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# Las Américas ASPIRA Academy

## Minutes

### Board Meeting with Executive Session

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#### Date and Time

Thursday August 25, 2022 at 5:00 PM

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#### Location

Join Zoom Meeting

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### **Directors Present**

A. Ben Addi (remote), A. Chávez (remote), A. Viscarra Gikas (remote), C. Dipres (remote), E. Diaz (remote), G. Gonzalez (remote), J. Lawrence (remote), K. Fana-Ruiz (remote), L. Santiago (remote), M. Brown (remote), M. Rivera (remote), M. Terranova-Fissel (remote), P. Viera, Jr. (remote), R. Penix-Tadsen (remote), R. Rhem (remote)

### **Directors Absent**

*None*

### **Guests Present**

G. Panchisin, M. Lopez-Waite

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

L. Santiago called a meeting of the board of directors of Las Américas ASPIRA Academy to order on Thursday Aug 25, 2022 at 5:04 PM.

### **C. Vote to enter Executive Session**

R. Penix-Tadsen made a motion to enter Executive Session.

M. Brown seconded the motion.

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

## **II. Executive Session**

### **A. Strategic Planning**

The Board discussed strategic planning

### **B. Vote to Return to Public Session**

M. Rivera made a motion to return to Public Session.

J. Lawrence seconded the motion.

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

## **III. Approval of Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes**

### **A. Approve August meeting agenda and June meeting minutes**

G. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting with Executive Session on 06-23-22.

M. Rivera seconded the motion.

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

#### **IV. Finance**

##### **A. Financial Reports**

G. Panchisin presented the FY22 financial report and the July 2022 financial report. G. Panchisin then presented the FY23 preliminary operating budget.

##### **B. Approval of Financial Reports**

R. Penix-Tadsen made a motion to approve the FY22 financial report and the July 2022 financial report.

G. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

##### **C. Approval of Fiscal Year 2023 Preliminary Operating Budget**

J. Lawrence made a motion to approve the FY23 preliminary operating budget.

R. Penix-Tadsen seconded the motion.

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

#### **V. Operations**

##### **A. Operations Update**

G. Panchisin presented information about the construction of the West Campus. The construction is currently on track.

#### **VI. Development**

##### **A. Development Update**

G. Gonzalez presented on Development. The Committee is continuing to work on the expansion campaign, which is currently in the friends and family phase. Unfortunately, due to space/venue issues, we are not able to have a Hispanic Heritage event for the community and events will take place for the students during the school day.

#### **VII. DEI**

##### **A. DEI Report**

R. Penix-Tadsen provided the DEIB report. The Committee would like to hold a discussion during the Board Retreat, and recruit new board members for the Committee.

#### **VIII. PTO**

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### **PTO Update**

A. Viscarra Gikas provided the PTO update. On August 13, there was a uniform resale event. The PTO is working on a roller skate event. Mike is going to reach out for Jose to ask for 95% participation for teachers in the PTO. The goal is to get membership and volunteering up.

## **IX. CEO**

### **A. CEO Report**

M. Lopez-Waite presented the CEO report. Enrollment goals [1,347 (100%); 1,414 (105%)] Enrollment to date [1,324 registered, 15 pending = 1,339 total (99.4%)].

## **X. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
A. Chávez