



# Bella Mente Montessori Academy

## Board of Directors

Scott Moote, President  
Caroline Veale, Secretary  
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### Bella Mente Charter School Special Board Meeting Agenda March 28, 2022

Type of Meeting: Regular Webinar Board Meeting

Location: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1226582608527515404>

#### **You can also dial in using your phone.**

United States: 1 (631) 992-3221

Access Code: 867-446-761

#### **Open Session: 12:15pm**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The Board of Directors Meeting will be conducted entirely online, via virtual/video conferencing. Members of the public can view the meeting via livestream and can participate in the meeting electronically via GotoWebinar, by following the instructions for submitting a request to make public comments listed on the agenda below. This meeting will be held virtually and live-streamed (no in-person). Members of the public who would like to address the Board must email [board@bellamentecharter.org](mailto:board@bellamentecharter.org) the day of the meeting requesting a hold card beginning at 6:00pm up until the meeting is called to order.

With the enactment of AB 361 signed on September 16, 2021, Government Code section 54953 has been amended to provide additional flexibility for legislative bodies to meet remotely. Since the legislature adopted an urgency clause when passing AB 361, this bill became effective immediately upon the Governor's signature on September 16, 2021 and will sunset January 1, 2024. With all things considered, the legislature's intent behind passing AB 361, as described in the bill itself, was "to improve and enhance public access to state and local agency meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic and future emergencies by allowing broader access through teleconferencing options."

#### **I. OPEN SESSION/REGULAR MEETING**

Call to order, roll call and establishment of quorum

#### **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Recommended motion: Approve the agenda for the March 28, 2022 Special Board of Directors Meeting.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

#### **III. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

##### **1. Discussion and Approval of Resolution No. 22-17 to Withdraw from CharterSAFE Joint Powers Authority**

*Executive Director's Recommendation: Approve*

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Instructions for Presentations to the Board by Members of the Community***

BMMA welcomes your participation at the School's Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Board of Directors ("Board") is to conduct the affairs of the School in public. We hope that you will visit these meetings often and your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our School. To assist you in speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided.

1. The agenda is available to all community members
2. Community members who wish to speak on any agenda items or under the general category of "Public Comment" will be given an opportunity to do so.
3. "Public Comment" is set aside for members of the community to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws (Brown Act), the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed twenty (20) minutes. Exceptions to these time limits may be made at the discretion of the Board Chair. The board may give direction to staff to respond to your concerns or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen requested agenda item.
4. With regard to items that are on the agenda, you may speak for up to (3) minutes when the Board discusses that item. Exceptions to this time may be made at the discretion of the Board Chair.
5. Community members may request in writing that a topic related to school business be considered for placement on a future agenda. Requests should be addressed to the Board Chair and emailed to [board@bellamentecharter.org](mailto:board@bellamentecharter.org). If such an item is placed on the agenda and publicly noticed, the Board can respond, interact, and act upon the item.
6. Any person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, to participate in a public meeting of the Bella Mente Charter School Board of Directors may request such modification or accommodation from Erin Feeley, at 760-621-8931. Please make any requests at least 12 hours prior to the meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-17**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR BELLA MENTE  
MONTESSORI ACADEMY WITHDRAWAL FROM CHARTERSAFE JOINT POWERS  
AUTHORITY**

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of Bella Mente Montessori Academy (“BMMA”), a tax exempt, California nonprofit public benefit corporation operating public charter schools, does hereby adopt the following resolution pursuant to the provisions of Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 5, Articles 1 through 4, (Section 6500, et seq.) of the California Government Code, relating to joint exercise of powers, between and among California charter schools, school districts, and other government entities which operate public schools:

WHEREAS, BMMA is a member of CharterSAFE, a pooled self-insurance program for elective members and maintains insurance through CharterSAFE; and

WHEREAS, CharterSAFE has provided a good level of service to BMMA, however, it is in BMMA’s best interest to compare prices and offerings from other insurance providers to see if we can obtain more attractive prices and services based on the strength of our organization today; and

WHEREAS, CharterSAFE requires that its members pass a Board Resolution prior to notifying its intent to withdraw from their self-insurance program. This is merely a notice that BMMA intends to explore alternative insurance providers and does not preclude us from continuing to obtain our insurance from CharterSAFE; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents as necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby adopts the foregoing resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Executive Director hereby is authorized to certify this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Directors has adopted the above resolution at a Special Board meeting this 28th of March, 2022.

**SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE**

I, Caroline Veale, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Bella Mente Charter School, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, County of San Diego, California, hereby certify as follows:

The attached is a full, true, and correct copy of the resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Bella Mente Charter School, which was duly and regularly held on the 28th day of March, 2022, at which meeting a quorum of the members of the Board of Directors was present; and at such meeting such resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

I have carefully compared the same with the original minutes of such meeting on file and of record in my office; the attached resolution is a full, true, and correct copy of the original resolution adopted at such meeting and entered in such minutes; and such resolution has not been amended, modified, or rescinded since the date of its adoption, and the same is now in full force and effect.

WITNESS my hand this 28th day of March, 2022.

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Secretary, Bella Mente Charter School