0 ACTION ITEMS**

**4.1 Action Items Specific for Mirus Secondary School**

**4.1.1** Approval of Educator Effectiveness Grant Plan

*Smith made a motion to approve the Educator Effectiveness Grant Plan. Shields seconded the motion.*

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

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

**5.0 BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS**

*President Bixby commended staff for being on top of the grant process and thanked them for the work done for students while holding high standards and maintaining expectations for academic accomplishment. She wished everyone a safe, happy respite during winter break.*

**6.0 ADJOURNMENT**

*At 10:12 a.m., Smith made a motion to adjourn the Mirus Board Meeting. Shields seconded the motion. Shields voted Aye, Smith voted Aye, Giaquinta absent.*

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