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# Las Américas ASPIRA Academy

## Minutes

### ADCO Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Thursday March 25, 2021 at 5:00 PM

#### Location

Join Zoom Meeting

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#### Directors Present

A. Chávez (remote), A. Viscarra Gikas (remote), D. Patton (remote), G. Gonzalez (remote), L. Puig (remote), L. Santiago (remote), R. Penix-Tadsen (remote), R. Rolon Dow (remote), T. Burton (remote)

#### Directors Absent

M. Terranova-Fissel, S. Pesce

#### Guests Present

G. Panchisin (remote), M. Lopez-Waite (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 Mar 25, 2021 at 5:03 PM.

### C. Vote to enter Executive Session

G. Gonzalez made a motion to Enter Executive Session.

D. Patton seconded the motion.

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

## II. Executive Session

### A. Strategic Planning

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Strategic Planning discussion ensued.

### B. Vote to Return to Public Session

R. Penix-Tadsen made a motion to Return to Public Session.

L. Santiago seconded the motion.

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

## III. Approval of Meeting Agenda and ADCO Minutes

### A. Vote to Update Meeting Agenda

D. Patton made a motion to Addition to Meeting Agenda.

R. Rolon Dow seconded the motion.

Update Agenda to include discussion of DEI Committee after PTO update

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

### B. Vote to Approve ADCO Minutes and Meeting Agenda

R. Penix-Tadsen made a motion to Approve the ADCO Minutes from February ADCO Meeting on 02-25-21.

G. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

R. Penix-Tadsen made a motion to Approve Updated Meeting Agenda.

G. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

## IV. Finance

### A. Financial Reports

G. Panchisin presented and led discussion regarding the February 2021 financial reports. The full reports are available on the FOC section of [www.aspiraacademy.org](http://www.aspiraacademy.org)

G. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the financial reports.

R. Rolon Dow seconded the motion.

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

**B. Finance Committee**

L. Santiago provided an overview of the Finance Committee structure and functions.

**C. Financial Auditor**

L. Santiago presented process for selection of auditor.

D. Patton made a motion to have L. Santiago and G. Panchisin select auditor for next year on behalf of the Board.

R. Penix-Tadsen seconded the motion.

L. Santiago requested delegation of authority to G. Panchisin and L. Santiago to choose auditor on behalf of the Board.

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

**V. Facility**

**A. School Operations and Facilities Update**

G. Panchisin provided an update of the construction of the west campus. T. Burton provided an update on alternatives being planned for high school.

**VI. Development**

**A. Expansion Update**

L. Puig presented an update regarding the efforts of the expansion campaign in support of the high school.

**VII. Parent/Teacher Organization**

**A. PTO Update**

A. Viscarra Gikas provided an update from the PTO. A. Viscarra Gikas reached out to PTO to see how the Board can support the PTO. The PTO is planning a uniform resale, with a date coming soon.

**VIII. Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion**

**A. DEI Update**

R. Penix-Tadsen provided an update on the DEI initiatives at LAAA and for the Board. Discussion ensued about different DEI initiatives.

**IX. Head of School**

**A. Enrollment and Academic Update**

M. Lopez-Waite presented an update on enrollment and academics.

**B. Student Benchmark**

M. Lopez-Waite covered preliminary Student Benchmark information.

**X. Closing Items**

**A. Vote to Adjourn**

G. Gonzalez made a motion to Adjourn the meeting.

D. Patton seconded the motion.

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

**B. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
A. Chávez