

# Escuela Avancemos! Academy

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday February 25, 2020 at 6:30 PM

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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, L. Chittum, M. Barbour, M. Gonzalez

#### Directors Absent

None

#### Guests Present

A. Ulloa, J. Joubert, 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 Feb 25, 2020 at 6:53 PM.

### II. Approval of Agenda

#### A. Approval of Agenda

M. Barbour made a motion to approve February 25, 2020 board meeting agenda.

A. Bordeianu seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

C. Stamatina Aye  
L. Chittum Aye  
A. Bordeianu Aye  
M. Barbour Aye  
M. Gonzalez Aye

**III. Consent Agenda Item**

**A. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

L. Chittum made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 01-28-20.

M. Barbour seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

C. Stamatina Aye  
M. Barbour Aye  
L. Chittum Aye  
M. Gonzalez Aye  
A. Bordeianu Aye

**IV. New Business**

**A. Resolution to Approve Audit 2020 Letter of Engagement from Wilkerson & Associate P.C.**

M. Barbour made a motion to approve the Audit 2020 Letter of Engagement from Wilkerson & Associate P.C.

L. Chittum seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Bordeianu Aye  
M. Barbour Aye  
L. Chittum Aye  
C. Stamatina Aye  
M. Gonzalez Aye

**B. Escuela Avancemos! Contract Amendment No. 1**

L. Chittum made a motion to approve the Escuela Avancemos! Charter Contract Amendment No.1 to include the modular unit into the Contract.

M. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

### **Roll Call**

C. Stamatina Aye  
M. Barbour Aye  
A. Bordeianu Aye  
M. Gonzalez Aye  
L. Chittum Aye

### **C. Banking**

Dr. Lorilyn Coggins presented the Board of Directors with Chase for Business resource information as a possible banking option for the academy. Exploring the academy's banking option has also been on the Board Treasurer Linda Chittum radar. Within the upcoming weeks, Madame President Cristina Stamatina will contact the referred Chase Senior Business Relationship Manager to schedule a call and or meeting. More discussion surrounding the academy's banking needs will be forthcoming.

## **V. Reports**

### **A. JANUARY 2020 Financials**

January 2020 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. The budget will need to be amended to add significant grant reviews.

### **B. Charter School Program Grant Monthly Report**

Dr. Lorilyn Coggins presented to the Board of Directors a brief overview of the Charter School Program Grant data that will be presented monthly at each board meeting. The Board of Directors received copies of the February Monthly Status Report for the Charter School Program (CSP) as provided by the Michigan Department of Education. Narrative and Budget changes will be entered in Michigan Electronic Grant System (MEGS) by Dr. Lorilyn Coggins. The academy's principal Sean Townsin attended the first mandatory Charter School Program (CSP) grant meeting on February 12, 2020. Upcoming Charter School Program (CSP) session dates were shared with the Board of Directors.

### **C. 21st Century Community Learning Centers Monthly Report**

### **D. Sanga Monthly Management Report**

Stephanie Yassine shared a few highlights from the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) after-school program. The January 2020 Expense Report and the February 2020 report were presented to the Board of Directors.

The Sanga Monthly Management Report was presented in its entirety by Stephanie Yassine and Ana Ulloa. The school's principal Sean Townsin is attending a School Collaborative Year 2 (SC2) Great Schools exemplary schools visit in Washington, D.C.

The 2020-2021 school year staffing recruitment and retention are in full gear. The academy's management company has been hard at work in identifying prospective buildings for expansion for the 2021-2022 academic year. Both Stephanie Yassine and Ana Ulloa presented to the Board of Directors the "Beatrice Property" advantages and disadvantages. Madame President Cristina Stamatina expressed the need for a Facility Committee and community networking. Moreover, a rotational synopsis for selecting another building will need to be presented to the Board of Directors.

## **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**

Jennifer Joubert shared her recent visit to the academy on February 19, 2020, with the Board of Directors. Not only is Jennifer Joubert impressed with the academy's success but The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools Central Michigan University (CMU) Mt. Pleasant leadership team is pleased as well. On March 17, 2020, Central Michigan University (CMU) will be visiting the academy. Upcoming Board Development Series dates were given to the Board of Directors.

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

The Escuela Avancemos Board of Directors are very thankful and appreciative to the entire team for all the progress that is being made. Board Vice President Andreea Bordeianu shared free workshops information that are offered by Oakland University.

## **VIII. Closing Items**

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

Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at 6:30pm at Escuela Avancemos! Academy;  
2635 Howard St Detroit, MI 48216

### **B. Adjourn Meeting**

A. Bordeianu made a motion to adjourn the meeting and there is no further business to be transacted, and upon motion being, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

L. Chittum seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

A. Bordeianu Aye

**Roll Call**

C. Stamatina Aye

L. Chittum Aye

M. Gonzalez Aye

M. Barbour Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
S. Johnson