Opportunity Youth Academy  
Santa Clara County Office of Education  
1290 Ridder Park Drive  
San Jose, California 95131

September 15, 2022 – 4PM  
Governance Council Minutes  
Regular Meeting #015  
Video conference

Livestream of Governance Council Meeting:  
https://tinyurl.com/OYA-Governance-Council

1) Call to Order

Chairman, Dr. Bonduris called the meeting to order at 4PM

a) Roll Call and Introductions

GC Member(s) Present:
Dr. Jessica Bonduris, Chairman- Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services Division, SCCOE  
Dr. Demerris Brooks, Director, Workforce Development & Organization Culture, SCCOE  
Courtney Portal, Groundwork Consulting

OYA Staff Present:
Phil Morales, Director, Opportunity Youth Academy, SCCOE  
Dr. Katherine Everett, OYA Asst. Principal, SCCOE  
Blanca Morales, OYA Admin. ASST IV

b) Adoption of the Agenda

Motioned made to approve agenda – Dr. Brooks motion and Courtney Portal 2nd the motion.  
Agenda Adopted

2) Public Comments of Persons Desiring to Address the Council  
No public comments

3) Consent Action Items

a) Motion to Approve Resolution to Continue Meeting Remotely in Accordance with AB 361  
Motioned made to approve by Dr. Brooks and Dr. Bonduris 2nd the motion to approve.

b) Motion to Approve Minutes from May 25, 2022 – Phil Morales motion to approve minutes and  
Courtney Portal seconded the motion.  
Consent action item approved.
4) Informational
   a) Curriculum Adoption and Back-on-Track Model – Phil Morales Presented
      SIATECH our current curriculum at the end of the 2022-2023 school year will no longer be
      providing their curriculum. We have been looking for a curriculum to replace SIATECH and two
      vendors stood out for consideration they are Ingenuity and Edmentum. A committee made up
      of OYA teachers and administrative staff will be assessing and reviewing as to which best
      provides the best support our Opportunity Youth Academy students not only in attaining a
      diploma but also College and Career Readiness. We will be presenting our findings to the OYA
      Board in October.

      b) Governance Council Membership Recruitment – by Phil Morales
      We currently have vacancies, and we have a few interested applicants and currently being
      reviewed. Also, looking for students to join the committee.

5) Council Members may provide a report on recent activities
   -Dr. Brooks enjoyed attending OYA’s graduation.
   -Courtney Portal is part of the Youth Liberation Movement which is a group of young adults who
     identify as opportunity youth. They participate in county wide collaboratives, are working on the
     Santa Clara County Bill of Rights for Children and Youth and will be designing and executing the
     Amity Youth Summit in 2023. They are an organization entirely led by young adults who want to
     see systems work better for young people across the county. An OYA graduate, Mia Carrasco is
     supporting the Youth Liberation Movement.
   -Dr. Bonduris shared they have been working with all the departments that she leads in Civic
     Engagement and opportunities for folks on how to be of services in their communities and lead in
     different ways for OYA, Special Education as well as the Head Start State Preschool level.
     Exciting things to come in partnering with the Professional Learning Division and seeing how that
     can appear in classrooms in a thoughtful way and in a culturally relevant manner to work with all
     the families and students about making a difference.
   -Phil Morales our enrollments is up and we have ten students attending and fully engaged at
     MetroEd. We have assisted them with all the tools they need to be successful in their CTE of
     choice, Welding, Medical and Culinary courses. Please if you can visit and meet the students please
     do so.

6) Adjournment
   a) Meeting Adjourned at 4:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Bonduris
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Chairman
Assistant Superintendent
Educational Services Division