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**ASPIRA Board of Directors
Special Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 15, 2024
Minutes**

1. Call to Order and Reading of the Standing Rules:

Chairwoman Alvarez called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm

Sonia Sanchez, Board Liaison, read the Board of Directors Standing Rules for Board Meetings out loud for the record.

2. Roll Call:

Secretary Yuqui called roll and a 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
Cynthia Yuqui, Director-Parent Member

Absent:

Luis Diaz-Perez, Director (Excused)
Anthony Pritchett, High School Rep

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

**R. Diaz made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded D. Cruz
Motion prevailed unanimously.**

4. Public Comments:

- Juan Elias spoke in support of Mr. Lopez CEO appointment
- Cassandra Cardenas spoke in support of Mr. Lopez CEO appointment
- Mr. Rivero spoke in support of Mr. Lopez CEO appointment
- Katie Schmitt spoke in support of Mr. Lopez CEO appointment
- Jomar Irizarry spoke in support of Mr. Lopez CEO appointment

5. Organization of Standing Committees / Appointment of Chairs and Members:

Secretary Yuqui read the Committee Descriptions, Roles and Responsibilities for the record.

Chairwoman Alvarez announced the following Standing Committees and Chairs of each committee:

A. Executive Committee

Chair: Dr. Armen Alvarez, Chairwoman

The members are the officers of the board: M. Morales, Y. Frontany, R. Lugo-Gross, D. Rodriguez, C. Yuqui

B. Program Committee

Chair: Marco Morales, Vice-Chair for Programs

Members to be determined by M. Morales

C. Personnel Committee

Chair: Yolanda Frontany, Vice-Chair for Personnel

Members to be determined by Y. Frontany

D. Development Committee

Chair: Rosemary Lugo-Gross, Vice-Chair for Development

Members to be determined by R. Lugo-Gross

E. Finance Committee

Chair: David Rodriguez, Treasurer

Members to be determined by D. Rodriguez

F. Education Committee

Chair: Dr. Rosanna Diaz

Members to be determined by R. Diaz

G. Student Affairs Committee

Chair: Gabriela Gonzalez, Student Director

Members to be determined by G. Gonzalez

Roles and Responsibilities of the Student Affairs Committee are pending input from the students of the different ASPIRA Schools and Clubs

H. Parent Affairs Committee

Chair: Cynthia Yuqui, Parent Director

Members to be determined by C. Yuqui

Roles and Responsibilities of the Parent Affairs Committee are pending input from the parents of students attending the different ASPIRA Schools.

6. Closed Session

M. Morales made a motion to enter closed session to consider The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors, specific volunteers, or legal counsel for Aspira. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Seconded by D. Cruz. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Return to Open Session: 8:47 pm

8. Approval of CEO Contract

C. Yuqui made a motion to approve the Chief Executive Officer Agreement with Mr. Edgar Lopez for the time period of June 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027. Seconded by M. Morales. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Edgar Lopez made remarks thanking the board, staff and family for their support.

9. Adjournment