

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS**

No public comments were received for this portion of the agenda.

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**UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. Caitlin Snee**

Last week a newsletter went home boasting about how teachers will be able to get vaccinated in a few weeks yet continuing to remind us that students will not return to the classroom until the county reaches 3.9 new cases per 100K people daily. However, these two solutions to the health crisis seem to contradict one another. It doesn't make sense to vaccinate teachers rapidly but still not allow students to quickly go back on campus once vaccinated adults are 85-95% immune to Covid-19.

Further, the majority of teachers and parents at my children's schools would like to return to in-person learning. We know kids learn best in the classroom and we have all gone to great lengths to accommodate distance learning through the pandemic. However, now we have a solution to the health crisis. A vaccine. Whatever is happening at a political level needs to be put aside for the sake of our children. We don't have any more patients to extend to the District as the children continue to take a hit in their education. I'm urging you to come together before the community loses trust in the school system and you have a bigger crisis on your hands.

The CDC and California Department of Public Health state that returning to school can be done safely and neighboring districts have been implementing this for months.

The time is now to return the students to the classroom.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT ON CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEMS**

**B-13, DISCUSS and DECIDE in the Matter of the Golden Charter Academy Charter Petition**

**1. Isaiah Huston**

I fully support the Golden Charter Academy; Rob and his team are doing great things for the youth of Fresno.

**2. Martell Golden**

My name is Martell Golden and I support the Golden charter Academy 100%. You know now and days schools are becoming empty less students are graduating every year. Let's switch the narrative Let's bring excitement back to learning let's Be Golden with the GCA.

**3. Justina Perry**

Glad to be a communal support the school.

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**4. Karisma Senegal**

I will love to give my support in this email as well as this school. I will love for it to get started for the community we need things like this to come into the community and also as much as I want my 3 year old daughter to start and spread her wings with learning blessings.

**5. Jacob and Leanna Villalobos**

Hello my name is Jacob Villalobos. Me and my wife Leanna Villalobos are in support of this charter school. My son is hopefully starting kindergarten there this coming school year. We've tried preschool with a traditional classroom setting, and didn't work to well with my sons active lifestyle. When I spoke with rob golden he explained the way they were structuring the classroom, and also being partnered With the Fresno Chaffee zoo. I want the best for my son, as we all want for our children. I truly believe this structure of class will be beneficial for my son as well as other children in the community. I'm looking forward to seeing golden charter school being a successful school for all children.

**6. Todd Hilliard**

I support Golden Charter Academy

**7. Crystal Hilliard**

I support this school.

**8. Crystal Chavez**

I support this school.

**9. Melanie Smith**

Melanie Smith- Golden Charter Academy will provide a uniquely rich learning experience for its students. I'm so excited for my son to attend and get to learn in an environment that creatively connects learning standards to the real world through place based learning! I know students will be excited to learn and grow as they get to explore the world around them. And I believe this opportunity of place based learning will foster a love and care for the environment, shaping students into people who will love learning and make the world a better place! What a gift to our kids and our community!

**10. Ruth Holmes – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hi, my name is Ruth Holmes and I'm calling in regards to charter academy and uhm, I think charter academy is going to be a great fit for our young students coming up. Uh, I have a granddaughter that's enrolled there, and I know it will be a fun opportunity to work hands on with some of the things they're going to do, and I think we need the school very badly. Alright, thank you.

**11. Kamara Everson – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hello, my name is Kamara Everson and I would like to recommend Golden Charter Academy be approved by Fresno Unified. This school offers a unique opportunity for all students to succeed. So again, I would love to recommend Golden Charter Academy. Thank you.

**12. Anthony Conley – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

I support the Golden Academy because I believe it is a great opportunity for young African American men to see leadership in the community. Thank you.

**13. Mitchell Shaw – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Good Morning! My name is Mitchell Bauer Shaw. I'm calling in just to give a recommendation to Golden Charter Academy that it would be approved by Fresno Unified. I believe that a school like Golden Charter in conjunction with the Chaffee Zoo would provide kids, uh, underserved kids with the change to have a great start in life is simply, there is no price that can be put on it. So again, I am just calling in in favor of Golden Charter Academy. My name is Mitchell Shaw, my phone number is 559-824-0051.

**14. Dr. Gennean Bolen – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hello, this is Dr. Gennean Bolen. I'm commenting on the Golden Charter Academy. I recommend Golden Charter Academy be approved by Fresno Unified. This school will offer a unique opportunity for all students to succeed. Vote yes!

**15. Lynnette Brown – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Good Afternoon! My name is Ms. Lynnette Brown, I am the President of the Black Faculty/Staff Association at Fresno State. I'm calling to recommend the Golden Charter Academy to be approved by Fresno Unified School District. This school offers a unique opportunity for all students to succeed. So yes, I vote yes, and I look forward to working with the administration and hopefully collaborating with them at Fresno State uhm and Fresno Unified, I look forward to collaborating. Thank you much! Bye.

**16. James – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hi, my name is James. I am from Job Bookkeeping and Consulting Service. I'd like to recommend Golden Charter Academy to be approved by Fresno Unified. I think it is the right thing to do. Vote yes! Thank you, bye.

**17. Phyllis Blue – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hello, uhm, I am calling about the Golden Charter Academy and I'd like to express my support for the academy that it will be able to be approved by the Fresno Unified School District as a opportunity for students to be able to succeed in school, to get the attention that they need to guide them in their journey to academic success. Uhm, so I vote yes for the Golden Charter Academy.

**18. Pastor B. T. Lewis – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hello, my name is Pastor B. T. Lewis of the Rising Star Baptist Church in the southwestern region of our city. Calling in regard to the Golden Charter Academy. It is my desire that our Board would vote in favor of Golden Charter Academy. I think that this school can be a tremendous asset to the education of our students and a great influence on their success. So please vote yes on approving this academy. God bless you and have a great evening.

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**19. Desi Woods Jones (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Yes, Good Afternoon! My name is Desi Woods Jones and I am calling in reference to an item that is on your board agenda tomorrow, the Golden Charter Academy that is looking to get approval from the Fresno Unified School District. I am the state president for Black Women Organized for Political Action, and I am calling to really stress how important this academy is and am strongly urging board members to support this. Again, this is Desi Woods Jones, President of Black Women Organized for Political Action and I am encouraging board members to support Golden Charter Academy that is on your agenda tomorrow. Thank you.

**20. JoJo**

Our family wanted to express our support for Golden Charter Academy. We are excited to continue our child's education with Golden Charter Academy.

**21. Donald Wilkerson – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

This is Donald Wilkerson in support of charter academy school. Thank you.

**22. Ariel Golden – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hello, this is Ariel Golden. I'm just calling to say that I stand in support of Golden Charter Academy School. Thank you so much, bye-bye.

**23. Holly Wilkerson – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Holly Wilkerson, Fresno California. Calling in regard to standing in support of the Golden Charter Academy School of Fresno, California. Thank you.

**24. Ozell Thompson – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hello, this is Ozell Thompson and I am calling in support of Golden Charter Academy. I think its going to be great for our community in helping our youth. We have a good example in the young man that is starting this school. His life has been very good and the way he has lived his life very exemplary in what he has done in his football career, but more importantly, his love for youth and young people is what is really standing out. So, I think that the school district and the community of Fresno County should jump in behind this project and support it. God bless, have a good day.

**25. Latina Parks Guy – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hello, my name is Latina Parks Guy and I absolutely stand in support of Golden Charter Academy School. Uhm, I have known the founder of the school for probably since the seventh grade and he is a phenomenal young man of great character and I am sure he will put everything he has, his entire heart into making sure the school is a success. Thank you very much for your time. If you need to reach me, I can be reached at 559-349-5953. Thank you for your time.

**26. Rolinda Golden – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hello, my name is Rolinda Golden and I'm calling to stand in support for the Golden Charter Academy School which is needed in our community. So, I'm asking for it to be approved and so we can move forward helping our children to succeed with a better education. Thank you.

**27. Anthony Wilcox – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Anthony Wilcox calling to say that I support Golden Charter Academy and wanted to leave a message in reference to that matter. Again, Anthony Wilcox and I support Golden Charter Academy.

**28. Brandon Brown – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

My name is Brandon Brown and I recommend the Golden Charter Academy to be approved by Fresno Unified. This school offers a unique opportunity for students to succeed. Please, vote yes!

**29. Stephanie Wallace – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hi, my name is Stephanie Wallace and I'm calling regarding the Golden Charter Academy School, and I really believe it will be a great asset for the community. It will help provide jobs that are needed, help build up the economy, and I really think it is just a wonderful idea. Thank you.

**30. Melody Walcott – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hello, my name is Melody Walcott. I recommend Golden Charter Academy be approved by Fresno Unified. The school offers a unique opportunity for all students and I'm asking the board to vote yes for the charter.

**31. Javan Childs – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hi, this is Mr. Childs. I am both a parent and a community member of Fresno Unified School District and I wanted to recommend that Golden Charter Academy to be approved by Fresno Unified. As this school offers a unique opportunity for all students to succeed. So, I highly recommend that we really consider, and that we approve the establishment of Golden Charter Academy. Thank you.

**32. Luis Romero – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hello, my name is Luis Romero and I support the Golden Charter Academy to be approved by the Fresno Unified School District. It provides a unique opportunity for students to succeed. Thanks, bye.

**33. Darlene Atkinson – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hi, my name is Darlene and I stand in support of Golden Charter Academy School. Again, my name is Darlene Atkinson and I stand in support of Golden Charter Academy School.

**34. Mia Hodge – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hi, I'm calling to recommend that the Golden Charter Academy be approved by the Fresno Unified School District. I believe this environmental educational opportunity will equip learners with knowledge, skill, and motivation to address the complex environmental challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Voting yes for Golden Charter Academy. Name is Mia Hodge, Executive Director, Another Level Training Academy.

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**35. Jabron Wilson – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hello, I would like to recommend Golden Charter Academy to be approved by Fresno Unified. This school offers a unique opportunity for all students to succeed. I would also like to vote yes for it as well. I look at the west side and would like to point out the fact it is going about technology which is growing in the next days and in the world of course every day and also the fact of the awareness of social injustice and also, of course the understanding of education and how important it is and also other areas as well, such as trade, environmental studies and other things as well. So, yes, vote yes for Golden Charter Academy. Thank you now, you have a good one.

**36. Lakita Brazil – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hi, my name is Lakita Brazil. I am calling in support of the Golden Charter Academy School and uhm, I just want to say that I believe it is a wonderful thing and I'm proud to have it here in Fresno. Thank you.

**37. Keisha Hoff – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Yes, Good Afternoon, my name is Keisha Hoff and I am uhm am calling in reference to Golden Charter Academy. I was calling to say that I am in favor of the academy and I think it will be a great addition to the community. Thank you.

**38. Gina Garrett – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hi, my name is Gina Garrett and I was calling in to express my support for Golden Charter Academy and I recommend Golden Charter Academy be approved by Fresno Unified School District. I think this school will offer a unique opportunity for all students to succeed. Please vote yes, thank you.

**39. Jaqueline Sellers**

As a Fresno Native, I am excited to see this school come to our community for the children who have a love for animals

**40. Lanika George – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hi, my name is Lanika George and I stand in support of Golden Charter Academy School. Thank you.

**41. Cynthia Sterling – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hello, my name is Cynthia Sterling, former Fresno City Councilwoman and I am calling to recommend that Golden Charter Academy be approved by the Fresno Unified School Board. This is a unique school; it offers a great opportunity for all our students to succeed and I am asking that each of the board members vote yes. Again, my name is Cynthia Sterling have a great day.

**42. Dustin Cameron – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hi, my name is Dustin Cameron calling in support of Golden Charter Academy. I believe this will be a tremendous asset to our community and presents some great unique opportunities to our children. Thank you.

**43. Clare Crawford**

Board members raised multiple concerns with this petition in the previous hearing, many of which continue to be significant concerns, as well as additional issues raised by additional materials GCA submitted. These issues demonstrate that the petitioners are unlikely to successfully implement the proposed program and should be denied.

GCA's plan includes illegal financial arrangements for leasing property and a start up loan with the GCA CEO. This is a conflict of interest and self-dealing, and violates California law, leaving no legal long-term facilities plan. The short term facilities plan includes a lease that has provisions that violate the requirement to operate as a non-sectarian school. Both of these plans raise serious questions about the ability of the petitioners to successfully run a school.

Enrollment projections are unrealistic and the budget omits relevant costs, like relocation costs, making it unlikely they will be financially sustainable. Staff did not conduct a community impact analysis, however, we believe the school may negatively impact surrounding schools, and the lease provisions requiring that school activities adhere to Catholic teachings are illegal and make the school unwelcoming to LGBTQ families.

The petition has numerous deficiencies and serious problems with the budget, governance and facilities plans. More detail on these issues are included in two analyses I sent to Board Members. Denial requires only one finding, however we have identified that this petition should be denied based on several of the legal bases contained in California's Education Code and urge the Board to deny the petition.

**44. Liz Shied – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hi there, my name is Liz Shied, and I am calling to recommend Golden Charter Academy be approved by Fresno Unified. This school offers a unique experience for all learners and I recommend that you vote yes. Thank you.

**45. Viva Straughter – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hello, my name is Viva Straughter and I am calling on the subject matter of the Golden Charter Academy, and I would like to make a recommendation that we definitely consider and approve Golden Charter Academy to be approved by Fresno Unified School District and I mean this is a great opportunity and just a great staple for our students to be able to succeed in education and I vote yes on Golden Charter Academy to be approved by Fresno Unified School District. Thank you.

**46. Gregory Barfield – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hi, my name is Gregory Barfield and I wanted to express my support for an item you have tomorrow on the approval of the Golden Charter Academy. I believe that the Golden Charter Academy should be approved by Fresno Unified. The school offers a very unique opportunity for students of all hues to succeed and I believe that the appropriate action is to approve this agenda item. Thank you so very much and God bless you all and keep doing the great things you are doing to education our kids in the city of Fresno. Bye-bye.

**47. Kimberly Tapscott-Munson – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hi, this is vice president of the Fresno County Board of Education. I would like to make my recommendation for Golden Charter Academy, that they be approved by Fresno Unified School District. This school offers a unique opportunity for all students to be successful and I would be more than happy to give a vote of yes that their charter is granted and approved by Fresno Unified School District. A yes, yes, yes vote! Thank you so very much. My name once again is Kimberly Tapscott-Munson. My telephone number is, 559-243-6007 and it is Tuesday, February 2 and the time is 7:07 p.m. Thank you very much. Goodbye.

**48. Dr. Carry Santos – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hi, my name is Dr. Carrie Santos. I would like to recommend that Golden Charter Academy be approved by Fresno Unified. This school offers a unique opportunity for students to succeed. So, I'd like to vote yes on this matter. In addition, it appears to cater to underserved and underrepresented students who sometimes have difficulty in regular public schools so this will give them a unique opportunity to excel and do well.

**49. Ashley Wilcox (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Hello, my name is Ashley Wilcox and I am calling because I support Golden Charter Academy and uhm, I think that they are a great community school in the Fresno community and uhm, they are doing amazing things.

**50. Jean Kennedy – (Voice Message Transcribed)**

Yes, my name is Dr. Jean Kennedy and I am calling on behalf of the group that is wanting to support the Golden Charter Academy and to be approved by Fresno Unified School. I personally am supportive of charter schools I've seen their success in other states, and it gives the community an option and so I'd like to see those kinds of options be offered here in Fresno, uh so our kids have again options. I'm sending my vote in for the Golden Charter Academy and hopefully Fresno Unified will want to partner with this charter school and have a win-win situation for all the students. Thank you.

**B-14, PRESENT and DISCUSS the 2021/22 Strategic Budget Development**

No public comments were received for this portion of the agenda.

**B-15, OPPORTUNITY for Public Disclosure and RATIFICATION of the 2020/21 Negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement between Fresno Unified School District and California School Employees Association and its Fresno Chapter 143**

No public comments were received for this portion of the agenda.