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Las Américas ASPIRA Academy

Minutes

ADCO Board Meeting with Executive Session

Public Session begins @ 6pm

Date and Time

Wednesday April 16, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Location

ASPIRA Academy
326 Ruthar Drive
Newark, De 19711

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Vision

To develop ASPIRANTES who are biliterate influencers and decision makers.

Mission

To educate and empower each ASPIRANTE to realize their full potential and positively impact their communities.

Equity Statement

We commit to:

- Identify and dismantle **systemic inequities** within education that contribute to **opportunity gaps** for our students.
- Create a **culture of caring** that embraces all the **identities** of our school community members and provides a sense of belonging for all.

Directors Present

A. Ben Addi (remote), D. Curry (remote), E. Diaz (remote), G. Gonzalez (remote), J. Lawrence (remote), K. Fana-Ruiz (remote), M. Ashraf (remote), M. Casanova (remote), P. Viera, Jr. (remote), R. Redden-Huff (remote)

Directors Absent

None

Guests Present

Amber Metz (remote), Debbie Panchisin (remote), G. Panchisin (remote), K. Cruz (remote), Kevin Hudson (remote), M. Lopez-Waite (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

G. Gonzalez called a meeting of the board of directors of Las Américas ASPIRA Academy to order on Wednesday Apr 16, 2025 at 5:06 PM.

C. Vote to enter Executive Session

P. Viera, Jr. made a motion to move to Executive Session.
J. Lawrence seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. II. Executive Session

A. Strategic Planning

B. Vote to Return to Public Session

P. Viera, Jr. made a motion to move to Public Session.
D. Curry seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

III. Approval of Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes

A. Approve February Meeting Minutes

P. Viera, Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes from ADCO Board Meeting with Executive Session on 02-26-25.
M. Casanova seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. Review and Approval of Revised Internet Safety Policy

A. Review and Approval of Revised Internet Safety Policy

Amber Metz presented the revised Internet Safety Policy.

P. Viera, Jr. made a motion to approve revised Internet Policy.

M. Casanova seconded the motion.

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

V. Review & Approval of FY26 School Calendar

A. Review of FY26 School Calendar

Margie Loez Waite reviewed the proposed FY26 School Calendars for both campuses.

B. Approval of FY26 School Calendar

P. Viera, Jr. made a motion to approve FY26 School Calendar.

E. Diaz seconded the motion.

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

VI. Required ADCO Board Training (follow up)

A. ADCO Board Training

G.. Panchisin reminded the Board of required Special Education Due Process Hearing training, as well as the required Financial Training.

VII. Finance

A. Financial Report

K. Cruz reviewed the March 2025 Financial Report.

B. Approval of Financial Report

P. Viera, Jr. made a motion to approve March 2025 Financial Report.

E. Diaz seconded the motion.

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

VIII. Operations

A. Operations Update

G. Panchisin reviewed the March 28, 2025 ESF Funding letter from the U.S. Department of Education.

G. Panchisin reviewed the progress of the High School Athletics Complex.

IX. Development

A. Development Update

E. Diaz presented the report.

X. PTO

A. PTO Report

M. Ashraf presented the PTO update.

XI. CEO

A. CEO Report

M. Lopez Waite presented her CEO report.

XII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

D. Curry made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

P. Viera, Jr. seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Panchisin