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Las Américas ASPIRA Academy

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday November 18, 2021 at 5:00 PM

Location

Join Zoom Meeting

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Directors Present

A. Chávez (remote), A. Viscarra Gikas (remote), G. Gonzalez (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

K. Fana-Ruiz

Guests Present

G. Panchisin (remote), Kellie Cruz (remote), M. Lopez-Waite (remote)

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 Nov 18, 2021 at 5:02 PM.

C. Vote to enter Executive Session

R. Rolon Dow made a motion to enter Executive Session.
L. Santiago 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. Rolon Dow seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Approval of Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes

A. Approve November meeting agenda and October meeting minutes

R. Penix-Tadsen made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 10-28-21.
R. Rhem seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. LAAA Team Member Spotlight

A. Kellie Cruz

K. Cruz discussed her path to the school and her role at the school.

V. CEO

A. CEO Report

M. Lopez-Waite presented the CEO report. M. Lopez-Waite presented the DOE Annual Report for 2020-2021, an enrollment update for the 2022-2023 school year, and monthly school updates.
L. Santiago made a motion to approve the Annual Report for 2020-2021.
G. Gonzalez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Development

A. Development Update

M. Terranova-Fissel presented the Development report.
M. Terranova-Fissel made a motion to continue working with Yorkston Consulting through June 2022.
G. Gonzalez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VII. DEIB

A. DEIB Report

R. Penix-Tadsen and A. Viscarra Gikas provided the DEIB report.

VIII. PTO

A. PTO Update

A. Viscarra Gikas provided the PTO update. The PTO is doing fundraising: a cookie sale, a movie night, a taco kit night.

IX. Finance

A. Approval of Bond Financing Resolution

L. Santiago made a motion to approve the bond financing resolution.
M. Terranova-Fissel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Financial Reports

L. Santiago presented the October financial report.

C. Approval of Financial Report

L. Santiago made a motion to approve the October financial report.
M. Terranova-Fissel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

X. 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 6:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Chávez