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**ASPIRA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ASPIRA INC. OF ILLINOIS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023 – 6:30PM IN PERSON**

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

In place of Chairman Santiago, this special meeting was Chaired by Director Rosemary Lugo-Gross. Director Lugo-Gross announced to everyone that this is an open meeting and it is being recorded.

1. Call to Order: 6:37pm.

2. Roll Call:

Dr. Armen Alvarez - Director	Present
Debra Cruz - Director	Present
Dr. Rosanna Diaz - Director	Present
Luis Diaz-Perez - Director	Excused
Yolanda Frontany - Director	Present
Gabriela Gonzalez - Student Director	Excused
Rosemary Lugo-Gross - Director	Present
Luis Martinez - Director	Present
Marco Morales - Director	Present
Juan Morado - Director	Absent
Anthony Pritchett - Student Director	Present
David Rodriguez - Director	Present
Julio Santiago - Chair	Excused

Quorum reached.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment: No requests.

4. Update on La Cosecha Conference was made by Nestor Corona.

Director Lugo-Gross welcomed our new board members to their first meeting.

- 5. **Approval: Interim CEO Signature on Bank Renewal Documents.** Director Lugo-Gross requested a motion for approval. Motion to approve was made by Director Morales and seconded by Director Diaz. All in favor. Motion passed.
- 6. **Approval: Old Second Bank Loan Extension.** Director Lugo-Gross requested a motion for approval. Motion to approve was made by Director Morales and seconded by Director Martinez. All in favor. Motion passed.
- 7. Closed Session: Director Lugo-Gross requested a motion to go into closed session. Motion was made by Director Martinez and seconded by Director Frontany. All in favor. Motion passed.

Dr. Armen Alvarez - Director	Yes
Debra Cruz - Director	Yes
Dr. Rosanna Diaz - Director	Yes
Yolanda Frontany - Director	Yes
David Rodriguez - Director	Yes
Luis Martinez - Director	Yes
Marco Morales - Director	Yes
Anthony Pritchett - Student Director	Yes
Rosemary Lugo-Gross - Director	Yes

- 8. Return to Open Session: Director Lugo-Gross requested a motion to return to open session. Motion to was made by Director Diaz and seconded by Director Morales. All in favor. Motion passed.
- 9. **Approval & Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Council of Educators / CTU and ASPIRA Inc. of Illinois - July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2026**
 Director Lugo-Gross requested a motion to return to open session. Motion to approve was made by Director Morales and seconded by Director Martinez. All in favor. Motion passed.
- 10. Adjournment
 Director Lugo-Gross requested a motion to return to adjourn the meeting. Motion to was made by Director Diaz and seconded by Director Cruz. All in favor. Motion passed.

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

Minutes prepared by: Maggie Garcia