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**ASPIRA REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ASPIRA INC. OF ILLINOIS
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023 – 6:30PM IN PERSON**

**ASPIRA BUSINESS & FINANCE HIGH SCHOOL
2989 N. MILWAUKEE AVENUE, CHICAGO IL 60618**

1. Call to Order: 6:55pm.

2. Roll Call:

Rosanna Diaz - Director	Excused Absent
Alberto Fret - Director	Present
Gabriela Gonzalez - Student Director	Present
Rosemary Lugo-Gross - Director	Present
Luis Martinez - Director	Present
David Rodriguez - Director	Present
Julio Santiago - Chair	Present

Quorum reached.

3. **Approval of Agenda 3-9-2023:** Motion to approve agenda was made by Director Rodriguez and seconded by Director Lugo-Gross. Motion carried.

Alberto Fret - Director	Yes
Gabriela Gonzalez - Student Director	Yes
Rosemary Lugo-Gross - Director	Yes
Luis Martinez - Director	Yes
David Rodriguez - Director	Yes
Julio Santiago - Chair	Yes

4. **Approval of Minutes from 1-12-2023:** Motion to approve was made by Director Rodriguez and seconded by Director Lugo-Gross. Motion carried.

Alberto Fret - Director	Yes
Gabriela Gonzalez - Student Director	Yes
Rosemary Lugo-Gross - Director	Yes

Luis Martinez - Director	Yes
David Rodriguez - Director	Yes
Julio Santiago - Chair	Yes

5. Opportunity for Public Comment: None requested
6. Chairman Santiago Remarks - Chairman provided "Board Meeting Etiquette Tips". Board Members to review. A form will be created. All Board Members to sign.
7. CEO Fernando E. Grillo Report
8. Board Committees
9. **Approval: Student Member Aspira Club Federation: Brittney Miguel.** Motion to approve was made by Director Lugo-Gross and seconded by Director Fret. Motion carried.

Alberto Fret - Director	Yes
Gabriela Gonzalez - Student Director	Yes
Rosemary Lugo-Gross - Director	Yes
Luis Martinez - Director	Yes
David Rodriguez - Director	Yes
Julio Santiago - Chair	Yes

10. **Approval: Parent Member: Laura Gracia.** Motion to approve was made by Director Lugo-Gross and seconded by Director Martinez. Motion carried.

Alberto Fret - Director	Yes
Gabriela Gonzalez - Student Director	Yes
Rosemary Lugo-Gross - Director	Yes
Luis Martinez - Director	Yes
David Rodriguez - Director	Yes
Julio Santiago - Chair	Yes

11. **Approval: Youth Connection Charter Schools (YCCS) YCLA Campus - Continued Consolidation Communication with Legal Issues.** Motion to approve was made by Director Martiinez and seconded by Director Lugo-Gross. Motion carried.

Alberto Fret - Director	Yes
Gabriela Gonzalez - Student Director	Yes
Rosemary Lugo-Gross - Director	Yes
Luis Martinez - Director	Yes
David Rodriguez - Director	Yes

Julio Santiago - Chair	Yes
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12. **Approval: Aspira Early College High School - IHSA Membership Renewal - SY23/24.** ITEM DEFERRED TO NEXT BOARD MEETING

13. **Approval: Motion to approve settlement of dispute with Antilles Strategy Group and payment of outstanding invoices totaling \$12,900.** Motion to approve was made by Director Lugo-Gross and seconded by Director Martinez. Majority voted to carry the motion.

Alberto Fret - Director	Yes
Gabriela Gonzalez - Student Director	Abstained
Rosemary Lugo-Gross - Director	Yes
Luis Martinez - Director	Yes
David Rodriguez - Director	Yes
Julio Santiago - Chair	Yes

14. Board Governance: Bylaws, Board Membership, Board Member Code of Conduct, Committee Assignments, Educational Development Committee, Committee Staffing, and CEO Evaluation Process

- Bylaws Committee = Rodriguez, Lugo-Gross (deadline to review: 4/30/2023)
- Educational Development Committee = Diaz (need to resolve issues with staff first)
- CEO Evaluation Process = Personnel Committee to meet with Edgar Lopez, Jose Reyes, & Executive Committee
- Finance Committee = Edgar Lopez, Samuel Perez
- Program Committee = Waldemar Cruz, New MDV Director

15. Closed Session 9:30pm: Motion to go into Closed Session was made by Director Lugo-Gross and seconded by Director Martinez. Motion carried.

Alberto Fret - Director	Yes
Gabriela Gonzalez - Student Director	Yes
Rosemary Lugo-Gross - Director	Yes
Luis Martinez - Director	Yes
David Rodriguez - Director	Yes
Julio Santiago - Chair	Yes

16. Open Session 9:55pm: Motion to return to Open Session was made by Director Lugo-Gross and seconded by Director Gonzalez. Motion carried.

Alberto Fret - Director	Yes
Gabriela Gonzalez - Student Director	Yes
Rosemary Lugo-Gross - Director	Yes

Luis Martinez - Director	Yes
David Rodriguez - Director	Yes
Julio Santiago - Chair	Yes

17. **Approval: Educational Development Committee:** Motion to approved was made by Director Lugo-Gross and seconded by Director Gonzalez. Motion carried.

Alberto Fret - Director	Yes
Gabriela Gonzalez - Student Director	Yes
Rosemary Lugo-Gross - Director	Yes
Luis Martinez - Director	Yes
David Rodriguez - Director	Yes
Julio Santiago - Chair	Yes

The Outgoing Chairman presented a transition statement outlining his priorities and initiatives during his tenure as Chair.

18. **Adjournment at 10pm:** Motion to adjourn was made by Director Martinez and seconded by Director Lugo-Gross. Motion carried.

Alberto Fret - Director	Yes
Gabriela Gonzalez - Student Director	Yes
Rosemary Lugo-Gross - Director	Yes
Luis Martinez - Director	Yes
David Rodriguez - Director	Yes
Julio Santiago - Chair	Yes

Minutes prepared by: Maggie Garcia