El Rancho Charter School
181 S. Del Giorgio Road, Anaheim, CA 92808

Charter Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Members in attendance: ✓ = in attendance A = absent

Arnold Arsenault	✓	Jennifer Hillman (2)	✓	Nicole Zakharin (1)	✓
Jonathan Hurst	✓	Joyce Vanasopha (2)	✓	Frances Loeffler	✓
		Jennifer Ahrendt (2)	✓	Michele Walker	✓
Cheryl Casanova (2)	✓	Carol Ann McGuire (2)	A		

1. Call the meeting to order at 5:15pm

2. Public comment on Closed Session: None

3. Adjourn to Closed Session at 5:27pm.

4. Michele called the regular meeting to order at 5:28p.m. in ERCS Library.

5. Pledge was recited.

6. Report of Closed Session – Fran reported that the board voted unanimously to release two positions.

7. Michele welcomed everyone.

8. Quorum was established with members of the board present.

9. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Moved by Arnold. 2nd by Jennifer H.
Motion adopted 9/0/0/1 with:

Arnold Arsenault – yes
Jonathan Hurst – yes
Cheryl Casanova – yes
Jennifer Hillman – yes
Joyce Vanasopha – yes
Jennifer Ahrendt – yes
Carol Anne McGuire – absent
Nicole Zakharin – yes
Frances Loeffler - yes
Michele Walker – yes

10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Michele reported that 7th grade presentations for 8th grade electives were held. Canyon High School came to do their CTE Pathway presentations. Canyon counselors were here to conduct 8th grade presentations. Movie Day was March 6th as a fundraiser donation reward. Open House will be March 24th and we will hold elections for three parent seats on the board. The rollover of 6th to 7th grade occurred and we had more than expected. We were named California Distinguished School for 2026! We will be honored at the Disneyland Hotel on April 24th. Board members were invited.

11. Minutes from the December 10, 2025 meeting were presented. Moved by Nicole. 2nd by Jonathan.
Motion adopted 9/0/0/1 with:

Arnold Arsenault – yes
Jonathan Hurst – yes
Cheryl Casanova – yes
Jennifer Hillman – yes
Joyce Vanasopha – yes
Jennifer Ahrendt – yes
Carol Anne McGuire – absent
Nicole Zakharin – yes
Frances Loeffler - yes
Michele Walker – yes

Minutes from the January 28, 2026 meeting were presented. Moved by Jonathan. 2nd by Nicole.

Motion adopted 9/0/0/1 with:

Arnold Arsenault – yes	*Jennifer Ahrendt – yes*
Jonathan Hurst – yes	*Carol Anne McGuire – absent*
Cheryl Casanova – yes	*Nicole Zakharin – yes*
Jennifer Hillman – yes	*Frances Loeffler - yes*
Joyce Vanasopha – yes	*Michele Walker – yes*

Minutes from the February 11, 2026 meeting were presented. Moved by Cheryl. 2nd by Arnold.

Motion adopted 9/0/0/1 with:

Arnold Arsenault – yes	*Jennifer Ahrendt – yes*
Jonathan Hurst – yes	*Carol Anne McGuire – absent*
Cheryl Casanova – yes	*Nicole Zakharin – yes*
Jennifer Hillman – yes	*Frances Loeffler - yes*
Joyce Vanasopha – yes	*Michele Walker – yes*

12. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:** Fran reported that the committee met on March 4, 2026 to set this agenda and no additional action was taken.

13. **Personnel report:** Fran presented. Moved by Nicole. 2nd by Arnold.

Motion adopted 9/0/0/1 with:

Arnold Arsenault – yes	*Jennifer Ahrendt – yes*
Jonathan Hurst – yes	*Carol Anne McGuire – absent*
Cheryl Casanova – yes	*Nicole Zakharin – yes*
Jennifer Hillman – yes	*Frances Loeffler - yes*
Joyce Vanasopha – yes	*Michele Walker – yes*

14. **Public Comment – Items on the agenda:** None.

INFORMATION/ACTION/CONSENT ITEMS:

15. **ACTION: Board Item 1 – Chromebooks purchase –** Fran discussed the need to replenish aging chromebooks prior to testing. Moved by Jennifer A. 2nd by Arnold.

Motion adopted 9/0/0/1 with:

Arnold Arsenault – yes	*Jennifer Ahrendt – yes*
Jonathan Hurst – yes	*Carol Anne McGuire – absent*
Cheryl Casanova – yes	*Nicole Zakharin – yes*
Jennifer Hillman – yes	*Frances Loeffler - yes*
Joyce Vanasopha – yes	*Michele Walker – yes*

16. **ACTION: Board Item 2 – Contract with School Services of California, Inc. –** Fran discussed the need to hire this consulting firm for assistance with Executive Director contract renewal. Moved by Jennifer A. 2nd by Arnold.

Motion adopted 9/0/0/1 with:

Arnold Arsenault – yes	*Jennifer Ahrendt – yes*
Jonathan Hurst – yes	*Carol Anne McGuire – absent*
Cheryl Casanova – yes	*Nicole Zakharin – yes*
Jennifer Hillman – yes	*Frances Loeffler - yes*
Joyce Vanasopha – yes	*Michele Walker – yes*

17. CONSENT: A. Contracts

Moved by Jennifer A. 2nd by Arnold.

Motion adopted 9/0/0/1 with:

Arnold Arsenault – yes	*Jennifer Ahrendt – yes*
Jonathan Hurst – yes	*Carol Anne McGuire – absent*
Cheryl Casanova – yes	*Nicole Zakharin – yes*
Jennifer Hillman – yes	*Frances Loeffler - yes*
Joyce Vanasopha – yes	*Michele Walker – yes*

18. Public Comment – Items not on the agenda. None

19. New/Other business – None.

20. Adjournment – 5:49p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Loeffler