

# Escuela Avancemos! Academy

## Minutes

### Escuela Avancemos Annual Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday June 20, 2023 at 6:30 PM

#### Location

##### Escuela Avancemos Academy

2635 Howard Street

Detroit, MI 48216

Room: 105

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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, Beatrice Hill, Dahime Gordon, Dr. Arza Ali (remote), Dr. Randy Speck (remote), J. Joubert, L. Coggins (remote), S. Johnson

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance and Guests

Ana Ulloa introduced Dr. Randy Speck and Dr. Azra Ali to the Board of Directors.

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Stamatina called a meeting of the board of directors of Escuela Avancemos! Academy to order on Tuesday Jun 20, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

## II. Approval of Agenda

### A. Approval of Agenda

M. Barbour made a motion to approve the agenda from Escuela Avancemos Regular Board Meeting on June 20, 2023.

M. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

L. Chittum Aye

A. Bordeianu Aye

M. Barbour Aye

M. Gonzalez Aye

C. Stamatina Aye

## III. Consent Agenda Item

### A. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

M. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes from Escuela Avancemos Regular Board Meeting on 05-23-23.

L. Chittum seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

M. Gonzalez Aye

C. Stamatina Aye

M. Barbour Aye

L. Chittum Aye

A. Bordeianu Aye

## IV. New Business

### A. Election of Officers

M. Barbour made a motion to make no changes to the Escuela Avancemos Academy Board of Directors elected officers. Cristina Stamatina President, Andreea Bordeianu Vice President, Linda Chittum Treasurer, Monica Barbour Secretary, and Mariva Gonzalez Board Trustee.

A. Bordeianu seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

C. Stamatina Aye

M. Barbour Aye

A. Bordeianu Aye

L. Chittum Aye

**Roll Call**

M. Gonzalez Aye

**B. Approval of Board Corresponding Agent**

A. Bordeianu made a motion to appoint Shan'Ta Johnson as the Board's Corresponding Agent.

M. Barbour seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

L. Chittum Aye

A. Bordeianu Aye

C. Stamatina Aye

M. Gonzalez Aye

M. Barbour Aye

**C. Approval of McKinney-Vento Homeless Children and Youth Liaison**

A. Bordeianu made a motion to appoint the School Social Worker as the Homeless Children and Youth Liaison.

M. Barbour seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

L. Chittum Aye

M. Gonzalez Aye

A. Bordeianu Aye

M. Barbour Aye

C. Stamatina Aye

**D. Approval of Chief Administrative Officer Designation**

M. Barbour made a motion to appoint the Board Treasurer Linda Chittum as the Chief Administrative Officer.

M. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

C. Stamatina Aye

A. Bordeianu Aye

M. Gonzalez Aye

L. Chittum Aye

M. Barbour Aye

**E. Approval of Title IX Representative**

A. Bordeianu made a motion to appoint the School Principal as the academy's Title IX Representative.

L. Chittum seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

M. Barbour Aye

C. Stamatina Aye

A. Bordeianu Aye

M. Gonzalez Aye

L. Chittum Aye

**F. Approval of Designation of Legal Counsel**

M. Barbour made a motion to appoint Dickinson Wright PLLC to represent the academy in all ongoing legal business matters.

M. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Bordeianu Aye

M. Gonzalez Aye

L. Chittum Aye

M. Barbour Aye

C. Stamatina Aye

**G. Approval of Freedom of Information Act Representative**

L. Chittum made a motion to appoint Shan'Ta Johnson as the Freedom of Information Act Representative.

M. Barbour 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

**H. Approval of the Office of Civil Rights Representative**

A. Bordeianu made a motion to to appoint the School Principal as the academy's Civil Rights Representative.

L. Chittum seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

L. Chittum Aye

A. Bordeianu Aye

C. Stamatina Aye

**Roll Call**

M. Barbour Aye

M. Gonzalez Aye

**I. Approval of School Safety Liaison**

M. Barbour made a motion to appoint Ana Ulloa as the School Safety Commission Liaison.

L. Chittum seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Bordeianu Aye

L. Chittum Aye

M. Gonzalez Aye

M. Barbour Aye

C. Stamatina Aye

**J. Approval of the 2022-2023 Amended Budget**

L. Chittum made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Amended Budget.

M. Barbour seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

L. Chittum Aye

M. Gonzalez Aye

M. Barbour Aye

A. Bordeianu Aye

C. Stamatina Aye

**K. Approval of the 2023-2024 Projected Operating Budget**

M. Barbour made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Projected Operating Budget.

L. Chittum seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

M. Gonzalez Aye

A. Bordeianu Aye

L. Chittum Aye

C. Stamatina Aye

M. Barbour Aye

**L. 2022-2023 Educational Goals End of Year Report**

Ana Ulloa, Sanga Management CEO presented the Public Act 48 of 2021, Section 98b and Section 104a required accomplishments of established educational and academic end-of-year goals to the Escuela Avancemos Academy Board of Directors.

Madam President Cristina Stamatina requested for a detailed goals report to be presented to the Board of Directors at the next board meeting.

## **V. Reports**

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

Dahime Gordon, the 21st CCLC Site Coordinator, presented the 21st Century Community Learning Centers monthly programming and budget report. The summer school programming is scheduled to begin on June 26, 2023; Monday-Thursday 10:00 am-2 pm.

Weekly field trips are planned on Thursdays. Madam President Cristina Stamatina inquired if volunteers are allowed to assist with the summer program. Volunteers are welcome and must receive a favorable background check.

### **B. May Financials**

May 2023 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. Lorilyn Coggins informed the Board of Directors that the academy has received tax levy funds from Wayne Resa.

### **C. Sanga Monthly Management Report**

The Sanga Monthly Management Report was presented by Ana Ulloa (CEO, Founder). The Detroit Children's Fund Panorama Student Survey results were shared with the Board of Directors. The survey was provided to all 3rd-8th graders in the Spring. The summary findings were based on Lyndsey McClintic's (Assistant Principal) perception. Ana Ulloa is scheduled to meet with Detroit Children's Fund in the upcoming weeks to gain more clarity on the Panorama Student Survey. The Detroit Children's Fund also conducted a TNTP (The New Teacher Project) Insight Survey to teachers this past Fall and Spring. The academy has been awarded \$50k for DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) training and workshops. Ana Ulloa announced Beatrice Hill is moving into the parent engagement department to support and bridge the connection between the academy and the families we serve.

The NWEA Median Conditional Growth Percentiles report was presented to the Board of Directors to highlight for each grade level the median conditional growth percentile in the area of math and reading. Dr. Ali and Dr. Speck were introduced to the Board of Directors as Sanga's consulting support for a deeper analysis of the student growth and need assessments. Dr. Ali and her team will be creating action plans for students that did not reach their academic goals. Ana Ulloa announced a general English class will be offered to new students during the summer. This class will be conducted by one of the academy's bilingual teachers, Ms. Sanjuanita Alvarez.

Ana Ulloa shared with the Board of Directors the need for systematic structure changes at the academy. Dr. Azra Ali and Dr. Randy Speck have been contracted to provide

academic consulting and direction for the school principal to assist with implementing the structures that are needed to move the academy's learning to a different positive level.

Dr. Azra Ali shared her background and experience as an educator for over 25 years.

One of the key elements to bridging the academic learning gaps is to create target group instruction for students' academic learning growth. Board Secretary Monica Barbour asked if Dr. Azra Ali and her team work with other charter schools in Michigan. Dr. Azra Ali works with a total of 5 charter schools within Michigan and is very well-versed in bilingual language learning.

Sanga Management finalized the year with a clear understanding of areas that need improvement in the delivery of support services to students. Madam Vice President Andreea Bordeianu inquired why the board members were not invited to the 8th graduation ceremony. The invite might have been an inadvertent oversight by the school principal.

## **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 Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools Central Michigan University Field Operations School Lead, Jennifer Joubert reminded the board of the upcoming Center for Charter Schools 2023 Annual Conference on August 15, 2023.

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

Madam President Cristina Stamatina thanked the team for a thorough board report and for implementing a good plan for students' academic learning growth.

## **VIII. Closing Items**

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

Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 6:30 pm at Escuela Avancemos! Academy.

### **B. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
S. Johnson

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Approved by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, June 20, 2023

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Board Secretary

Date