

# Escuela Avancemos! Academy

## Minutes

### Regular Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday November 19, 2019 at 6:30 PM

#### Location

2635 Howard St Detroit, MI 48216

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** Prepare, educate, and inspire every child, every day to be lifelong leaders and learners in our 21st-century world.

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#### Directors Present

A. Bordeianu, C. Stamatina, G. Farmer, M. Barbour, M. Gonzalez

#### Directors Absent

L. Chittum

#### Guests Present

A. Ulloa, J. Joubert, L. Coggins, S. Johnson, S. Townsin, S. Yassine

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance and Guests

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Stamatina called a meeting of the board of directors of Escuela Avancemos! Academy to order on Tuesday Nov 19, 2019 at 6:37 PM.

### II. Approval of Agenda

#### A. Approval of Agenda

A. Bordeianu made a motion to Approve the November 19, 2019, regular Board meeting agenda.

G. Farmer seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

C. Stamatina Aye

M. Gonzalez Aye

L. Chittum Absent

**III. Consent Agenda Item**

**A. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

G. Farmer made a motion to approve minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 10-22-19 Regular Board Meeting on 10-22-19.

M. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Bordeianu Aye

L. Chittum Absent

G. Farmer Aye

C. Stamatina Aye

M. Barbour Aye

M. Gonzalez Aye

**IV. New Business**

**A. Fairness First Resolution**

M. Barbour made a motion to Approve the Fairness First Resolution.

A. Bordeianu seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Bordeianu Aye

M. Barbour Aye

C. Stamatina Aye

L. Chittum Absent

G. Farmer Aye

M. Gonzalez Aye

**B. CHRI Representative Resolution**

M. Barbour made a motion to Appoint Stephanie Yassine as the person hereby designed as the Academy's CHRI Representative.

G. Farmer seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

M. Barbour Aye  
G. Farmer Aye  
L. Chittum Absent  
M. Gonzalez Aye  
A. Bordeianu Aye  
C. Stamatina Aye

**C. CLOSED SESSION**

M. Barbour made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the Academy's Emergency Operations Plan.

G. Farmer seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

L. Chittum Absent  
C. Stamatina Aye  
M. Gonzalez Aye  
A. Bordeianu Aye  
G. Farmer Aye  
M. Barbour Aye

**D. OPEN SESSION**

A. Bordeianu made a motion to convene into open session.

G. Farmer seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

C. Stamatina Aye  
G. Farmer Aye  
M. Gonzalez Aye  
A. Bordeianu Aye  
M. Barbour Aye  
L. Chittum Absent

**E. Academy Emergency Operations Plan or Statewide School Safety Information Policy Resolution**

M. Barbour made a motion to Approve the Academy's Emergency Operations Plan or Statewide School Safety Information Policy Resolution.

G. Farmer seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

M. Barbour Aye  
L. Chittum Absent

**Roll Call**

C. Stamatina Aye  
G. Farmer Aye  
A. Bordeianu Aye  
M. Gonzalez Aye

**F. Board Membership Nomination**

A. Bordeianu made a motion to recommend Bruno Olvera be appointed to the Board of Directors of Escuela Avancemos Public School Academy.

M. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

G. Farmer Aye  
M. Barbour Aye  
C. Stamatina Aye  
L. Chittum Absent  
A. Bordeianu Aye  
M. Gonzalez Aye

**V. Reports**

**A. OCTOBER 2019 Financials**

October 2019 financial reports were presented by Dr. Lorilyn Coggins highlighting cash on hand, year-to-date revenues, year-to-date expenditures, and the current fund balance in a summarized format. The financials are in order. Dr. Coggins anticipates receiving an update soon from the Michigan Department of Education regarding Charter School Program Grant.

**B. Sanga Monthly Management Report**

The academic portion of the Sanga Management Report was presented by Sean Townsin. The Board of Directors was informed of the critical aspect surrounding the Third Grade Reading Law. Madame President Cristina Stamatina inquired about the timeline for receiving retention letters. Retention letters will probably have an impact on next year's planning. Moreover, Madame Vice President Andreea Bordeianu would like a responsibility task timeline to be shared with the board at the next scheduled board meeting. Many parents have been recruited for the Avancemos Literacy Initiative to increase parental reading support. Ms. Ulloa and Mr. Townsin have been instrumental with meeting with families of at-risk students.

The partnership portion of the Sanga Management Report was presented by Stephanie Yassine. At the next scheduled board meeting, Sanga is planning to present the charter

contract amendment for the 2020-2021 7th grade expansion to the Board of Directors. Ms. Ulloa has worked closely with the school transportation providers Trinity and Apollo to secure a lower rate. The academy has made a switch from Office 365 to the Google platform. The Board of Directors received there new email and password. With the holidays fast approaching Ms. Yassine shared several initiatives that are in place for needy families to receive food and gift items. Madame Vice President inquired of the progress of the student who, last year, was part of a gift collection by the board because of his medical condition and his desire to provide gifts to his hospital mates. Mr. Towsin reported that he was doing well in school.

#### **VI. Extended Public Comment:**

##### **A. This public comment section is reserved for all remaining comments.**

No extended public comments at this time.

#### **VII. Board Comments**

##### **A. Authorizer Comments**

The Board of Directors had the pleasure of meeting Central Michigan University's Field Operations Jennifer Joubert. Ms. Joubert is a former Principal and looks forward to working with the team.

##### **B. Escuela Avancemos! Academy Board of Directors Comments**

The Board of Directors expressed accolades to the team for a job well done. The board is looking forward to receiving additional information on 7th-grade planning. Madame Vice President Andreea Bordeinau made a request for the board to receive school event dates in advance when possible. Madame President Cristina Stamatina will follow-up with board members via email regarding board retreat achievement goals and objective plans. Let's keep the communication open and stay on target.

The Board of Directors wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

#### **VIII. Closing Items**

##### **A. Reconfirmation of Next Board Meeting**

##### **B. Adjourn Meeting**

M. Barbour made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

G. Farmer seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Bordeianu Aye

M. Barbour Aye

G. Farmer Aye

L. Chittum Absent

M. Gonzalez Aye

C. Stamatina Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Johnson

**Approved** by the Board of Trustees on December 17, 2019.

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**Board Secretary**

**Date**