



## LOS ANGELES ACADEMY OF ARTS AND ENTERPRISE

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

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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 4:05 pm. Roll call was made and quorum was established. Board members who participated in the meeting included: David Calvo, Victoria Castro, Moctesuma Esparza, Tonantzin Esparza, Hector Orci, and Julio Vallejo. Others who participated in the meeting included: John Arias, Richard Bin, Mariela Calvo, Manuel Cordova, Roxana Crisanto, David DeFrenza, Edward Du, Ana Grajeda, Trenton Hart, Eugene Hernandez, Ryan Miceli, Kriscia Tejada, Scott Warner, and John Wong.

2. Approval of Agenda (*Action Item*)

The board unanimously approved the December 15, 2022 meeting agenda. Motion by Victoria Castro; second by Hector 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 Victoria Castro; second by David Calvo.

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

There was none.

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2022 (*Action Item*)

The board unanimously approved the November 17, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion by Hector Orci; second by Victoria Castro.

6. Consent Agenda (*Action Item*)

- a. Adoption of LEC School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (SMAA) Random Moment Summary Invoice Fiscal Year 2020/21
- b. Adoption of E-Rate FCC Form 470 for Funding Year 2023
- c. Adoption of Proposition 39 Average Daily Attendance Projection Acceptance Letter
- d. Adoption of Memorandum of Understanding between Cerritos Community College District and LAAAE for Dual Enrollment Course Program
- e. Adoption of Young, Minney & Corr, LLP Invoice 2231
- f. Adoption of First Interim Budget submission

The board unanimously approved the consent agenda. Motion by Victoria Castro; second by David Calvo.

7. New Business (*Action Items*)

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

The board unanimously approved agenda item 7.a. Motion by Hector Orci; second by Victoria Castro.

- b. Adoption of Addendum to Agreement to Provide Food Service between Fresh Start Healthy Meals and LAAAE for 7-1-23 to 6-30-24

The board adopted agenda item 7.b. Motion by Victoria Castro; second by Hector Orci. The following board members voted to adopt agenda item 7.b: David Calvo, Victoria Castro, Tonantzin Esparza, Hector Orci, and Julio Vallejo. The following board member voted to oppose the adoption of agenda item 7.b: Moctesuma Esparza.

- c. Adoption of Updated Salary Table and Pay Rates

The board unanimously adopted agenda item 7.c. Motion by Victoria Castro; second by Hector Orci.

- d. Adoption of 2022-2023 Revised Budget

The board unanimously adopted agenda item 7.d. Motion by Victoria Castro; second by David Calvo.

- e. Discussion and potential action related to improving students' sense of connectedness

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

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*)

Kriscia Tejada, Dean of Students, provided an update on student services.

10. Announcements (*Non-Action Item*)

There were none.

11. Closed Session (*Action Items*)

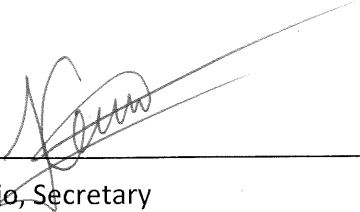
- a. Student Discipline Matter (Education Code §§ 48918(c), (f))
- b. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1).)  
*Los Angeles Academy of Arts and Enterprise v. Denley Investment Management Company, Inc.; 600 S LaFayette Associates, LLC; and Mehdi Bolour*
- c. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2).): ([2])

The board unanimously recessed into closed session at 5:47 pm. Motion by David Calvo; second by Julio Vallejo. The board unanimously reconvened from closed session at 6:14 pm. Motion by Victoria Castro; second by David Calvo. The board reported it had reviewed the Administrative Hearing Panel Findings in addition to all records and relevant feedback for an expulsion recommendation. The board unanimously approved the expulsion of a student.

12. Adjournment

The board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:15 pm. Motion by Victoria Castro;  
second by Tonantzin Esparza.

Signed:



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Julio Vallejo, Secretary

03/02/2023

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Date