

**Our Community School  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 6:30 pm**

**ON-SITE MEETING LOCATION**  
**OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL**  
**MPR (Multi Purpose Room)**  
**10045 Jumilla Ave, Chatsworth, CA 91311**

**SATELLITE MEETING LOCATIONS**  
(required for board members joining  
remotely)

OUTSIDE LA COUNTY:  
923 Puerto Place, Ventura, CA 93001

**Meeting called to order: 6:38 pm**

**Board Members Present:** Judy Kogan, Yi Ding, David Connelly, Greg Knotts, Tamara Schiff, Kimberli Robinson

**Board Members Absent:** Kelly Simon

**School Staff Present:** Carey Bartlow, Principal; Deja Munn (Virtually) Faculty Advisors;

**Community Advisors Present:** Irina Castillo, ExEd; Ryan French & Tina Herrera, Panda Partners Co-Presidents

Community Members may choose to join in-person or via Zoom Meeting at:

<https://ourcommunityschool-org.zoom.us/j/81253770611?pwd=IWofnNJ0h6uZRaQ5RvDBunDS1dPFHe.1>

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**BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

- I. **Greetings**
- II. **Community Speakers** (3 minutes each) - Any member of the public may comment on

anything within the board's jurisdiction during the public comment period. Those who wish to comment may either use the "raise hand" tool (for virtual attendees) or the sign up sheet (provided at in-person meetings). Each individual is allotted up to three (3) minutes, and the public comments section of our meetings may be limited to a reasonable amount of time as determined by the board. While the board cannot respond to any comments made by the public (per the Ralph M. Brown Act), speakers are welcome to follow up with the board chair(s) via email unless directed otherwise.

Jaymi shared that originally the reason she chose OCS was that her older son needs punitive, development focused social learning and the past 7-8 years have been amazing. Unfortunately, we are pulling my son out of OCS. She feels like the current administration has become punitive and his son is being targeted. She feels like the way administrative power is applied is not the way to empower children.

III. **Reading of the OCS Mission and Vision** (3 mins)

A. **Mission Statement:** Our Community School guides our students to be Empowered, Ethical, and Informed community members. Our diverse and caring community integrates academics with creativity, thereby fostering independent thinkers, problem solvers, and leaders. We nurture multiple aspects of a child's development: physical, emotional, intellectual, artistic, and social.

B. **Vision Statement:** OCS staff members, students, and families strive to create a culture of acceptance and belonging where all students are honored. OCS Community members will be given the tools and support to positively impact their local and global communities by being Empowered, Ethical, and Informed.

IV. **Consent Agenda** (3 mins) The following item(s) may be adopted by a single vote of the board, or any item(s) may be pulled off of consent by any member's request (without any need for a vote to pull from consent).

A. **Approve** Minutes for August 27, 2025 Board Meeting

B. **Approve** Agenda for September 24, 2025 Board Meeting

Motion to approve: David

Seconded: Ding

Approved by Roll Call Vote: Judy Kogan, Yi Ding, David Connelly, Greg Knotts, Tamara Schiff, Kimberli Robinson

V. **Governance Committee** (10 mins) The Board will be given an opportunity to ask questions about the report provided by the Governance Committee Chair

A. **Governance Committee Meeting Report:** A brief report and discussion about the governance meeting actions being taken/considered.

B. Board Member Recruitment

VI. **Finance Committee** (20 mins) The Board will be given an opportunity to ask questions about the report provided by the Finance Committee

A. **Finance Committee Meeting Report:** A brief report and discussion about the

finance meeting actions being taken/considered.

- B. **August Financials:** The Board will **review and vote** to approve the August Financials, including the financial dashboard as prepared by ExEd, check register, and credit card register.

Motion to approve: David

Seconded: Tamara

Approved by Roll Call Vote: Judy Kogan, Yi Ding, David Connelly, Greg Knotts, Kimberli Robinson, Tamara Schiff

- A. **2024-2025 Audit Task Force:** Approve Motion #FIN09.24.25A - Resolution to Establish Audit Task Force to review FY2024-25 audit of the OCS financial statements and Form 990 tax return.

Motion to approve: David

Seconded: Kimberli

Approved by Roll Call Vote: Judy Kogan, Yi Ding, David Connelly, Greg Knotts, Kimberli Robinson, Tamara Schiff

VII. **School Leadership Report from OCS Executive Director, Carey Bartlow** (40 mins)

The Board will be given an opportunity to ask questions about the Executive Director Report, summarizing any updates and actions taken during the month and any recommendations to the Board.

- A. Operational and Compliance Update

- B. **Review and Approve Motion #ED.09.24.25A:** Comprehensive Safety Plan

Motion to approve: David

Seconded: Judy

Approved by Roll Call Vote: Judy Kogan, Yi Ding, David Connelly, Greg Knotts, Kimberli Robinson, Tamara Schiff

- C. Educational Program Update

VIII. **Board Chair Report** (10 min) The Board will be given an opportunity to ask questions

about the report provided by the Board Chair, summarizing any updates and actions taken during the month and any recommendations to the Board.

- A. October 11, 2025: Open House 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

- IX. **Panda Partners** (5 min) the Board will be given an opportunity to ask questions about the Panda Partner's report, given by Panda Partner Co-Presidents Ryan French and/or Tina Herrera, summarizing any updates and actions taken during the month.

X. **Announcements and Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at: 7:16pm