



Monterey Educational Risk Management Authority

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**SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE
MEETING MINUTES
January 12, 2021**

The Board of Directors of the Monterey Educational Risk Management Authority held a Special Zoom/teleconference meeting on January 12, 2021 at 1:30 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
Debbie Gold, Big Sur USD
Song Chin-Bendib, Pacific Grove USD
Becky Moore, Santa Rita USD
Sherrie Castellano, SMCJUHSD
Tracie Corpuz, Washington USD
Jessica Riley, San Lucas USD – *Joined meeting after roll call*

Board of Directors Absent

Lindsay Lopez, Bradley USD
Martha Eva Contreras, Chualar USD
Dr. Hector Galicia, Gonzales USD
Rosemarie Grounds, Graves USD
Annette Mooneyham, Greenfield USD
Daniel Stonebloom, Lagunita
Dr. Jinane Annous, Mission USD
Susana Mancera-Juarez, Salinas City Elementary SD
Josh Van Norman, San Antonio USD
Catherine Reimer, San Ardo USD
Letty Diaz, Soledad USD

Guests and Staff Present via Zoom/Teleconference

Julie Dear, Big Sur USD
Gina Uccelli, Washington USD
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 1:33 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Rory Livingston, Colleen Stanley, Ana Aguillon, Veronica Flournoy, Yvonne Perez, Debbie Gold, Song Chin-Bendib, Becky Moore, Sherrie Castellano, Tracie Corpuz

10 Board members present, and 12 Board members absent.

Jessica Riley joined the meeting after roll call.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED

Motion was made to approve the agenda as posted.

MOTION: Veronica Flournoy	SECONDED: Colleen Stanley	MOTION CARRIED
AYES: 11	NOES: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 11		
AYES: Veronica Flournoy, Colleen Stanley, Ana Aguillon, Yvonne Perez, Rory Livingston, Debbie Gold, Song Chin-Bendib, Becky Moore, Sherrie Castellano, Tracie Corpuz, Jessica Riley		
ABSENT: Lindsay Lopez, Martha Eva Contreras, Dr. Hector Galicia, Rosemarie Grounds, Annette Mooneyham, Daniel Stonebloom, Dr. Jinane Annous, Susana Mancera-Juarez, Josh Van Norman, Catherine Reimer, Letty Diaz		

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following item was presented:

1. Special Board of Directors Minutes – December 16, 2020

Motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

MOTION: Veronica Flournoy	SECONDED: Colleen Stanley	MOTION CARRIED
AYES: 11 NOES: 0	ABSTAIN: 0	ABSENT: 11
AYES: Veronica Flournoy, Colleen Stanley, Ana Aguillon, Yvonne Perez, Rory Livingston, Debbie Gold, Song Chin-Bendib, Becky Moore, Sherrie Castellano, Tracie Corpuz, Jessica Riley		
ABSENT: Lindsay Lopez, Martha Eva Contreras, Dr. Hector Galicia, Rosemarie Grounds, Annette Mooneyham, Daniel Stonebloom, Dr. Jinane Annous, Susana Mancera-Juarez, Josh Van Norman, Catherine Reimer, Letty Diaz		

F. JPA BUSINESS

1. Employee COVID-19 Surveillance Testing

President Rory Livingston stated these conversations started a couple months ago with the idea of looking solely at employee surveillance testing and what was going to be required to reopen schools. That is where it was left after last month’s meeting with everyone thinking about it and having pros and cons.

Rory stated that December 30, 2020 the Governor came out with his plan on Safe Schools for All and how we are going to reopen and test employees and students. Rory stated this is a huge game changer and changes the conversation we had prior. He stated he thinks MERMA should walk away from this or at least take a pause. At no time did we ever consider testing of students and we now have a governor who has thrown that into the ring. He stated he doesn’t feel this is something viable that MERMA as a workers’ compensation program should involve itself in running a testing program. If testing of students doesn’t survive then we could always revisit it when it hits final form of what Safe Schools for All is going to look like.

Yvonne Perez stated she would like to see MERMA pay for the potential cost of employee testing but doesn’t think it is viable for paying for student testing.

Veronica Flournoy stated the initial conversations in terms of bringing MERMA into this was so the districts would have a reporting mechanism to get the information as employees are tested as well as having a common program for all districts to follow. There was never an intent to include the requirement of student testing. She stated she agrees with Yvonne and that it would be nice to have MERMA involved so that we could still retain the reporting end of it.

Rory stated there is so much that is going to change between now and whatever system comes into play. When something is finally finalized then we can revisit the conversation. He stated it would be inappropriate for us to take a position or even commit ourselves into doing something when we don’t know what that is going to be. Veronica Flournoy agreed that it is impossible for us to make commitments when the rules of the game keep changing.

Lengthy conversation was held.

G. Closing Comments

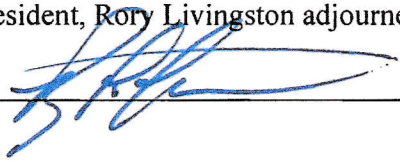
It was discussed to reconvene with the Board of Directors once more information is available.

H. Upcoming Meetings

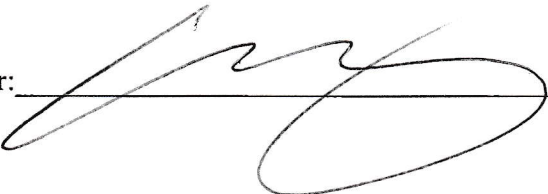
Executive Committee Meeting – January 27, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
Board of Directors Meeting – May 12, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

I. ADJOURNMENT

President, Rory Livingston adjourned the meeting 2:39 p.m.



Rory Livingston, President: _____

Marcus Beverly, Executive Director: 

Date: 5/13/21 _____