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**ASPIRA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ASPIRA INC. OF ILLINOIS  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023 – 5PM IN PERSON**

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

1. Call to Order: 5:17pm.

2. Roll Call:

Rosanna Diaz - Director	Present
Gabriela Gonzalez - Student Director	Present
Rosemary Lugo-Gross - Director	Present
Luis Martinez - Director	Present
Marco Morales - Director	Present
Juan Morado - Director	Excused
David Rodriguez - Director	Present
Julio Santiago - Chair	Present

Quorum reached.

Note: Director Morado joined the meeting in person at 5:45pm.

3. **Approval of Special Agenda 8-21-2023 - 5pm:** Motion to approve agenda was made by Director Lugo-Gross and seconded by Director Martinez. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. Opportunity for Public Comment:

Becky Rios, Katie Schmidt, James Monroe, Bryan Connelly, Patricia Seitz, Kassandra Cardenas, Juan Elias, Meghan Waller, Alvin Colon, Claude Holmes Jr.

5. Chairman Santiago Remarks - None

6. Closed Session: Motion to go into Closed Session was made by Director Morales and seconded by Director Martinez. All in favor. Motion passed.

Rosanna Diaz - Director	Yes
Gabriela Gonzalez - Student Director	Yes
Rosemary Lugo-Gross - Director	Yes
Luis Martinez - Director	Yes
Marco Morales - Director	Yes
Juan Morado - Director	Yes
David Rodriguez - Director	Yes
Julio Santiago - Chair	Yes

7. Open Session: Motion to return to Open Session was made by Director Lugo-Gross and seconded by Director Diaz. All in favor. Motion passed.
8. **Approval: CEO Settlement Agreement** - Motion was made by Director Lugo-Gross and seconded by Director Morales. All in favor. Motion passed. Board accepted the CEO Separation from Aspira of Illinois effective August 25, 2023.
9. **Approval: Selection of Interim CEO** - Motion was made by Director Lugo-Gross and seconded by Director Diaz. All in favor. Motion passed. Edgar Lopez, Interim CEO effective August 26, 2023.
10. Adjournment 7:06pm: Motion to adjourn was made by Director Morado and seconded by Director Morales. All in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes prepared by: Maggie Garcia