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Las Américas ASPIRA Academy

Minutes

Board Meeting with Executive Session

Date and Time

Thursday June 23, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Location

Join Zoom Meeting

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Directors Present

A. Chávez (remote), A. Viscarra Gikas (remote), C. Dipress (remote), E. Diaz (remote), K. Fana-Ruiz (remote), L. Puig (remote), L. Santiago (remote), M. Rivera (remote), R. Rhem (remote), R. Rolon Dow (remote)

Directors Absent

G. Gonzalez, M. Brown, M. Terranova-Fissel, P. Viera, Jr., R. Penix-Tadsen

Guests Present

G. Panchisin, Karen Contreras (remote), Kendall Massett (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 Jun 23, 2022 at 5:05 PM.

C. Vote to enter Executive Session

A. Viscarra Gikas made a motion to enter Executive Session.
R. Rolon Dow 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

L. Santiago made a motion to return to Public Session.
A. Viscarra Gikas seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Vote on Action Discussed in Executive Session

A. Vote on Action Discussed in Executive Session

L. Santiago made a motion to support action discussed in Executive Session.
A. Viscarra Gikas seconded the motion.
A. Chávez abstained from the vote.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Terranova-Fissel	Absent
A. Viscarra Gikas	Aye
C. Dipress	Aye
L. Puig	Aye
G. Gonzalez	Absent
R. Rhem	Aye
R. Rolon Dow	Aye
K. Fana-Ruiz	Aye
L. Santiago	Aye
R. Penix-Tadsen	Absent
A. Chávez	Abstain
E. Diaz	Aye

Roll Call

P. Viera, Jr.	Absent
M. Brown	Absent
M. Rivera	Aye

IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes

A. Approve June meeting agenda and May meeting minutes

C. Dipress made a motion to approve the June meeting agenda as amended and minutes from Board Meeting with Executive Session on 05-26-22.

A. Viscarra Gikas seconded the motion.

June meeting agenda was amended to include Approval of Action Discussed in Executive Session.

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

V. LAAA Team Member Spotlight

A. Karen Contreras

K. Contreras discussed her background and her role as HR director.

VI. New Board Members & Leadership Team

A. New Board Members & Leadership Team

L. Puig presented the new Board members consisting of Jeffrey Lawrence and Anas Ben Addi, and the new Board leadership team consisting of Luis Santiago as Chairman, Alberto Chávez as Secretary, and Anas Ben Addi as Treasurer. The Vice Chairperson position remains vacant.

B. Vote to Approve New Board Members

C. Dipress made a motion to approve the appointment of as new Board members.

A. Viscarra Gikas seconded the motion.

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

C. Vote to Approve New Leadership Team

C. Dipress made a motion to approve the appointment of as the Board leadership team.

A. Viscarra Gikas seconded the motion.

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

VII. Finance

A. Financial Reports

G. Panchisin presented the June financial report.

B. Approval of Financial Report

M. Rivera made a motion to approve the June financial report as presented.

C. Dipress seconded the motion.

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

VIII. Operations

A.

Operations Update

G. Panchisin presented information about of the construction of the West Campus.

IX. Development

A. Development Update

L. Puig presented the Development Committee report.

X. DEIB

A. DEIB Report

A. Viscarra Gikas provided the DEIB Committee report.

XI. PTO

A. PTO Update

A. Viscarra Gikas provided the PTO update.

XII. CEO

A. CEO Report

D. Panchisin presented the CEO report.

During the CEO report, at around 7:08pm, the School lost power causing an interruption of the recording of the meeting.

XIII. 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 7:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Chávez