



### **SPECIAL Governing Board Meeting Notice**

Notice is hereby given that the Urban Discovery Schools, Inc. will hold a Meeting as listed below.

#### **Date**

Friday, September 17, 2021

#### **Time**

5:00PM

#### **Location**

This meeting is being held in compliance with recommendations from public health authorities. Therefore, this meeting is being held via video conference.

#### **Conference Call Information**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84518904698>

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Meeting ID: 845 1890 4698

Password: UDS09172021

#### **Public Input**

Public input on specific agenda items: **Any person of the public** desiring to speak shall be allowed to speak during public comment time on non-agenda items and has the option of speaking once on any agenda item when it is being discussed. Speaking time shall generally be limited to three minutes, unless a longer period is permitted by the Board President. Agenda speakers will be limited to five minutes.

#### **Special Needs**

If you have special needs because of a disability which makes it difficult for you to participate in the meeting or you require assistance or auxiliary aids to participate in the meeting, please contact **Urban Discovery Academy at 619-788-4668**. Urban Discovery will attempt to accommodate your disability.



## **Board Meeting Agenda**

**09.17.21**

### **1. Open Session (5:00 p.m.)**

- 1.1. Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum
- 1.2. Approval of Agenda
- 1.3. Introductions
- 1.4. Public Comment

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### **2. Action Items (5:05 p.m.)**

- 2.1. Approve Resolution 20210917 to Require COVID-19 Vaccination for Eligible Students

### **3. The Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled on October 20, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. via conference call communications.**

**URBAN DISCOVERY SCHOOLS  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS'S RESOLUTION OF  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2021 (RESOLUTION NUMBER 20210917)  
REQUESTING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
URBAN DISCOVERY SCHOOLS TO REQUIRE COVID-19  
VACCINATION FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS**

WHEREAS, Urban Discovery Schools (UDS) is a local educational agency (LEA) chartered from the San Diego Unified School District that has the authority to implement educational policy and operation of public schools to safe guard the educational, health and safety needs of UDS' students and community;

WHEREAS, UDS is charged by law to ensure appropriate public education for all students residing within its boundaries and is obligated to ensure the health and safety of all students withinits schools and facilities;

WHEREAS, UDS has a constitutional mandate obligation to deliver the highest-qualityinstruction in the safest environment possible;

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend the COVID-19 vaccine for all persons over 12 years of age and stated that "Children learn best when physically present in the classroom. But children get much more than academics at school. They also learn social and emotional skills at school, get healthy meals and exercise, mental health support and other services that cannot be easily replicated online;"

WHEREAS, UDS is entrusted by parents with students in grades TK/K through grade 12;

WHEREAS, UDS has implemented high standard of multi-layered safety measures including COVID-19 testing, masking, ventilation, screening, high quality sanitation measures, and requirement for all employees and onsite contractors to be vaccinated, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the school community;

WHEREAS, the above safety measures are effective at mitigating the spread of COVID-19, but vaccination of all eligible and non-exempt students provide the strongest protection to the health and safety of all students and staff in the UDS school communities while further protecting against the disruption to full-time, in-person instruction;

WHEREAS, after closure of all UDS school facilities for in-person instruction and distance learning through most of the 2020-2021 school year, UDS has returned to full-time, in-person instruction for all students choosing to return to UDS school facilities for the 2021-22 school year subject to health and safety mitigation measures;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO), United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the State of California including the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and the San Diego County Department of Public Health (SDCDPH) have recognized that the country, state, and county face a life-threatening pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 rates increased in July-August of 2021 due to the surge of the Delta variant including increasing rates of COVID-19 cases among school age children;

WHEREAS, in recent weeks, the percentage of children hospitalized after testing positive for COVID-19 has been disproportionately rising, indicating that children are at a greater risk from contracting the Delta variant due to high transmission rates with possibility of long-term symptoms from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a material threat to the health and safety of all students within the UDS community, and is a further threat to the successful return to continuous in-person instruction;

WHEREAS, several vaccines against COVID-19 have been developed that have been demonstrated to be effective in reducing the spread of COVID-19 as well as the severity of COVID-19 for breakthrough cases, preventing nearly all COVID-19 related hospitalizations; and recent CDC studies indicate that infection and hospitalization rates among unvaccinated persons were 4.9 and 29.2 times, respectively, than those in fully vaccinated persons; and, that authorized vaccines were protective against SARS-CoV-2 infection and severe COVID-19 during a period when transmission of the Delta variant was increasing;

WHEREAS, in light of the effectiveness and safety of the COVID-19 vaccines, the CDC, CDPH, and SDCDPH have deemed the vaccine appropriate by unanimously recommending that all eligible persons be vaccinated, including children 12 years of age and older;

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the San Diego County Department of Public Health Director support COVID-19 vaccination among all eligible and non-exempt students;

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, the Chief Executive Officer brings forward this Resolution for Board of Trustees of UDS action to adopt the requirement that all eligible, non-exempt UDS students at UDS facilities receive the COVID-19 vaccination as a condition to accessing in-person instruction in order to best ensure the health and safety of all students, staff, and community and best protect against future disruptions to full-time, in-person instruction threatened by the COVID-19 pandemic.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that to ensure the continued delivery of the highest-quality public instruction in the safest environment possible, the Board of Trustees approves the Chief Executive Officer to implement reasonably necessary measures requiring all UDS students who are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, excluding those students with qualified and approved exemptions and conditional admissions under UDS's existing immunization policies, to become vaccinated against COVID-19 as a mandatory precondition to accessing UDS school facilities, as follows:

- All students who are 12 years of age and older and are part of in-person programs must receive their first vaccine dose by no later than October 17, and their second dose by no later than November 21, 2021;
- All other students must receive their first vaccine dose by no later than 30 days after their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday, and their second dose by no later than 8 weeks after their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Executive Officer is given approval by the Board of Trustees to require all students eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and subject to the timeline outlined above to provide proof of vaccination to UDS' before December 10, 2021, in order to be permitted on UDS school facilities, except for those students with qualified and approved exemptions and conditional admissions.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approves the Chief Executive Officer, to ensure student vaccination records and information are maintained securely and confidentially in accordance with all laws governing the privacy of student health information and other student records.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees and the Chief Executive Officer are committed to ensuring all students have access to the COVID-19 vaccine and, therefore, the Board of Trustees directs the Chief Executive Officer to implement reasonably necessary measures to ensure equitable student access to the COVID-19 vaccine and provide UDS's students and families accurate information about the vaccine.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees directs the Chief Executive Officer to monitor UDS's testing and vaccination data and determine when to allow an exemption for vaccinated students to UDS's current weekly COVID-19 testing requirement.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Urban Discovery Schools adopts this Resolution as part of UDS' policies and practices as they relate to UDS, and as part of UDS' health, safety, and emergency procedures and requirements applicable to facilities and related operations.

ADOPTED, SIGNED and APPROVED by the Board of Trustees of Urban Discovery Schools on the\_\_\_\_\_day of September, 2021, by the following vote:

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Noes</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
MaeLin Levine				
Edward Abeyta				
Esther La Porta				
Paul Ryan				
Ron Miriello				
Ann Hart				
Nancy Scull				
<b>Total:</b>				

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President of the Board of Trustees of  
Urban Discovery Schools

Attested to:

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Secretary of the Board of Trustees of  
Urban Discovery Schools