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**ASPIRA REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ASPIRA INC. OF ILLINOIS
THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023 – 6:30PM IN PERSON**

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

1. Call to Order: 6:48pm.

2. Roll Call:

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

Quorum reached.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment:

- Rebecca Rios - Teacher ABF
- Katie Schmidt - Teacher ABF
- Alvin Colon - Teacher ABF
- Claude Holmes Jr. - Union Chair APHS

4. **Approval of Agenda 7-20-2023 - 6:30pm:** Motion to approve agenda was made by Director Martinez and seconded by Director Fret. All in favor. Motion passed.

5. **Approval: Minutes of 3-9-2023 Board Meeting:** Motion to approve agenda was made by Director Lugo-Gross and seconded by Director Martinez. All in favor. Motion passed.

6. Chairman Santiago Remarks
 - finances & what is being implemented
 - personnel committee
 - graduations
 - education committee
 - board orientation
 - strategic plan plans
 - programs

7. CEO Fernando E. Grillo Report
 - Presented update report on departments
 - Announced resignation as ASPIRA President & CEO; will work with Board on transition

8. Board Committees - included in CEO Report

9. **Approval: Ratification: Curriculum for SY 2023-2024.** Motion to approve was made by Director Martinez and seconded by Director Rodriguez. All in favor. Motion passed.

10. **Approval: Amended SY23-24 ASPIRA Academic Calendar.** Motion to approve was made by Director Lugo-Gross and seconded by Director Diaz. All in favor. Motion passed.

11. **Approval: Corporate Resolution to Authorize Chair as Signatory on Bank Accounts at Old Second Bank, U.S. Bank, and Wintrust.** Motion to approve was made by Director Lugo-Gross and seconded by Director Martinez. All in favor. Motion passed.

12. **Approval: ASPIRA of Illinois PROJECTED Budget SY 2023-2024.** Motion to approve was made by Director Lugo-Gross and seconded by Director Fret. All in favor. Motion passed.
Requested by Director Diaz: at the end of quarter we submit a revised budget based on student count.

13. Closed Session: Motion to go into Closed Session was made by Director Diaz and seconded by Director Rodriguez. All in favor. Motion passed.

Rosanna Diaz - Director	Yes
Alberto Fret - Director	Yes
Rosemary Lugo-Gross - Director	Yes
Luis Martinez - Director	Yes
David Rodriguez - Director	Yes
Julio Santiago - Chair	Yes

14. Open Session: Motion to return to Open Session was made by Director Diaz and seconded by Director Fret. All in favor. Motion passed.

15. **Approval: CEO Fernando E. Grillo Agreement:** Item tabled. Motion to go into Closed Session was made by Director Diaz and seconded by Director Lugo-Gross. All in favor. Motion passed.
16. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Director Rodriguez and seconded by Director Fret. All in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes prepared by: Maggie Garcia