



## LOS ANGELES ACADEMY OF ARTS AND ENTERPRISE

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

URL: <https://ave.zoom.us/j/5998334938>

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#### **Board of Directors**

David Calvo

Victoria Castro

Moctesuma Esparza

Tonantzin Esparza

Hector Orcí

Norma Orcí

Otto Padrón

Julio Vallejo

#### **Founder Director Emeritus**

Paul Cummins (2005 – 2011)

## MINUTES

1. Welcome - Call to Order - Roll Call - Establish Quorum (*Action Item*)

Board member Moctesuma Esparza called the meeting to order at 4:12 pm. Roll call was made and quorum established. Board members who participated in the meeting included: David Calvo, Moctesuma Esparza, Hector Orci, Norma Orci, and Julio Vallejo. Others who participated in the meeting included: John Arias, Daniel Calvo, Mariela Calvo, David DeFrenza, Edward Du, Abraham Flores, Amanda Goodwin, Linda Hernandez, Ryan Miceli, Bradley Torres, and Scott Warner.

2. Approval of Agenda (*Action Item*)

The board unanimously approved the November 17, 2022 meeting agenda. Motion by Hector Orci; second by Norma Orci.

3. Adoption of Board Findings Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(A).

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(A), the Governing Board finds as follows: (1) a state of emergency exists in California (Proclamation of State of Emergency declared March 4, 2020) related to COVID-19; and (2) the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health currently recommends measures to promote social distancing (LADPH Reducing Risk Guidance dated September 22, 2021.) Therefore, the Governing Board may conduct this meeting via teleconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e).

The board unanimously adopted agenda item 3. Motion by Hector Orci; second by Julio Vallejo.

4. Public Comment on Agenda or Non-Agenda Items (*Non-Action Item*)

There was none.

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes for October 13, 2022 (*Action Item*)

The board unanimously approved the October 13, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion by Moctesuma Esparza; second by Norma Orci.

6. Consent Agenda (*Action Item*)

- a. Adoption of Attachment E – Compliance Monitoring and Certification of Board Compliance Review 2022-2023
- b. Adoption of Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) Complaint Report
- c. Adoption of Department of Public Social Services Change Notice Number One to the Memorandum of Understanding Between Count of Los Angeles and LAAAE – Direct Certification
- d. Adoption of Document Tracking Services License

The board unanimously approved the consent agenda. Motion by Moctesuma Esparza; second by Julio Vallejo.

7. New Business (*Action Items*)

- a. Approval of Financial Reports
  - i. Balance Sheet (September/October 2022)
  - ii. Income Statement (September/October 2022)
  - iii. Budget to Actuals (September/October 2022)
  - iv. Cash Flow (September/October 2022)
  - v. Check Register (September/October 2022)
  - vi. Bank Reconciliations (September/October 2022)

The board unanimously approved agenda item 7.a. Motion by Moctesuma Esparza; second by Julio Vallejo.

b. Adoption of the Integrated Safe Schools Plan

The board discussed limited opportunity for collaboration between LAAAE and Belmont leadership on the Integrated Safe Schools Plan. The board unanimously adopted agenda item 7.b. Motion by Moctesuma Esparza; second by David Calvo.

c. Adoption of revised Fiscal Policies and Procedures Handbook

The board discussed agenda item 7.c. No action taken.

d. Discussion and potential action related to funding for student activities

The board unanimously adopted a motion to match student fundraising in the amount of \$3,500 for student activities. Motion by Moctesuma Esparza; second by Julio Vallejo.

e. Discussion and potential action related to the Employee Retention Credit (ERC)

The board unanimously adopted a motion to authorize school management to investigate and seek legal consultation for agenda item 7.e. Motion by Moctesuma Esparza; second by Julio Vallejo.

8. Principal Update (*Non-Action Items*)

a. Enrollment Update

b. Academic Update

c. Arts Update

d. Professional Development and Legislative Update

e. Students of the Month

David DeFrenza, Principal, provided an update on school events, enrollment, academics, arts, professional development, and relevant legislation.

9. Stakeholder Update (*Non-Action Item*)

Leadership students provided on update on school events. Kriscia Tejada, Dean of Students, provided an update on student outcomes.

10. Announcements (*Non-Action Item*)

There were none.

11. Closed Session (*Action Items*)

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1).)

*Los Angeles Academy of Arts and Enterprise v. Denley Investment Management Company, Inc.; 600 S LaFayette Associates, LLC; and Mehdi Bolour*

- b. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2).): ([2])

The board unanimously recessed into closed session at 5:14 pm. Motion by Moctesuma Esparza; second by Julio Vallejo. The board reconvened from closed session at 5:31 pm.

Motion by Moctesuma Esparza; second by Norma Orci. No action taken.

12. Adjournment

The board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 5:32 pm. Motion by Moctesuma Esparza; second by David Calvo.

Signed:

  
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Julio Vallejo, Secretary

  
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Date