

# Escuela Avancemos! Academy

## Minutes

### Regular Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Tuesday December 17, 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, L. Coggins, S. Johnson, 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 Dec 17, 2019 at 6:43 PM.

**II. Approval of Agenda****A. Approval of Agenda**

A. Bordeianu made a motion to Approve the December 17, 2019, regular Board meeting agenda.

M. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**III. Consent Agenda Item**

**A. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

G. Farmer made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 11-19-19.

A. Bordeianu seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**IV. New Business**

**A. Resolution Requesting a Contract Amendment**

A. Bordeianu made a motion to Approve the Resolution Requesting a Contract Amendment to expand into a 7th grade.

G. Farmer seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**B. Resolution Requesting Change in Number of the Board of Directors**

M. Barbour made a motion to Approve the Resolution Requesting a Change in Number of the Board of Directors Resolution from a 7 to 5 member board.

G. Farmer seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

G. Farmer Aye

C. Stamatina Aye

M. Gonzalez Aye

A. Bordeianu Aye

M. Barbour Aye

L. Chittum Absent

Madame President Cristina Stamatina informed the Board of Directors that Bruno Olvera will not be joining the board at this time due to professional reasons. Board Trustee Gregory Farmer regrettably announced to the board his resignation effective January 1, 2020 due to personal reasons.

**C. Charter School Program Grant**

Dr. Lorilyn Coggins provided a synopsis of the Charter School Program Grant (CSP), emphasizing that Michigan Department of Education (MDE) requires grant activities to be discussed and recorded in the monthly board meeting minutes.

**V. Reports**

**A. NOVEMBER 2019 Financials**

November 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.

**B. 21st Century Community Learning Centers Monthly Report**

On behalf of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Stephanie Yassine shared the program highlights and gratitude for the impact the additional funding makes possible for the students and staff at the academy. The 21st Century Community Learning Centers report and budget were presented to the Board of Directors.

**C. Sanga Monthly Management Report**

The Sanga Monthly Management academic and partnership report was presented by Stephanie Yassine. Central Michigan University conducted its first official site visit to the academy on October 29, 2019. This visit captured data around seven pedagogical elements for a total of 12 classrooms. The authorizer New School Support Visit Summary Report findings were paralleled to the academy's mission and vision alignment with daily operations. Leadership is continuing to work closely with the Detroit Children's Fund (DCF) by continuously targeting elements for quality instruction and subsequent

professional development. The academy's school index was presented to the Board of Directors.

Madame Vice President Andreea Bordeianu reiterated the previous request to receive a detailed bilingual education report. Ana Ulloa conveyed to the Board of Directors the model for dual language. Board Trustee Monica Barbour proposed that the "Bilingual Education" section of the monthly management report be changed to "Dual Language".

The academy has partnered with Attendance Works!, a non-profit organization funded by Skillman Foundation in efforts to reduce chronic absenteeism. Ana Ulloa shared with the Board of Directors the action plans that are in place to improve chronic absent students' daily attendance.

The spirit of gift-giving will be shared with the students of the academy. Stephanie Yassine and the school social worker have organized for each student to receive a gift on Friday, December 20th.

The modular installation work has begun and will take 4-5 weeks for completion. The Bureau of Construction Codes (BCC) will need to conduct a site visit to issue a Certificate of Occupancy for the modular.

#### **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**

Due to a scheduling conflict, Jennifer Joubert, Central Michigan University's Field Operations representative was unable to attend the meeting. However, Ms. Joubert reached out to the Board Liaison to express her apologies and inquired if the Board of Directors needed anything.

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

Escuela Avancemos Board of Directors expounded on this year's challenges and rewards. Gratitude accolades were expressed to the entire team for their passion and undoubtedly commitment. Best wishes to Board Trustee Gregory Farmer in his future endeavors. The Board of Directors wished everyone a wonderful holiday season!

#### **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

C. Stamatina Aye

L. Chittum Absent

M. Barbour Aye

M. Gonzalez Aye

A. Bordeianu Aye

G. Farmer Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Johnson