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## Las Américas ASPIRA Academy

### Minutes

#### Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Thursday October 28, 2021 at 5:00 PM

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#### Location

Join Zoom Meeting

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#### Directors Present

A. Chávez (remote), G. Gonzalez (remote), K. Fana-Ruiz (remote), L. Puig (remote), L. Santiago (remote), M. Durant (remote), M. Terranova-Fissel (remote), R. Penix-Tadsen (remote), R. Rhem (remote), R. Rolon Dow (remote)

#### Directors Absent

A. Viscarra Gikas

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#### Guests Present

Diana Magana (remote), G. Panchisin (remote), M. Lopez-Waite (remote), Tim Sawyer, Barbacane Thornton & Co. (remote)

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

L. Puig called a meeting of the board of directors of Las Américas ASPIRA Academy to order on Thursday Oct 28, 2021 at 5:05 PM.

### **C. Vote to enter Executive Session**

M. Terranova-Fissel made a motion to move to executive session.  
R. Penix-Tadsen seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## **II. Executive Session**

### **A. Strategic Planning**

The Board discussed strategic planning.

### **B. Vote to Return to Public Session**

M. Terranova-Fissel made a motion to return to public session.  
R. Penix-Tadsen seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## **III. Approval of Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes**

### **A. Approve October meeting agenda and September meeting minutes**

R. Penix-Tadsen made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 09-23-21.  
M. Terranova-Fissel seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## **IV. Finance Committee**

### **A. Presentation of Financial Audit Report**

T. Sawyer from Barbacane Thornton & Co. presented the results of the financial audit. The full reports are available on the Financial Documents section of [www.aspiraacademy.org](http://www.aspiraacademy.org).

### **B. Vote to Approve Financial Audit Report**

R. Penix-Tadsen made a motion to approve the financial audit report.  
M. Terranova-Fissel seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### **C. Financial Reports**

G. Panchisin presented and led discussion regarding the September 2021 financial report. All reports are available on the Financial Documents portion of the [www.aspiraacademy.org](http://www.aspiraacademy.org).

#### **D. Approval of Financial Report**

R. Penix-Tadsen made a motion to approve the September financial report as presented.

M. Terranova-Fissel seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **V. LAAA Team Member Spotlight**

##### **A. Diana Magana**

D. Magana discussed her path to the school and her role at the school.

#### **VI. DEIB Committee**

##### **A. DEIB Report and DEI Statement**

R. Penix-Tadsen presented the DEIB Report and the final DEI statement.

##### **B. Vote on DEI Statement**

R. Rhem made a motion to approve the DEI statement as presented.

M. Terranova-Fissel seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **VII. CEO Report**

##### **A. CEO Report**

M. Lopez-Waite presented the CEO report.

#### **VIII. 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 7:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
A. Chávez