



Semillas Sociedad Civil

MINUTES

SSC_COT 05.15.2025 Regular Meeting Council of Trustees

Date and Time

Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 5:30 pm

Location

4970 Huntington Drive South, Los Angeles, CA 90032

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86734513278?pwd=RtbxdG6Q8Ss8ubY3rpXF515wZdJexk.1>

Council of Trustees Present:

Dr. Reynaldo Macias, Ramon Avila, Yvette Casas, Arturo Rojas

Council of Trustees Absent:

Dr. Ernesto Colin, Dr. Irene Vasquez

Personnel Present:

Marcos Aguilar, Trinidad Ruiz

Online: Jaemy Garcia-Matthews, Debi Deal

I. Opening items:

A. Record attendance

B. Welcome & Call the meeting to order

Dr. Reynaldo Macias called a meeting of the Council of Trustees of Semillas Sociedad Civil to order on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 6:03PM



C. [Approval minutes of SSC COT Regular Meeting 04.09.2025](#)

Deferred to the next Council of Trustees meeting.

II. Finance

A. Financial Update

Debi Deal, contractor, provided an update on the state finances impacting school finances. Debi briefed the board on the May Revise numbers based on the governor's state budget corrections. Suggest a strategic approach to the budget. Increase the number of students enrolled to make up the funding gaps in the schools budget. Suggested no increases in raises this coming year.

No additional action taken

[Dr. Irene Vasquez joined at 6:40pm]

[Yvette Casas left at 6:48pm]

III. Student Affairs

A. Graduation

Marcos Aguilar, Executive Director, updated the board members about the upcoming graduations: location, date and time. Many of the students were accepted to prestigious universities, such as UCLA, UC Berkeley, Cal Tech, and Stanford. 100% graduation rate after 23 years.

No additional action taken

IV. Community engagement

A. L.A. Climate Resilience

Marcos Aguilar updates the board with the reminder of the L.A. Climate Resilience event on the 22nd. Partners from Metabolic Studio and Patrice Cullors will join us on the 22nd.

No additional action taken.



V. Board Governance

A. Edmundo Perez

Marcos Aguilar will write a letter to Mr. Edmundo Perez thanking him for his years of service. He had expressed to Marcos that he planned to resign from the board some time ago.

VI. Public Comment

No public comment

VII. Adjourn meeting

Arturo Rojas motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm.

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