



Monterey Educational Risk Management Authority

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**SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE
MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 2020**

The Board of Directors of the Monterey Educational Risk Management Authority held a Special Zoom/teleconference meeting on December 16, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.

Board of Directors Present via Zoom/Teleconference

Rory Livingston, President, King City USD
Colleen Stanley, Vice-President, MCOE
Ana Aguillon, Secretary, Salinas UHSD
Veronica Flournoy, Spreckels USD
Yvonne Perez, Carmel USD
Lindsay Lopez, Bradley USD
Daniel Stonebloom, Lagunita
Song Chin-Bendib, Pacific Grove USD
Susana Mancera-Juarez, Salinas City Elementary SD
Becky Moore, Santa Rita USD
Sherrie Castellano, SMCJUHSD
Tracie Corpuz, Washington USD

Board of Directors Absent

Jonathan Sison, Big Sur USD
Martha Eva Contreras, Chualar USD
Dr. Hector Galicia, Gonzales USD
Rosemarie Grounds, Graves USD
Annette Mooneyham, Greenfield USD
Dr. Jinane Annous, Mission USD
Josh Van Norman, San Antonio USD
Catherine Reimer, San Ardo USD
Jessica Riley, San Lucas USD
Letty Diaz, Soledad USD

Guests and Staff Present via Zoom/Teleconference

Roxanne Buckner, MCSIG
Marcus Beverly, Alliant
Matt Gowan, Alliant
Marlene Richardson, Intercare
Connie Hampson, Intercare
Karen Callahan, Intercare
Maria Hernandez-Sandoval, MERMA
Hallie Pacheco, MERMA

A. CALL TO ORDER

Rory Livingston called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Rory Livingston, Colleen Stanley, Ana Aguillon, Veronica Flournoy, Yvonne Perez, Lindsay Lopez, Daniel Stonebloom, Song Chin Bendib, Susana Mancera-Juarez, Becky Moore, Sherrie Castellano, Tracie Corpuz

12 Board members present, and 10 Board members absent.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

D. JPA BUSINESS

1. Employee COVID-19 Surveillance Testing

President Rory Livingston stated he scheduled this Special Board of Directors Meeting to discuss employee COVID-19 surveillance testing and to have a consensus of direction on how the group would like to proceed.

Rory stated one of the options for testing is to follow the procedures that the State of California has implemented for employees at their prisons and hospitals. They have partnered with LabCorp and Perkins-Elmer. He stated the testing would be done at the workplace site and district staff trained to administer it. The tests can then be bundled up and taken to the prison in Soledad and combined with their testing. The test would then be transmitted to the lab in Valencia and results given within 48 hours. Rory stated right now the cost would be \$55 per test and it is projected to go down to \$38 per test. If we were to look at medical providers to do the testing the cost would be in excess of \$100 per test.

Rory stated an option for funding is to look at the reserves and possibly have MERMA step up and use reserves to cover the current requirement of 50% of staff testing per month for all member districts for January through the end of this school year.

If this continues to go on as we look to move forward to the 2021-22 school year, we have a conversation to discuss if we want to continue with this or if we want to continue but include the costs into the rates for next year.

Rory stated he wanted to bring these options up and see what the members think. He stated there is not going to be a perfect solution. We are now being forced to think outside the box. It's not a matter of if we are going to do the tests but when we are going to do the tests.

Lengthy discussion was held regarding labs and testing procedures, costs and funding, and having a uniform plan in place once schools re-open. There are too many unknowns at this time to commit to anything.

E. Closing Comments

Discussion regarding scheduling a follow-up meeting in January. It was agreed to schedule the next Special Board of Directors Meeting for January 13, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

F. Upcoming Meetings

Special Board of Directors Meeting – January 13, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
Board of Directors Meeting – May 12, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

G. ADJOURNMENT

President, Rory Livingston adjourned the meeting 3:40 p.m.

Rory Livingston, President: Rory L. Livingston

Marcus Beverly, Executive Director: 

Date: January 27, 2021