

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL (EPMS) BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
EAGLE PEAK MONTESSORI SCHOOL
800 HUTCHINSON ROAD, WALNUT CREEK, CA 94598
January 31, 2026
9:00am-3:00pm
Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER – 9:10** (Directors Brennan, Buckner, Carson, Chionis, Desautels, Dietrich, Goodall, Hammons, Hernandez, Mannion (joined 1:23pm), Moughamian-Rosenberg, and Womble)
2. **MISSION STATEMENT-** *The mission of the charter component of EPMS is to provide students with the opportunity to acquire an education based on an “authentic” and accredited curriculum founded on the educational philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori. We intend to promote an educational atmosphere that encourages socioeconomic and cultural diversity by providing all students with the opportunity to obtain a quality public education. Our aim is to equip each of our students with the skills, knowledge, and values to participate meaningfully in the pluralistic world of the 21st century.*
3. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT-***Eagle Peak Montessori School acknowledges that we currently occupy land which is Ohlone land. The Ohlone people are still here and are still active. The Ohlone people are made of several tribes. The land we are on specifically is that of The Confederated Villages of Lisjan. As they say, the land did not belong to them, they created reciprocal relationships with the plants and animals they shared this space with.*
These words are shared from the Boston Public Schools Land Acknowledgement:
“We acknowledge the sacred land where we work, live, learn, teach, and build community, has been a place where people have lived for over tens of thousands of years. We recognize that invaders have repeatedly violated the sovereignty, territory, and water of the original inhabitants of the land for over 400 years. We extend our respect to the citizens of these Nations who live here today, and their ancestors and all indigenous people. We also affirm that this acknowledgment is insufficient. It does not undo the harm that has been done and continues to be perpetuated against indigenous people, their land and water. We also acknowledge they are still here.”
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
The public may address the EPMS board regarding any item within the board’s jurisdiction whether or not that item appears on the agenda.
 - Speakers may have 3 minutes each for a maximum total of thirty minutes public comment.
 - If more than 20 people wish to address the board, per person comment time for all speakers will be reduced to 2 min with a maximum total of one hour public comment.
 - Speakers may not concede their time to another.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
 - a. Dir. Hernandez motion to approve the January 31st 2026 meeting agenda
 - b. Dir. Womble second the agenda. Motion passed unanimously (11-0)
6. **ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION**
 - a. **The Board will consider the matter of and update from the Executive Director on Special Education Service from MDUSD and other campus updates.**
 - i. Michelle gave update on state of the district
 - ii. Update on prospective parent meetings and enrollment
 - b. **The Board will consider the matter of strategic planning and budgeting.**
 - i. Reviewed multi-year forecast
 - ii. We discussed 3 different long-range scenarios
 - c. **The Board will consider the matter of mobile modular rental agreement options.**
 - i. Reviewed rental vs purchase
 - d. **The Board will consider the matter of the Student Behavioral Health Referral Protocol.**
 - i. Dir. Hernandez motion to approve the Student Behavioral Health Referral Protocol
 - ii. Dir. Desautels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (11-0)
 - e. **The Board will consider the matter of the 25th Anniversary Celebration.**
 - i. Discussed the celebration setup (tickets costs, food, swag)
 - ii. Dir. Desautels motion to approve comp tickets not to exceed 20 tickets for Anniversary Celebration.
Dir. Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (11-0)

Close meeting for lunch 12:35

Open meeting 1:23

Dir. Mannion joined meeting

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- iii. Dir. Carson motioned to approve funds not to exceed \$2,000 for auction swag. Dir. Mannion seconded motion. Motion passed majority vote (11-1) dissenting vote Desautels
- f. **The Board will consider the matter of a policy for accepting donations and sponsorships.**
 - i. Dir. Hammons motion to approve the policy for accepting donations and sponsorships
 - ii. Dir. Womble seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (12-0)
- g. **The Board will consider the matter of Charter Renewal.**
 - i. Reviewed Charter Renewal Readiness Checklist

7. ADJOURN

Dir. Hernandez moved to adjourn 2:30pm. Dir. Goodall seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously. (12-0)

NOTICES:

1. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be February 17, 2026 at 6:30 pm.
2. Eagle Peak Montessori School (EPMS) is nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations. The school does not discriminate against any person on the basis of ethnicity, national origin, gender, or disability. Michelle Hammons, Administrative Director, has been designated to receive requests for disability-related modifications or accommodations in order to enable individuals with disabilities to participate in EPMS's open and public meetings. Please notify Michelle Hammons (925-946-0994) 72 hours or more prior to the disability accommodations being needed in order to participate in the meeting.

Certification of Posting

I, Michelle Hammons, member of the EPMS Board of Directors, hereby certify that this agenda was posted at EPMS, Walnut Creek, CA, by 9:00am, January 30, 2026.

I, Madeline Carson, Secretary EPMS Board of Directors, hereby certify that these Minutes were approved at the March 17, 2026, EPMS Board meeting.

Madeline Carson

Secretary EPMS Board of Directors