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**ASPIRA REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ASPIRA INC. OF ILLINOIS
THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023 – 8PM IN PERSON**

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

1. Call to Order: **9:37pm**.

2. Roll Call:

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

Quorum reached.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment: None requested

4. **Approval: Agenda for 7-20-2023 - 8pm:** Motion to approve agenda was made by Director Lugo-Gross and seconded by Director Diaz. All in favor. Motion passed.

5. **Approval: Minutes of 7-20-2023 6:30pm Board Meeting:** Item tabled. Motion to approve item was made by Director Diaz and seconded by Director Fret. All in favor. Motion passed.

6. Chairman Santiago Remarks - No remarks made.

7. CEO Fernando E. Grillo Report - No remarks made. Thank you to the Board.

8. Board Committees - None
9. **Approval: New Board Member - Marco Morales.** Motion to approve was made by Director Martinez and seconded by Director Fret. All in favor. Motion passed.
10. **Approval: New Board Member - Juan Morado Jr.** Motion to approve was made by Director Lugo-Gross and seconded by Director Martinez. All in favor. Motion passed.
11. **Approval: Ratification - Approval: Illinois High School Association Membership Term 2023-2024 for Aspira Antonia Pantoja High School.** Motion to approve was made by Director Lugo-Gross and seconded by Director Diaz. All in favor. Motion passed.
12. **Approval: Ratification - Approval: Illinois High School Association Membership Term 2023-2024 for Aspira Early College High School.** Motion to approve was made by Director Lugo-Gross and seconded by Director Diaz. All in favor. Motion passed.
13. **Approval: Ratification - Approval: Illinois High School Association Membership Term 2023-2024 for Aspira Antonia Pantoja High School.** Motion to approve was made by Director Martinez and seconded by Director Diaz. All in favor. Motion passed.
14. **Approval: Authorization for Closure of Ascensus 403(b) Retirement Plan.** Motion to approve was made by Director Lugo-Gross and seconded by Director Fret. All in favor. Motion passed.
15. **Approval: Resolution Authorizing Social Media Litigation & Fee Contract.** Motion to approve was made by Director Diaz and seconded by Director Fret. All in favor. Motion passed.
16. **Approval: Callero & Callero LLP Engagement Letter.**
 Tabled to 7/31/2023. Motion to not pass was made by Director Rodriguez and seconded by Director Diaz.
 After further discussion and vote, motion passed.

Rosanna Diaz - Director	No
Alberto Fret - Director	Yes
Rosemary Lugo-Gross - Director	Yes
Luis Martinez - Director	Yes
David Rodriguez - Director	No
Julio Santiago - Chair	Yes

17. **Approval: CJBS Engagement Letter.** Motion to approve was made by Director Martinez and

seconded by Director Fret. All in favor. Motion passed.

18. Closed Session: None

19. Open Session: n/a

20. Adjournment 10:10pm: Motion to adjourn was made by Director Rodriguez and seconded by Director Martinez. All in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes prepared by: Maggie Garcia