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**ASPIRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024, 6:30 PM
ASPIRA BUSINESS AND FINANCE SCHOOL
2989 N. MILWAUKEE AVE.**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Santiago called the meeting to order at 6:45pm

2. Roll Call:

Quorum was determined to be present.

Present:

Dr. Armen Alvarez, Director
Debra Cruz, Director
Dr. Rosanna Diaz, Secretary
Yolanda Frontany, Director
Gabriela Gonzalez, Director - College Rep
Rosemary Lugo-Gross, V.C. for Personnel
Luis Martinez, V.C. for Development
Marco Morales, Director
David Rodriguez, Treasurer / Finance Chair
Julio Santiago, Chair
Cynthia Yuqui, Director-Parent Member

Absent:

Luis Diaz-Perez, Director
Anthony Pritchett, High School Rep

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion made by A. Alvarez to approve the agenda with the following amendments: that Agenda Item # 13 A-H be moved to follow immediately after the approval of the agenda; and that the closed session with any discussion pertaining to it be removed from the agenda. Seconded by R. Diaz. Motion Prevailed.

4. Election of Officers

- a. Motion made by A. Alvarez to vacate all current officer positions for the purpose of holding an election. Seconded by Y. Frontany. Motion prevailed.**

All officer positions were deemed vacant.

- b. Motion made by D. Rodriguez to select Dr. Armen Alvarez to serve as Chairperson Pro-Tem. Seconded by R. Diaz. Motion prevailed.**

*Dr. Armen Diaz assumed the role of Chairperson Pro-Tem for the remainder of the meeting.

- c. Motion made by D. Rodriguez to elect Dr. Armen Alvarez as Chairperson of the Board of Directors. Seconded by Y. Frontany. Motion prevailed.**

Dr. Alvarez thanked the Directors for their confidence in her ability to serve as Chairperson of the board. She thanked Dr. Julio Santiago for his past service as chairman.

- d. Motion made by D. Rodriguez to elect Marco Morales as Vice-Chairperson for Programs. Seconded by R. Diaz. Motion prevailed.**
- e. Motion made by D. Rodriguez to elect Yolanda Frontany as Vice-Chairperson for Personnel. Seconded by R. Diaz. Motion prevailed.**
- f. Motion made by D. Rodriguez to elect Rosemary Lugo-Gross as Vice-Chairperson for Development. Seconded by R. Diaz. Motion prevailed.**
- g. Motion made by Y. Frontany to elect David Rodriguez as Treasurer of the board. Seconded by M. Morales. Motion prevailed.**
- h. Motion made by Y. Frontany to elect Cynthia Yuqui as Secretary of the board. Seconded by R. Diaz. Motion prevailed.**

5. Approval of January, 2024 Minutes

- Motion made by D. Cruz to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2024 meeting. Seconded by R. Lugo-Gross. Motion prevailed.**

- 6. Public Comment: No members of the public wished to comment**

7. Chairperson's Report: None given.

8. CEO Lopez Report:

a. **Approval of the 2024-2025 School Calendar**

Motion made by D. Rodriguez to approve the 2024 - 2025 school calendar.

Seconded by Y. Frontany. Motion prevailed.

9. Finance Committee / Treasurer's Report

a. **Motion made by D. Rodriguez to approve the Purchase and Installation of**

HVAC units at Pulaski Property at the cost of \$247,000. Seconded by R. Diaz.

Motion prevailed.

b. **Motion made by D. Rodriguez to approve the Corporate Resolution and**

Secretary Certification for the Old Second loan extension. Seconded by R.

Diaz. Motion prevailed.

10. Bylaws Committee Report

D. Rodriguez stated that the revisions of the bylaws have not been finalized and still needed more work. The Bylaws Committee will continue to meet until a final draft is ready for approval.

11. Director Term Renewal of Director David Rodriguez

Motion made by C. Yuqui to renew Director David Rodriguez' membership on

the ASPIRA Board of Directors for a two-year term. Seconded by M. Morales.

Motion prevailed.

12. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM