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**ASPIRA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ASPIRA INC. OF ILLINOIS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023 – 6:30PM IN PERSON**

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

Chairman Santiago announced to everyone that this is an open meeting and it is being recorded.

1. Call to Order: **6:46pm**.

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	Absent
David Rodriguez - Director	Present
Julio Santiago - Chair	Present

Quorum reached.

3. **Approval of Agenda 10-25-2023 - 6:30pm:** Chairman requested a motion for approval. Motion to approve agenda was made by Director Lugo-Gross and seconded by Director Morales. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. Opportunity for Public Comment:
The following staff requested to address the Board: Katie Schmidt, Kassandra Cardenas, Alvin Colon, Claude Holmes Jr., Cindi Camacho, Lori Cannella, Maria Morales, Rebecca Rios, Xiomara Cole

5. **Approval: Minutes of 9-6-2023 6:30pm Board Meeting.** Chairman requested a motion for approval. Motion to approve was made by Director Lugo-Gross and seconded by Director Martinez. All in favor. Motion passed.

6. Chairman Santiago Remarks
7. Interim CEO Lopez Report
8. Board Committee Reports
 - Finance Committee Report
 - Education Committee Report provided
9. **Approval: New Board Member: Debra Cruz.** Chairman requested a motion for approval. Motion to approve was made by Director Lugo-Gross and seconded by Director Martinez. All in favor. Motion passed.
10. **Approval: New Board Member: Dr. Armen Alvarez.** Chairman requested a motion for approval. Motion to approve was made by Director Martinez and seconded by Director Morales. All in favor. Motion passed.
11. **Approval: New Board Member: Luis Diaz-Perez.** Chairman requested a motion for approval. Motion to approve was made by Director Diaz and seconded by Director Morales. All in favor. Motion passed.
12. **Approval: New Board Member: Yolanda Frontany.** Chairman requested a motion for approval. Motion to approve was made by Student Director Gonzalez and seconded by Director Martinez. All in favor. Motion passed.
13. **Approval: New Student Board Member: Anthony Pritchett.** Chairman requested a motion for approval. Motion to approve was made by Director Lugo-Gross and seconded by Director Morales. All in favor. Motion passed.
14. **Approval: 2023-2024 ASPIRA Budget:** Chairman requested a motion for approval. Motion to approve was made by Director Diaz and seconded by Director Morales. All in favor. Motion passed.
15. **Approval: Additional Fullerton Building Renovation Expense:** Chairman requested a motion for approval. Motion to approve was made by Director Morales and seconded by Director Martinez. All in favor. Motion passed.
16. Closed Session: Chairman requested a motion to go into closed session. Motion was made by Director Lugo-Gross and seconded by Director Diaz. 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
David Rodriguez - Director	Yes
Julio Santiago - Chairman	Yes

17. Return to Open Session: Chairman requested a motion to return to open session. Motion to was made by Student Director Gonzalez and seconded by Director Martinez. All in favor. Motion passed.
18. Adjournment - Chairman requested a motion for adjournment. Motion to approve was made by Director Lugo-Gross and seconded by Director Morales. All in favor. Motion passed.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 6:30pm.

Minutes prepared by: Maggie Garcia