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GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Thursday, August 15, 2024
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting*
Meeting ID: 964 8349 4709
Password: lade
Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96483494709?pwd=NTJRYk5ubVBQRVYrVmIwd3JWdStWdz09>
*Zoom link is also accessible from the homepage of our website

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Public Comment*
- IV. Approval of Agenda
ACTION
- V. Approval of July Minutes
ACTION
- VI. Charter Renewal
- VII. Finance Committee/Business Manager
 - a. Financial Report
 - b. Disbursements
ACTION
 - c. BARS
ACTION
 - d. FY24 Lease Assistance Application
ACTION
 - e. Audit Committee Update
- VIII. Head Administrator's Report
 - a. Financial Framework
 - b. Organizational Framework
 - c. Academic Performance Framework
- IX. Policies
 - a. SY2024-25 OMA Resolution
ACTION
 - b. Follow up on SB 137 Policy
 - c. Additional Policies
ACTION

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- X. Current Business
 - a. Finalize Mission/Vision Statement**ACTION**
- XI. Board Development
- XII. Consideration for Approval to Adjourn to Closed Session
Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act NMSA 1978 (§ 10-15-1 (H)(2)) for the Purpose of Discussing Limited Personnel Matters
ACTION
- XIII. Adjournment
ACTION

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MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Richard Malcolm called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.

II. Roll Call

Council Members in Attendance (via online platform):

- Laura Braun, President
- Patti Morrison, Vice President
- Richard Malcolm, Secretary
- Susan Albright, Board Member
- Xian Bass, Board Member
- Mathias Rodriguez, Board Member

Guests:

- Adam Giron, Head Administrator
- Dan Hill, School Attorney
- Julia Martinez, Admin Assistant
- Kimberly Gonzales, Axiom Analytics Representative
- Leighan Collins, Minutes
- Sam Gonzales, Charter Renewal Consultant (joined at ~4:30 PM)
- Brooke Paas, Special Ed Coordinator (joined at ~4:40 PM)

Council Members Absent:

- Melissa McLaney, Treasurer

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of Agenda

- V. Patti Morrison motioned to approve the meeting agenda with minor adjustment for a typo in section IX. *Policies a. SY2024-25 OMA Resolution* and Susan Albright seconded motion. Unanimous agreement to approve the agenda as amended.

VI. Approval of July Minutes

Laura Braun motioned to approve the minutes from last month's meeting and Patti Morrison seconded. All members approved.



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VII. Charter Renewal

Sam Gonzales will be meeting with admin team next week. We are waiting for letter of approval from 3 more entities. Application is due on October 1st. Admin team is planning to have it completed by mid-September, so the council can review it before next month's meeting.

VIII. Finance Committee/Business Manager

a. Financial Report

Finance Committee met recently. Adam Giron provided the following updates:

- We were reimbursed in full for roof expenses
- Team is establishing new reports for Axiom
- Finance committee is requesting to move next month's board meeting from Sept 19th to Sept 26th due to a scheduling conflict. All members in support.
- Kimberly Gonzales from Axiom shared FY25 Forecast document.

b. Disbursements

Kimberly Gonzales shared disbursements with the board.

Laura Braun motioned to approve disbursements from July and Richard Malcolm seconded. None opposed.

c. BARS

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Richard Malcolm motioned to approve the BAR. Laura Braun seconded motion. All in favor.

d. FY24 Lease Assistance Application

Kimberly Gonzales reported that the Lease Assistance Application was submitted. She thanked the board for their prompt responses and signatures.

Laura Braun motioned to attest that the council has approved, signed, and submitted the Lease Assistance Application.

e. Audit Committee Update

Adam Giron reported that the audit committee met, and they have now acquired parent members and a third-party member to join the committee.



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IX. Head Administrator's Report

Adam Giron reviewed the monthly HA report. He provided updates on enrollment, special ed, and building report.

See attached documents for full HA report.

- Adam is working with engineers to plan electrical upgrades on portables – cost will be approximately \$60,000
- Requesting estimates for fencing on the west side of the property to enclose the area used by students.
- Requesting bids for lighting updates in the Auditorium and TMZ room.

a. Financial Framework

- Admin is meeting with Kimberly from Axiom multiple times per week regarding business management office transition.
- There are many new processes being put in place, and no issues to report as of now.
- Julia Martinez is now officially the school's Certified Procurement Officer CPO.

b. Organizational Framework

We have hired 8 new employees this year and we are continuing to recruit for 2 math teachers, a social studies teacher, a SPED teacher, and an educational assistant.

c. Academic Performance Framework

- Continued work on Advisory, which we call "Tiger Time", to strengthen SEL efforts as well as Academic Performance and Post-Secondary Pathways
- Continued work on LADE graduate profile – team meets twice a week to work on the document and capstone projects
- Final number for 2023/24 graduation was 78
- Average attendance for the first week of school has been 90.2%



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X. Policies

a. SY2024-25 OMA Resolution

Laura Braun provided an overview of the resolution, which is reviewed and re-approved annually per OMA requirements.

Laura Braun motioned to approve the resolution and Richard Malcolm seconded. None opposed.

b. Follow up on SB 137 Policy

Dan Hill noted that a statement regarding the webcasting requirement was added to the LADE OMA Resolution.

c. Additional Policies

Laura Braun stated that all policies have been updated and posted. The next policy committee meeting is coming up, and they plan to use the time to organize and plan.

No action needed.

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XI. Current Business

a. Finalize Mission/Vision Statements

Richard Malcolm motioned to approve following mission and vision statements to be included in the charter renewal application:

Mission: *La Academia de Esperanza strives to foster academic and personal growth through cultivating creativity, adaptability, relationship building, and a culture of belonging.*

Vision: *La Academia de Esperanza provides an engaging educational environment that empowers students to expand into their fullest life potential.*

Laura Braun seconded motion. All members unanimously approved.

XIV. Board Development

Kelly Callahan is not in attendance, but she sent a report to the council that contains training hours for the year.

XV. Consideration for Approval to Adjourn to Closed Session

a. Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act NMSA 1978 (§ 10-15-1 (H)(2)) for the Purpose of Discussing Limited Personnel Matters

Closed session not needed.



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XVI. Adjournment

Richard Malcolm motioned to adjourn at 5:12 PM. Laura Braun seconded.
None opposed.

Next Meeting: Special Session

Thursday, September 26th, 2024 | 4:00 PM via Zoom

Additional Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Charter Renewal Process – standing item
- Executive Session for Limited Personnel Matters

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