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Las Américas ASPIRA Academy

Minutes

Board Meeting with Executive Session

Date and Time

Thursday October 27, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Location

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Directors Present

A. Ben Addi, A. Chávez (remote), A. Viscarra Gikas (remote), E. Diaz (remote), G. Gonzalez (remote), J. Lawrence (remote), K. Fana-Ruiz (remote), M. Terranova-Fissel (remote), P. Viera, Jr. (remote), R. Penix-Tadsen (remote), R. Rhem (remote)

Directors Absent

C. Dipress, M. Brown, M. Rivera

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned

P. Viera, Jr., R. Penix-Tadsen, R. Rhem

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Chávez called a meeting of the board of directors of Las Américas ASPIRA Academy to order on Thursday Oct 27, 2022 at 5:03 PM.

C. Vote to enter Executive Session

G. Gonzalez made a motion to move to executive session.

J. Lawrence seconded the motion.

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

II. Executive Session

A. Strategic Planning

B. Vote to Return to Public Session

A. Chávez made a motion to return to public session.

R. Rhem seconded the motion.

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

R. Penix-Tadsen left at 5:37 PM.

III. Approval of Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes

A. Approve October meeting agenda and September meeting minutes

P. Viera, Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes from September meeting and agenda for October meeting (as amended) Board Meeting with Executive Session on 09-22-22.

R. Rhem seconded the motion.

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

IV. New Board Leadership

A. Vote to Approve New Board Chairperson

P. Viera, Jr. made a motion to approve Guillermina Gonzales as new Board Chairperson.

J. Lawrence seconded the motion.

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

V. Criminal Background Check Policy

A. Vote to Approve New Criminal Background Check Policy

P. Viera, Jr. made a motion to approve new criminal background check policy as presented at the Executive Session and during the public session.

R. Rhem seconded the motion.

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

VI. Building Committee

A. Vote to Approve Members of Building Committee

P. Viera, Jr. made a motion to approve the members of the Building Committee as presented in the executive session.

R. Rhem seconded the motion.

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

VII. Actions Discussed during Executive Session

A. Vote to Approve matters discussed during Executive Session

P. Viera, Jr. made a motion to approve matters discussed during Executive Session.

R. Rhem seconded the motion.

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

VIII. LAAA Team Member Spotlight

A. Michele Burris

Michele Burris made a member spotlight presentation

P. Viera, Jr. left at 6:15 PM.

IX. Finance

A. Presentation of Financial Audit Report

Tim Sawyer from Barbacane Thornton & Co. presented the financial audit report.

B. Vote to Approve Financial Audit Report

A. Ben Addi made a motion to approve the financial audit report.

J. Lawrence seconded the motion.

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

C. Financial Report

Greg Panchisin presented the Financial Report for period ending September 30, 2022.

D. Approval of Financial Report

G. Gonzalez made a motion to approve financial report, as presented.

R. Rhem seconded the motion.

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

X. Operations

A. Operations Update

Greg Panchisin gave an operations update, including update on high school construction.

XI. Development

A. Development Update

Marisa Terranova Fissel gave a report from the Development Committee.

XII. DEIB

A. DEIB Report

Ana Viscarra Gikas gave the DEIB Report.

XIII. PTO

A. PTO Update

Ana Viscarra Gikas presented the PTO update.
R. Rhem left at 6:57 PM.

XIV. CEO

A. CEO Report

Margie Lopez Waite gave the CEO Report.

XV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

A. Ben Addi made a motion to adjourn meeting.
G. Gonzalez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Terranova-Fissel