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## Grow Public Schools

### Minutes

#### Special Meeting

#### Board of Directors Grow Public Schools

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**Date and Time**

Monday January 30, 2023 at 2:30 PM

**Location****Physical Location:**

Point Loma, 5080 California Ave., 3rd Floor, Room #1, Bakersfield, CA 93309

**Virtual Location:**

<https://zoom.us/j/97887838095>

Meeting ID: 978 8783 8095

or call (669) 900-9128

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1. Agendas are available to all audience members.

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**Directors Present**

Ernie Unruh (remote), Manuel Pantoja, Matt Look, Tom Mestmaker

**Directors Absent**

Kristen Watson

**Guests Present**

Alfonso Valenzuela, Allison Fenton, Doc Ervin, Don Passion, Elia Sagasta, Elia Sagasta (remote), Jim Young (remote), Kari Heilman, Maddison Contreras

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Call the Meeting to Order**

Tom Mestmaker called a meeting to order on Monday Jan 30, 2023 at 2:30 PM.

**B. Record Attendance**

**C. Flag Salute**

Tom Mestmaker, Board Chair, lead the flag salute.

**D. Public Comment**

No public comments.

**II. Board Workshop**

**A. Blueprint for Great School Board Meetings**

Jim Young, Partner/Founder at Young, Minney & Corr, LLP presented the Board training titled, "Blueprint for Great School Board Meetings."

**III. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tom Mestmaker